



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 100

**RESOLUTION**

**R - 2019**

***Introduced by the Administration on November 13, 2019***

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Authorizes Submission of an Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Multimodal Transportation Fund for a Grant of TWO MILLION FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,050,000) for the LED Street Light Retrofit and Upgrade project.

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***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 \$2,050,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to fund LED street light conversion, retrofits, and upgrades within the western and southern portions of the City.

**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 Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,050,000) in Multimodal Transportation Funds to the Department of Transportation.

## LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

- **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 Transportation requesting a grant of \$2,050,000 from the Multimodal Transportation Fund to implement LED Street light retrofits and upgrades within the western and southern portions of the City.

- **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 support of the application and designate the Mayor as the authorized signatory in the event of an award contract.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
  - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
  - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The grant request is for \$2,050,000. The match commitment being undertaken by the City is \$628,000.

- **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 Transportation

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

The resolution is an application requirement. Application is due November 15, 2019. Resolution will be submitted to PennDOT following full application submission.

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

The resolution will allow the City to make application for these funds that would assist the Public Works department to complete this project that improves night time visibility, reduces urban sky glow, and reduces City energy usage by 20-30%.