

CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. ____

RESOLUTION

R45 – 2020

Introduced by the Administration on April 15, 2020

**Approves the Submission of the Five Year Consolidated Plan for
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2024
Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That**

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WHEREAS, the City of Allentown, other government agencies, and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funding from federal housing and community development programs for use within the City; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development requires the City to prepare a Five Year Consolidated Plan to receive such funding; and

WHEREAS, the Five Year Consolidated Plan estimates the housing needs of the City's extremely low-, low-, moderate-, and middle income households, assesses the availability of resources for addressing these needs, develops a five (5) year strategic plan for meeting the unmet needs; and

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Plan serves as the application for the Community Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and Emergency Solution Grants Program Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Allentown hereby approves of the submission, to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, of the Five Year Consolidated Plan for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2024.

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

The Consolidated Grants Program (CGP) legislation consists of one ordinance and two resolutions and originates in the Department of Community and Economic Development.

The attached legislation, from the Department of Community and Economic Development serves as the template for the City of Allentown's application for federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) funds. Each piece of legislation serves a specific purpose, which when combined, contain all the recommended regulatory steps need to apply for these federal funds.

These are the same types of legislation presented to City Council every year. However, the actual dollar amounts, list of activities and funds available are different every year.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

This legislation will allow the City to submit its Five Year Consolidated Plan for the use of federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program funds.

- **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**

This resolution authorizes the City to submit the Five Year Consolidated Plan to HUD.

The Five Year Consolidated Plan estimates the housing needs of the City's extremely low-, low-, moderate-, and middle income households, assesses the availability of resources for addressing these needs, develops a five (5) year strategic plan.

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

With the application to HUD, the City adds \$3,479,139 in funds to achieve Community and Economic Development goals, as described in the Five Year Consolidated Plan for the use of federal funds.

- **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.**

The funding sources for this resolution are the federal Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Emergency Solutions Grant Program.

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

This bill has a high priority status.

With this resolution, City Council is authorizing the City of Allentown to submit its Consolidated Plan for the use of federal CDBG, HOME and ESG dollars.

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

This resolution allows us to submit our Five Year Consolidated Plan to bring additional grant dollars into the City.