



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 66

RESOLUTION

R - 2020

Introduced by the Administration on May 20, 2020

Authorizes Submission of an Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development for a Grant of One Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$148,750.00) for Use in the development of a Parks and Trails Master Plan.

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 \$148,750.00 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development to support the development of a Parks and Trails Master Plan.

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 One Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$148,750.00) in Greenways, Trails, and Recreation funds to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development.

LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

- **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 Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program of the PA Department of Community & Economic Development. This application is a request for \$148,750, that will be matched dollar for dollar with budgeted city funds. Funds will support the development of a new Parks and Trails Master Plan.

- **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 \$148,750. There is a 15% project match. CED has committed the \$26,250 required match. Grant funds will be used to pay professional consultant fees.

- **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. The application deadline was recently extended to July 31, 2020, but we'd like to submit as soon as possible.

- **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 development of a new implementable Parks and Trails Master Plan, which is a key action item that was identified in Vision 2030.

- **Committee Action**
- **Public Comments**
- **Body/Text of the Bill**
- **Exhibits**
- **Vote**