



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. ___

RESOLUTION

R 47- 2021

Introduced by the Administration on April 7, 2021

Authorizes Submission of a Formal Application to the Pennsylvania DCNR for a Grant of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) to support the Bogert's Bridge Restoration Project.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown, Lehigh County hereby requests a Park Rehabilitation and Development grant of \$1,500,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to fund rehabilitation of Bogert's Covered Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown hereby designates Ray O'Connell, Mayor, and Seth O'Neill, Finance Director, as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Allentown and the Commonwealth.

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 Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) in grant funds to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

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

Parks and Rec

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The Parks Department is submitting an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) requesting \$1,500,000 to support the rehabilitation of Bogert's Bridge.

- **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 support of the project and to designate the Mayor as the authorized signatory of the grant contract.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**

- **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The grant application is for \$1,500,000. Grant may fund up to 50% of the total project cost, which is estimated to be \$3,200,000. The City already has \$1,235,000 committed in grant and capital funds and will utilize Trexler allocations to meet the remaining funding needs. (RACP grant can be utilized as match and is included in the total committed 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. Application is due April 14, 2021.

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

The resolution will allow the City to make formal application for these funds to support this important development project.