

CITY OF BETHLEHEM

Department of Community and Economic Development Interoffice Memo

To: Michael Colon, City Council President
From: Laura Collins, DCED Director
Date: September 8, 2023
Re: Multimodal Grant Submission – PA DCED

Attached is an updated resolution for a Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED) Multimodal grant for improvements to the unit block of West Third Street. This block, between Northampton Street and Brodhead Avenue, will experience significant change with the construction of a new community cultural center by ArtsQuest and a new multi-unit, mixed-use residential building.

The grant project will address current safety and connectivity concerns on West Third Street by replacing the deteriorating sidewalk and curbing on portions of the street, installing streetscape amenities, and by updating and improving the crosswalk at the West Third Street and Broadhead Avenue intersection. Safe and inviting streetscapes help reduce local automobile traffic by encouraging people to walk to their destinations, thereby improving public health, stimulating local economic activity, and attracting residents and visitors to the South Bethlehem community.

Council previously passed a resolution authorizing an application of \$2,000,000. The City was recently notified by the PA DCED that the total project cost of \$2,753,000 is eligible, necessitating the increase in the resolution amount.

Please include the attached resolution on the September 19 agenda for consideration. Feel free to contact me with questions.



DATE: 9/8/2023

Laura Collins, DCED Director

Cc: Alicia Miller Karner
Darlene Heller

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-_____

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Bethlehem of Northampton County hereby requests a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant in the amount of \$2,753,000 from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development to be used for the West Third Street Corridor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Appropriate Officers as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Bethlehem and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Tad Miller, duly qualified Secretary of the City of Bethlehem, Northampton County, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the City of Bethlehem at a regular meeting held July 19, 2023 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes 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 _____, 2023.

Sponsored by: /s/ _____

/s/ _____

ADOPTED by Council this _____ day of _____, 2023.

/s/ _____
President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
City Clerk