

# CITY OF BETHLEHEM

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## Department of Community and Economic Development Interoffice Memo

**SUBJECT:** Resolution for Touchstone Theatre Community Recovery Fund Grant

**TO:** Rachel Leon, City Council President

**FROM:** Lori Gilio, Grants Administrator, Community and Economic Development

**DATE:** October 14, 2026

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Attached is a resolution in support of Touchstone Theatre's participation in the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts' Creative Communities Initiative. Touchstone Theatre's \$10,000 Community Recovery Fund grant will provide the required cash match of \$2,500 per year for up to four years.

Please place this resolution on the October 20, 2026 City Council agenda for review and consideration.

Feel free to contact me prior to the meeting if you need additional information.

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CC: Mayor Reynolds  
City Council members

DATE: October 14, 2026



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Lori Gilio  
Grants Administrator, Community and Economic  
Development

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-\_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION AND SUPPORT OF TOUCHSTONE  
THEATRE'S INCLUSION IN THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS  
CREATIVE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE**

AT A MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM OF  
PENNSYLVANIA, HELD AT TOWN HALL ON OCTOBER 20, 2026,

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING BETHLEHEM'S INCLUSION IN THE PENNSYLVANIA  
COUNCIL ON THE ARTS CREATIVE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE PROPOSED BY  
TOUCHSTONE THEATRE.

**Whereas**, the City of Bethlehem, does hereby find as follows:

**Whereas**, the purpose of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts' (PCA) Creative Communities Initiative is to provide multi-year funding to community-driven, arts-based community development projects that serve as catalysts for livability, economic development, and community connectedness.

**Whereas**, Touchstone Theatre, as lead applicant, has successfully completed the application process and been selected for the Creative Communities Initiative, receiving up to \$25,000 per year for up to four years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Bethlehem supports the important work of Touchstone Theatre and the organization's participation in the Creative Communities Initiative and pledges a match of \$2,500 per year for up to four years, totaling \$10,000. Pending Council approval of the PCA's state budget allocation.

Resolved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 by the City Council of the City of Bethlehem of Pennsylvania, that the City supports the Creative Communities Initiative and pledges a cash match.

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ADOPTED by Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk