



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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**RESOLUTION**

**R13 - 2025**

***Introduced by the Administration on February 5, 2025***

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Approves the submission of the formal application for the local share account grant on behalf of the National Scenic Museum to support its facility rehabilitation and operations.

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***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 three hundred seventy-four thousand and sixty-one dollars (\$374,061.00).

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the City of Allentown, Lehigh County hereby requests a local share account grant on behalf of the National Scenic Museum to support its facility rehabilitation and operations.

***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. The bill is originating from the Department of Community and Economic Development on behalf of the National Scenic Museum.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The City of Allentown is submitting a formal application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for \$374,061.00 awarded from the Statewide Local Share Account Fund (LSA) that will support the first 3D walkable map of the United States, open to the public, here in an Allentown Park. Earthwalk USA will enrich community life in the Lehigh Valley with a unique, family-friendly destination.

- 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.

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

This resolution is an application requirement. Application was submitted November 30, 2024 with the expectation the resolution will be provided when available.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

The resolution will allow the City to make a formal application for these funds to support facility rehabilitation to assist in the continuation and operation National Scenic Museum.