



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 63

RESOLUTION

R - 2020

Introduced by the Administration on May 20, 2020

Authorizes Submission of an Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for a Grant of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for Use in the construction and development of Jordan Creek Greenway Trail.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown, Lehigh County hereby requests a Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grant of \$500,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to partially defray the costs of the Jordan Creek Greenway Trail construction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown hereby designates Ray O'Connell, Mayor, and his designee, 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 Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) in Community Conservation Partnerships Program funds to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

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

Parks

Summary and Facts of the Bill

The City is submitting an application to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for a \$500,000 grant to support construction of the Jordan Creek Greenway Trail. These funds, which must be matched dollar for dollar, will supplement previously awarded PennDOT Funds, which can be used to match the DCNR grant.

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 \$500,000. There is a dollar for dollar match requirement. Grant will be matched with committed PennDOT 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.**

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Priority status/Deadlines, if any

The resolution is an application requirement, due April 22.

Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

The resolution will allow the City to make application for these funds and help complete the trail construction. The City has \$1 million in PennDOT grant funds, but the project is estimated at over \$2 million. PennDOT will also consider committing additional funds if the City can help bridge the gap with these DCNR funds.