



CITY OF BETHLEHEM

10 E. Church Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018-6025

To: Grace Crampsie Smith, Chair of Finance Committee
 From: Stephanie Augello, World Heritage Coordinator
 Date: 8/26/2025
 Subject: World Heritage

Action Requested: Budget Adjustment (Ordinance)

Proposed Transaction:

REVENUE

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Change</u>
001A-308901	Cash Balance (2021-2024 savings in #0901-95012)	\$0	\$120,000	\$120,000
		\$0	\$0	\$0
			Total	\$120,000

EXPENSE

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Change</u>
0901-95012	Downtown Initiatives	\$50,000	\$170,000	\$120,000
		\$0	\$0	\$0
			Total	\$120,000

Reason for Proposal:

The Downtown Initiatives account (#0901-95012) was created in 2017. Since that time it has provided funding to both downtowns, including Christmas lights and decorations, assistance to the historic sites, artwork, and to assist in the ambitious goal of having Bethlehem designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The path to Bethlehem's World Heritage designation began over two decades ago. Due to the hard work of many people and groups, we are now celebrating the designation, and working to make the site sustainable into the future. The City has made a significant contribution in the efforts to date by providing key personnel, as well as \$60,000 from the Downtown Initiatives account (\$25,000 in 2018, \$25,000 in 2020, and \$10,000 in 2023) to make this tremendous initiative a success. Recently, the Bethlehem World Heritage Council (which consists of six stakeholders including Northampton County, Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites, Bethlehem Area Moravians, Central Moravian Church, Moravian University and the City of Bethlehem) enthusiastically announced the unanimous selection of a site manager, a large next step in the progression and maturation of our site. This request will allow the City to contribute \$150,000 to Moravian University, who will be hosting the site manager and supporting personnel. In anticipation of this next step to support the World Heritage designation, the administration has limited spending in the Downtown Initiatives account, and this request represents the unspent balances in the account from 2021-2024.

This transaction will amend the total General Fund budget from \$113,067,357 to \$113,187,357.

Thank you for your consideration.

BILL NO. 42-2025

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM,
COUNTIES OF LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING
THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2025.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That total appropriations in the 2025 General Fund Budget be increased from One Hundred Thirteen Million, Sixty-Seven Thousand, Three Hundred Fifty-Seven (\$113,067,357) Dollars to One Hundred Thirteen Million, One Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand, Three Hundred Fifty-Seven (\$113,187,357) Dollars.

SECTION 2. That the following allocations be changed:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
0901-95012	Downtown Initiatives	\$50,000	\$170,000
Total Adj.			\$120,000

SECTION 3. That the following source of revenue be changed:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
001A-308901	Cash Balance	\$0	\$120,000
Total Adj.			\$120,000

SECTION 4. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Sponsored by: /s/ _____

/s/ _____

PASSED finally in Council this _____ day of _____, 2025.

/s/ _____
President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
City Clerk

This Ordinance approved this _____ day of _____, 2025.

/s/ _____
Mayor