

CITY OF BETHLEHEM

Department of Community and Economic Development Interoffice Memo

To: Michael Colon, City Council President
From: Laura Collins, DCED Director
Date: September 14, 2023
Re: Local Share Assessment Grant Submission – PA DCED

Attached are two resolutions for the Commonwealth Financing Authority's Local Share Assessment program for improvements to sidewalks in the central business district in South Bethlehem. This grant will allow the city to make critical repairs to sidewalks in our lowest income census tracts encompassing our Southside Arts District and the corresponding business district.

The grant project will address current safety concerns on streets, such as West Third and Fourth Streets by replacing the deteriorating sidewalk and curbing, including the brick enhancements. This grant requires no match by the city and is expected to be received in 2024, with improvements being made throughout the years 2024 and 2025.

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



DATE: 9/14/2023

Laura Collins, DCED Director

Cc: Alicia Miller Karner
Darlene Heller

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-XXX

Be it RESOLVED, that the City of Bethlehem of Northampton and Lehigh Counties hereby request a Monroe County Local Share Assessment grant of \$370,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Southside Bethlehem business district sidewalk repair and replacement program.

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 Commonwealth Financing Authority 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 19th day of September, 2023.

Sponsored by: /s/

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ADOPTED by Council this 19th day of September, 2023.

/s/ Michael G. Colón
President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ Tad Miller
City Clerk

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