

CITY OF BETHLEHEM

Department of Community and Economic Development

Interoffice Memo

TO: J. William Reynolds, City Council President

FROM: Justin R. Poremba, Deputy Director of Community and Economic Development

RE: City of Bethlehem Support Resolution for Community Investment Partnership Program Grants through Northampton County

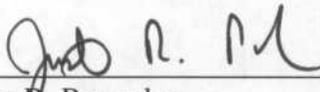
Attached is a resolution of city support for a grant application to Northampton County through the Community Investment Partnership Program, on behalf of the Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley is desirous of obtaining funds from NCDCED in the amount of \$50,000 for the Fowler Hispanic Community Wellness Center.

Northampton County is requiring Community Investment Partnership Program (CIPP) grant applicants to submit general municipal support resolutions for all projects applying for CIPP funding. The purpose of the support resolutions is to make the municipality and its governing body aware of the entities applying for funds through the CIPP and to ensure there is general support for the project by the municipality. The municipality is not authorizing or directing the 3rd party organization to file a CIPP application. Finally, the municipality has no financial liability for the 3rd party application. (Please see attached memo from Mark Hartney, Community and Economic Development Administrator for Northampton County).

Please place this resolution on the August 18, 2015 City Council agenda for review and consideration.

CC: Mayor Donchez
City Council members
Atty. Spirk
Alicia Karner

DATE: August 12, 2015


Justin R. Poremba
Deputy Director, Community and Economic
Development

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-_____

City of Bethlehem Support Resolution

Resolution of the City of Bethlehem in support of the filing of a proposal for funds with the Northampton County Department of Community and Economic Development (NCDCED):

WHEREAS, the Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley is desirous of obtaining funds from NCDCED in the amount of \$50,000 for the Fowler Hispanic Community Wellness Center;

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1968, Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley has worked diligently to help those it serves overcome the obstacles of poverty. All too often, however, limited programming has provided only a temporary fix, causing those served to fall back into a cycle of personal and financial hardship. With a renewed focus on empowerment and self-sufficiency, Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley looks forward to providing a holistic approach to quality care at the Fowler Hispanic Community Wellness Center so the impact of its work will increase greatly;

WHEREAS, the Fowler Hispanic Community Wellness Center will connect physical and mental health care and human services while encouraging participants to regain and maintain self-sufficiency. Through strategic partnerships with community organizations such as St. Luke's University Health Network, Bethlehem Area School District, Lehigh University, Moravian College Department of Nursing, Northampton Community College, East Stroudsburg University, DeSales University and Cedar Crest College, the Fowler Hispanic Community Wellness Center will connect constituents to a variety of services customized to their individual needs;

WHEREAS, the Fowler Hispanic Community Wellness Center will include community engagement space for partners for health-related community service projects ranging from healthy cooking to meditative exercise classes. In addition to health and wellness programming, the Center will provide mental health services through partner-led initiatives;

WHEREAS, Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley will continue to work with clients in crisis who are dealing with unemployment, financial constraints, lack of reliable transportation and homelessness. To be more effective, Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley will expand its Community Empowerment Program through which it provides basic human services;

WHEREAS, this model is an innovative approach to helping a community in need overcome systemic obstacles that are perpetuated by a lack of cohesion between various human services. By creating a one-stop shop where clients can learn job skills, explore employment opportunities, access basic human services, receive mental health services and connect to vital, quality healthcare, the Fowler Hispanic Community Wellness Center will make a profound difference in the community. An investment in the Fowler Hispanic Community Wellness Center capital campaign is truly an investment in the future of Bethlehem and Northampton County and the individuals who live there;

WHEREAS, as a condition to issuance of the grant funds to the grantee, the NDCED requires a resolution by the local governing body supporting the proposed project and grant application.

WHEREAS, and in reliance thereupon, the County of Northampton, through its Community and Economic Development Administrator, has represented to the City that the City assumes no financial liability for the 3rd party application for Community Investment Partnership Program grant funds and the use thereof by a grantee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that the City of Bethlehem is supportive of the proposed project and application for NDCED funds.

Sponsored by _____

ADOPTED by Council this day of , 2015.

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk



Mark Hartney
Administrator

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Justin Poremba, Deputy Director, City of Bethlehem DCED

FROM: Mark Hartney

DATE: 8/11/2015

CC:

RE: CIPP Municipal Support Resolutions

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