



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. ___

RESOLUTION

R197 - 2023

Introduced by the Administration on November 15, 2023

Approves the submission of the formal application for the local share account grant on behalf of the Police Athletic League (PAL) to support the renovation of its facilities.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown is desirous of submitting a formal application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development for a grant of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown, Lehigh County hereby requests a local share account grant on behalf of the Police Athletic League to fund facility renovations which will assist in the modernization of the current building as well as bringing it into ADA compliance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the City of Allentown hereby designates Matthew Tuerk Mayor, and Bina Patel, Finance Director, as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Allentown and the Commonwealth.

Legislative Template

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

Department of Community and Economic Development – Grants Bureau. This bill is originating from the Police Athletic League (PAL).

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The City is submitting a formal application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for \$400,000 awarded from the Statewide Local Share Account Fund (LSA) that will support the renovation of the Police Athletic League building.

- Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:

- a. What does the bill do? What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?

The resolution is a requirement of the formal application to demonstrate the City's support of the project and identifying the grant amount as \$400,000.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this? What are the drawbacks?

A new modern facility is needed to support the mission of the Police Athletic League, as well as provide a state-of-the-art facility for the children in this program. This grant will also allow the building to be brought into ADA compliance with the goal of hosting both Special Olympics and Camelot for children's events.

There will be no drawbacks.

- c. How does this bill relate to the City's vision/mission/priorities?

This grant aligns with the Mayor's vision of a safer, cleaner, and healthier Allentown as it will allow for a cleaner and healthier modern facility to support the children engaged with the Police Athletic League.

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

- a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

There is no cost to the City.

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

This grant will provide building renovations aimed to enhance the experience of the children participants of the Police Athletic League, as well as allow the Police Athletic League to expand their offered services.

- Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. If transferring funds, please make sure to give specific account names and numbers. If appropriating funds from a grant, please list the agency awarding the grant.

Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development

- Priority status – Are there any deadlines to be aware of?

This resolution is an application requirement.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

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