

# CITY OF BETHLEHEM

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## DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SEWER RESOURCES INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mr. Michael Colon, City Council President

**FROM:** Edward J Boscola – Director of Water & Sewer Resources Department

**RE:** Request for Council Resolution  
PA Small Water and Sewer Grant Application - 2022

**DATE:** November 21, 2022

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Please accept this memo as a formal request of City Council to adopt a resolution in support of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for a Covid-19 ARPA PA Small Water and Sewer Grant. This program is managed by the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

The grant will be used to fund a project to upgrade the Applebutter Road Sanitary Sewer Lift Station. This lift station serves a major industrial and commercial corridor which includes the Bethlehem Landfill, Calpine Energy Center, and the Majestic development. The proposed modifications will improve the station's reliability and performance and will include installation of a back-up power generator, comminutor (grinder), flow meter and related electrical and mechanical upgrades.

As applicant, the City is obligated to provide matching funds of not less than 15% of the total project cost. Based on a project cost estimate of \$463,250, the grant request will be for 85%, or \$393,750. The City's share will be 15%, or \$69,500. Construction is not expected to take place until 2024 at which time the appropriate funds will be budgeted in the sewer capital account.

I respectfully ask that the attached draft resolution be placed on an upcoming Council meeting agenda in order to meet the filing deadline of December 21, 2022.

Thank you.

Attached – Resolution

By:   
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City of Bethlehem  
Resolution 2022-

Be it RESOLVED, that the City of Bethlehem of Lehigh and Northampton Counties hereby requests a Covid-19 ARPA PA Small Water and Sewer Grant of \$393,750 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for upgrades to the Applebutter Road Sanitary Sewer Lift Station.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate J. William Reynolds, Mayor, Edward J. Boscola, Director of Water and Sewer Resources, and George Yasso, City Controller, as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Bethlehem and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, the duly qualified Clerk of Council of the City of Bethlehem of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Council of the City of Bethlehem at a regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Council of the City of Bethlehem and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the City of Bethlehem, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

Sponsored by /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED by Council this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ City Clerk