



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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RESOLUTION

R173 - 2025

Introduced by the Administration on November 19, 2025

Approves the submission of the formal application to the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Finance Authority for four hundred thirty thousand nine hundred fifty-five dollars and twenty-six cents (\$430,955.26) from the Statewide Local Share Account Fund (LSA) that will support the purchase of a new SPOT Bomb Robot.

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 Commonwealth Finan for a grant of four hundred thirty thousand nine hundred fifty-five dollars and twenty-six cents (\$430,955.26)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown, Lehigh County hereby requests a local share account grant to support the purchase of a SPOT bomb robot to support the Allentown Fire Department.

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 is originating from the Fire Department.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The City is submitting an application to the Commonwealth Finance Authority requesting a Statewide Local Share Account grant in the amount of \$430,955.26 to support the purchase of a new SPOT Bomb Robot.

- 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 grant conditions to demonstrate the City's commitment and plans for the project and to designate the Mayor as the authorized signatory of the grant contract.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this?

Increase to public safety and first responder safety. Enhanced response capabilities, SPOT will allow for rapid response and deployment, rapid hazard assessment capabilities with x-ray deploy ability. SPOT would be replacing departments 15 year plus robotics platform that has been out of service for 8 months over the past three years.

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

This grant aligns with a safer, cleaner, healthier Allentown as it will allow for a cleaner and healthier modern facility to support public fire safety.

- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

There is no cost to the City.

- 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 Commonwealth Finance Authority

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

Applications due by November 30

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

This resolution is an application requirement and will allow the City to make grant submission.