



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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RESOLUTION

R68 - 2019

Introduced by the Administration on August 7, 2019

Authorizes Submission of an Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development for a grant of One Million Eighty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$1,082,000) for the upgrades to traffic signal systems.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown, Lehigh County hereby requests a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant of \$1,080,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development to fund upgrades to the traffic signal systems on American Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown hereby designates Ray O'Connell, Mayor, and Brent Hartzell, Finance Director, as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Allentown and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Allentown, hereby authorizes the City of Allentown to submit the application for One Million Eight-Two Thousand Dollars (\$1,082,000) in Multimodal Transportation Funds to the Department of Community & Economic Development.

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

Public Works

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The City is submitting an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development requesting a grant of \$1,082,000 in Multimodal Transportation Funds. This grant will fund the American Parkway Traffic Signal System project.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
- **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
- **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

The Resolution is a requirement of the application to demonstrate the City's commitment to the project and support of the application.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
- **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The grant request is for \$1,082,000. While there is no mandatory match commitment, the City has pledged \$219,000 for the design, engineering, and inspections related to the project.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development

Priority status/Deadlines, if any

The resolution is an application requirement. Application was due 7/31, but DCED is allowing a supplemental submission of the Resolution following the deadline and submission of the application package.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

The resolution will allow the City to make application for these funds that would upgrade signal equipment and interconnect twelve signals along American Parkway in the City of Allentown. The project will improve traffic flow and create a safer and more environmentally-sensitive transportation system for the mobility benefit of all users, while supporting the economic strength of both the City of Allentown and the wider region. .