

# CITY OF BETHLEHEM

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## Department of Community and Economic Development Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025  
**To:** Michael G. Colon, President of City Council  
**From:** Sean Ziller, Deputy Director of Economic Development  
**Re:** RACP Council Resolutions

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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. Previous projects include the ArtsQuest Center, Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites, the City's parking facilities, Majestic Realty, and the Farr Building. Active RACP projects in the City include Martin Tower, the National Museum of Industrial History's 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor expansion, and the LVH – Muhlenberg ICU. The City typically acts as the pass-through entity of these funds and 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 Project", located at 30-32 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Previously, in 2021, 2022, and 2023, Council approved resolutions authorizing the application for additional RACP grant funding to be passed through to this project. Additional funding has now been received. The proposed resolution includes this additional funding, encompassing a total \$2.5 million RACP award. Regarding the property, core and shell work is nearing completion and Collaboration 3, LLC expects the project under this RACP to be completed by end of June 2025. An updated resolution is a requirement of the program.

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 this project.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-\_\_\_\_\_**

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 \$500,000, appropriated under the Capital Budget Project Itemization Act of 2020-036, 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, J. William Reynolds, of said municipality, be authorized and directed to execute all application forms necessary to apply for the \$500,000 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 \$500,000 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ADOPTED by Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk