



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 64

RESOLUTION

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*Introduced by the Administration on May 20, 2020*

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Authorizes Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development for a Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) to update the City's Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances.

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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 FY2018 Municipal Assistance Grant of \$70,000.00 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development to support updates to the City's Zoning Ordinances and SALDO.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Allentown hereby designates the Mayor and Finance Director as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Allentown and the Department of Community & Economic Development 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 Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) in Municipal Assistance Grant funds to the Department of Community & Economic Development.

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

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The City is submitting an application to the Municipal Assistance Program of the PA Department of Community & Economic Development. This application is a request for \$70,000, that will be matched dollar for dollar with budgeted city funds. Funds will support updates to our Zoning Ordinances and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, which is an implementation component of Vision 2030.

- **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 \$70,000. There is a 50/50 project match. Total project cost is anticipated to be about \$200,000. CED has committed the required match and additional project funding.

- **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**

This resolution must be submitted with our application. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis for spring or fall review. We intend to submit by the end of May.

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

The resolution will allow the City to make application for these funds and help defray the costs associated with the updates to Zoning Ordinances and SALDO

, which is a key action item that was identified in Vision 2030.