



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 53

RESOLUTION

RXX - 2021

Introduced by the Administration on April 21, 2021

Authorizes Submission of a Formal Application to the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget for a Grant of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) 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 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of \$750,000 from the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget 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 Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) in Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program funds to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of the Budget.

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**
Mayor's Office
- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**
The City submitting a formal application to the State Office of the Budget, for the \$750,000 awarded in Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) funds for the Bogert's Bridge Rehabilitation Project. .
- **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 formal application to demonstrate the City's commitment and plans for 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 request is for \$750,000. Funds must be matched dollar for dollar. The City has committed \$375,000 in Capital Project funding, has an additional \$110,000 committed from prior grants received and private funding sources, and is applying for a \$1.5 million grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to help fund the remainder of the \$3.2 million rehab project.
- **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 Office of the Budget
- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**
The resolution is an application requirement. Application is due August 5, 2021.
- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**
The resolution will allow the City to make formal application for these funds that have already been allocated by the State to support this critical rehabilitation project that will ensure the safety and uphold the historical integrity of Bogert's Bridge for years to come.