

# CITY OF BETHLEHEM

## Department of Community and Economic Development

### Interoffice Memo

**TO:** Michael G. Colón, City Council President

**FROM:** Laura Collins, Director of Community and Economic Development

**RE:** Resolution for PRO Housing grant

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We respectfully request Bethlehem City Council's support of our application for up to \$7 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing grant program.

The City intends to apply to address barriers to increasing housing production and rental preservation through the following activities: move to digital plan review, permit processing, and development approvals and payments; create gap financing revolving loan fund and develop incentives package for affordable housing projects; implement rental rehab program (in which guidelines have been built out); develop market feasibility study to set neighborhood-specific production goals; and develop a Bethlehem Redevelopment Authority strategic plan.

Please place the associated resolution on the October 1, 2024 City Council agenda for review and consideration.

Feel free to contact me and/or Sara Satullo prior to the meeting if you need additional information.

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**CC:** Mayor Reynolds  
City Council members



**DATE:** September 25, 2024

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Laura Collins  
Director of Community and Economic Development

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-\_\_**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Bethlehem of Lehigh and Northampton Counties hereby requests a \$7 million U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing grant to assist with the implementation of *Opening Doors: Strategies to Building Housing Stability in Bethlehem*, including the creation of a revolving loan fund; a review of permitting processes and the establishment of a rental rehabilitation 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 HUD to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, duly qualified Secretary of the City of Bethlehem, 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 City of Bethlehem at a regular meeting held this \_\_\_\_ day of October, 2024, 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 October, 2024.

Sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_  
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ADOPTED by Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk