



CITY OF BETHLEHEM

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Memo

To: Michael Colon, Council President
From: Alicia Miller Karner, Deputy Director, Economic Development
Date: February 23, 2023
Re: RACP Council Resolutions

The Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) is a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania grant program for construction projects exceeding \$1 million in cost. To the benefit of the residents of the City of Bethlehem, many projects have received RACP grants through the years. Funded projects include the ArtsQuest Center, Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites, the city parking facilities, Majestic Realty, the Farr Building and many others. The city is typically the pass through entity of these funds but no liability rests with the city for these grants or these projects. The projects are carefully monitored by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Attached is a resolution for consideration. The resolution is related to the redevelopment of the "Goodman Building", located at 30-32 East Third Street. Previously, council approved a resolution for this grant award, however, additionally funded was received and the proposed resolution includes this additional funding. An updated resolution is a requirement of the program and the draft has been reviewed by Commonwealth staff for appropriateness.

I respectfully request that this item be placed on an upcoming council agenda for consideration. In the meantime, I am available for any questions regarding these projects.

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem at the request of Collaboration 3 LLC is desirous of obtaining funds from the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Grant Program of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$2,000,000, appropriated under Capital Budget Project Itemization Act of 2017-052, for the purpose of assisting Collaboration 3 LLC with the Goodman Building project in the City of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem considers that this project will provide economic benefits to the City of Bethlehem, Northampton County and the Lehigh Valley region;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that the Mayor and Controller, of said municipality, be authorized and directed to execute all application forms necessary to apply for the \$2,000,000 grant which will be passed through the City of Bethlehem to Collaboration 3 LLC for the purpose of their project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Controller be authorized to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with Collaboration 3 LLC for the project administration of said project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Bethlehem has been assured by Collaboration 3 LLC that it will assume the full local share of the project costs, which will be in excess of the \$2,000,000 grant, and also assume responsibility for the project's ongoing operating and maintenance costs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk of the City of Bethlehem is directed to execute a certificate attesting to the adoption of this Resolution and to furnish a copy of the Resolution to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Sponsored by _____

ADOPTED by Council this _____ day of _____, 2023.

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk