



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

RESOLUTION

R5 – 2021

Introduced by the City Council on January 6, 2021

Authorizes expenditure of Council funds for RFP Process to review, evaluate and make recommendations for alternatives to policing relating to the efficient and cost-effective delivery of city services related to community interventions.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, Allentown City Council appropriated money in its 46 Account which can be used for consulting; and

WHEREAS, the city police department and many other municipalities are looking into options for delivery of city services relating to mental health issues, neighborhood conflicts, etc.

WHEREAS, Allentown City Council finds it wise to have a third party review to work with Council and the Administration to look at alternatives to policing; and

WHEREAS, Allentown City Council

WHEREAS, Council is desirous of drafting an RFP inclusive of but not limited to:

- Reviewing and analyzing calls for services and responses by the city's public safety services.
- Create options for alternative frameworks for responding to such calls.
- Recommend budgetary options complete with operational specifics that can be worked into the 2021 budget.
- Conduct at least two public meetings that includes the analysis of the calls and a means for citizens' input.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Allentown City Council authorizes the expenditure of such funds within the guidelines of the contracting process:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the drafting and evaluating committee consist of two councilpersons, the Police Chief or designee, Fire Chief or designees, EMS Manager or designee, Health Director of designee.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hold at least two public meetings regarding the process that includes receiving expert and public testimony on the issues prior to the releasing of the RFP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City Council hereby approves the expenditure and authorization of the rfp process.