



# CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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RESOLUTION

R87 - 2024

*Introduced by the Administration on May 15, 2024*

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Approves the submission of an application for a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the continued development of the Martin Luther King Trail – Phase 2 - Cedar Creek to MLK. The City is asking for \$200,000 in grant funding with a 15% match required – land appraisal or cash.

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***Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, that***

***WHEREAS***, the City of Allentown is desirous of obtaining funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, the Greenways, trails, and recreation program (GTRP) will allow funds for the continued development of Phase 2 of the Martin Luther King (MLK) trail from MLK to Cedar Creek Parkway.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, the City of Allentown Department of Parks and Recreation will assure the provision of other necessary funds to make the activity feasible.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** that the Greenways, trails, and recreation program grant will tentatively fund \$200,000.00.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** that the appropriate officer of the City of Allentown is directed to execute a certificate attesting to the adoption of this resolution and to furnish a copy of this resolution to The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

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

Parks and Recreation

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The purpose of the resolution is for the continued development of Phase 2 of the Martin Luther King (MLK) Trail from MLK to Cedar Creek Parkway.

- **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**

This City is asking for \$200,000.00 in grant funding

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
  - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
  - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

MATCH: 15% match required (land appraisal, cash) \$37,500.00 match.  
Parks and Recreation will secure all funding requirements under this grant.

- **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.**

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

High priority, grant is due May 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

These funds will be used for the continued development of the MLK trail.