

RESOLUTION NO. 89

2024

RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF SCRANTON TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S SMART GRANT PROGRAM FOR UP TO \$773,000.00 TO BE USED TOWARDS THE CITY OF SCRANTON'S SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS FOR HEARING AND SIGHT IMPAIRED.

WHEREAS, the Office of Economic and Community Development of the City of Scranton ("City") is desirous of obtaining funds from the United States Department of Transportation SMART (Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation) Grant Program for funds up to \$773,000.00 to be used towards the City of Scranton's Safety Improvements for Hearing and Sight Impaired.

WHEREAS, this legislation allows the City of Scranton to make application for a grant that would provide funding to pilot a scalable solution to improve the safety of crosswalks by integrating connected technologies. The project will use Solar technologies to improve sustainability and access in non-powered locations.

WHEREAS, this legislation will help create diverse ways for the city to communicate to all pedestrians and bicyclists including people with visual and hearing disabilities with the purpose of increasing real-time awareness and creating a safer journey.

WHEREAS, the benefit of doing this project is that if funded, the City will be able to greatly improve underserved neighborhoods classified as disadvantaged communities according to the 2020 Census.

WHEREAS, the City of Scranton plans to submit an application for funds up to \$773,000.00 to be used towards the City of Scranton's Safety Improvements for Hearing and Sight Impaired. A copy of the Narrative is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein as if set forth at length.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON ratifies and approves the execution and submission of the grant application, incorporated herein as if set forth at length, by the City of Scranton to the United States Department of Transportation under the SMART Grant Program for funds up to \$773,000.00.

SECTION 1. If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Resolution shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect any other section, clause, provision, or portion of this Resolution so long as it remains legally enforceable minus the invalid portion. The City reserves the right to amend this Resolution or any portion thereof from time to time as it shall deem advisable in the best interests of the promotion of the purposes and intent of this Resolution and the effective administration thereof.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon approval.

SECTION 3. This Resolution is enacted by the Council of the City of Scranton under the authority of the Act of Legislature, April 13, 1972, Act No. 62, Known as the "Home Rule

**CERTIFIED COPY**

*[Signature]*  
City Clerk

Introduced in Council on above date and referred to Committee on JULY 23, 2024.  
PUBLIC SAFETY  
*[Signature]*  
City Clerk

Scranton, Pa. July 30, 2024  
Committee on Public Safety reports favorably on the within resolution.  
*[Signature]*  
Chair

Charter and Optional Plans Law", and any other applicable law arising under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania.

Passed by the Council  
July 30, 2024

Receiving the Affirmative votes of Council Persons  
KING, SCHUSTER, ROTHCHILD, MCANDREW, SMURL

Negative


NONE

  
President

Approved

7/31/2024

  
Mayor

  
City Clerk

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