



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. _____

RESOLUTION

R200 - 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 Resurrected Life Community Development Corporation (RCDC) to support the rehabilitation and renovations 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 nine hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$970,000.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown, Lehigh County hereby requests a local share account grant on behalf of Resurrected Life Community Development Corporation (RCDC) to fund facility renovations and rehabilitation which will assist in preparing meals for low-income students and adding a STEM classroom.

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 Resurrected Life Community Development Corporation (RCDC).

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The City is submitting a formal application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for \$970,000 awarded from the Statewide Local Share Account Fund (LSA) that will support the renovation of the Resurrected Life Community Development Corporation.

- 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 to designate the Mayor as the authorized signatory of the grant contract.

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

As a result of the proposed rehabilitation, RCDC can increase the number of children they serve in the community of Allentown by 60%. This will support the construction of a commercial grade kitchen to aid the on-site preparation of over 120,000 healthy and nutritious meals per year for students and other low-income families who are identified as food insecure.

It will also add a STEM classroom so students may develop the profound scientific, mathematic, and problem-solving skills they will need to be competitive in the workforce.

- 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. RCDC's rehabilitation and program expansion plan is designed to improve the quality of life and outcomes of Allentown families.

- 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)

The grant application is for \$970,000 and must be matched dollar for dollar. All funding commitments are the responsibility of Resurrected Life Community Development

Corporation (RCDC).

- 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. The application is due November 30, 2023.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

The resolution will allow the City to make a formal grant application to support the facility rehabilitation and operations of Resurrected Life Community Development Corporation.