

CITY OF BETHLEHEM

Department of Community and Economic Development Interoffice Memo

DATE: September 30, 2026

TO: Rachel Leon, City Council President

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

RE: Resolution for PA Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED) Lehigh/Northampton County Local Share Account (LSA) and Monroe County LSA Grant – Southside Community Center

Attached are three resolutions in support of the City's applications for Local Share Account grants through the PA Department of Community and Economic Development on behalf of Via of the Lehigh Valley and New Bethany. If awarded, the City will act as a pass-through for the grant funds. The grant requests are as follows.

Via of the Lehigh Valley – Lehigh/Northampton County Local Share Account grant. The grant request is for \$671,855, which, if awarded, will be used toward the Structural Resilience Project.

New Bethany – Lehigh/Northampton County Local Share Account grant and Monroe County Local Share Account grant. The grant request is for \$500,000, which, if awarded, will be used toward Phase 2 construction costs to provide street-level human services to Bethlehem and Lehigh and Northampton counties' most under-resourced constituents as part of their Paving the Way: A Campaign for Our Neighbors project.

Please place these resolutions on the October 6, 2026 City Council agenda for review and consideration.

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

CC: Mayor Reynolds
City Council members

Lori A. Gilio

Lori Gilio
Grants Administrator, Community and Economic
Development

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

Be it RESOLVED, that the City of Bethlehem of Northampton County hereby requests a Lehigh/Northampton County Local Share Account grant of \$671,855 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for a pass-through on behalf of Via of the Lehigh Valley for their Structural Resilience Project, which includes structural, stormwater, life-safety, and infrastructure resilience upgrades at Via's headquarters.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate J. William Reynolds, Mayor, and George Yasso, Controller, as the officials 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 City Clerk of the City of Bethlehem, of Northampton County, PA, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the City Council at a regular meeting held on October 6, 2026, 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 _____, 2026.

City of Bethlehem
Name of Applicant

Northampton
County

Sponsored by: /s/ _____

/s/ _____

ADOPTED by Council this _____ day of _____, 2026.

/s/ _____

President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
City Clerk

City of Bethlehem
Seal

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

Be it RESOLVED, that the City of Bethlehem of Northampton County hereby requests a Lehigh/Northampton County Local Share Account grant of \$500,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for a pass-through on behalf of New Bethany, Inc. for Phase 2 construction costs to provide street-level human services to Bethlehem and Lehigh and Northampton counties' most under-resourced constituents as part of their Paving the Way: A Campaign for Our Neighbors project.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
City Clerk

City of Bethlehem
Seal

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

Be it RESOLVED, that the City of Bethlehem of Northampton County hereby requests a Monroe County Local Share Account grant of \$500,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for a pass-through on behalf of New Bethany, Inc. for Phase 2 construction costs to provide street-level human services to Bethlehem and Lehigh and Northampton counties' most under-resourced constituents as part of their Paving the Way: A Campaign for Our Neighbors project.

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