



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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RESOLUTION

R175 - 2025

Introduced by the Administration on November 19, 2025

Approves the submission of the formal application for the local share account grant on behalf of the Allentown Parking Authority to support the purchase of new operational equipment.

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 two hundred thirty-four thousand five hundred dollars (\$234,500.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown, Lehigh County hereby requests a local share account grant on behalf of the Allentown Parking Authority to support the purchase of new equipment.

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?**

This bill originates from the Department of Community and Economic Development Grants Department on behalf of the Allentown Parking Authority.

- **Summary and facts of the bill.**

The City of Allentown is submitting a formal application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for \$234,500 awarded from the Statewide Local Share Account (LSA) grant that will support the purchase of three essential pieces of equipment critical to the Allentown Parking Authority's operational readiness and public safety responsibilities. The skid steer loader is necessary for snow removal, debris clearing and site preparation in parking decks and lots. The Industrial sweeper will enable routine and deep cleaning of garages to reduce dust, oil residue and slip hazards. The forklift will support the safe, efficient movement of heavy materials, signage and accessibility infrastructure. These one-time capital investments will significantly reduce reliance on contractors, lower annual maintenance and labor costs, and improve response times, resulting in long-term savings and improved service delivery.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**

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

The Resolution is a requirement of the application to demonstrate the City's support for the project and to designate Mayor Matthew Tuerk as the signatory of the contract with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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

The skid steer's compact design allows APA to safely maneuver inside parking decks where full-size loaders or plows are too large or dangerous to use. This will significantly reduce response times during winter months and eliminate the need to outsource snow removal or maintenance prep services. The forklift enhances the speed and safety of all logical operations within garages. From changing out broken signage for minor repairs, the forklift fills a current gap that limits our ability to respond swiftly to operational needs. This will reduce labor strain and allow small maintenance teams to work more productively and safely. The industrial sweeper will be used in place of manual cleaning and use of sporadic third-party contracts. APA can then implement a regular maintenance schedule, reducing both cleaning and liability risks.

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

This project will improve the safety of its residents by removing hazards like snow, ice, gravel, and large debris which can lead to slips, falls or vehicle damage. This project will also promote the health and cleanliness of the City by reducing exposure to airborne dust and vehicle pollutants, benefiting pedestrians and downtown air quality. Cleanliness creates a welcoming environment,

increasing public trust, perception of safety and encourages use of city-owned parking. Additionally, this project will assist in enabling rapid emergency set up by deploying or removing equipment during large-scale events or public emergencies that affect parking.

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

- a. **Cost (initial and ongoing)**

The grant application is for \$234,500. All funding commitments are the responsibility of the Allentown Parking Authority and there is no financial impact or risk to the City.

- b. **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

Improved Public Safety: Equipment will allow APA to respond faster to environmental hazards such as ice, snow, and debris, reducing risks for both pedestrians and vehicles.

Operational Efficiency: In-house ownership of this equipment will reduce reliance on external contractors, lower long term maintenance costs and improved deployment speed.

Community confidence: clean, well-maintained facilities contribute to positive public perception, increased use of city parking resources and stronger support for the downtown economic activity.

Enhanced accessibility: ADA accessible spaces and pedestrian routes will be more reliably maintained, supporting compliance and equity.

- **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.**

The funding comes from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

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

The resolution is a requirement of the formal application. The grant application submission due date is November 30, 2025.

- **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.