

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 9 - 2023

FEBRUARY 15, 2023

AN ORDINANCE

Provides for the expenditure of certain monies received by the City of Allentown under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1976, as amended; The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009; and Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended; for the purpose of undertaking programs of housing and community development within the city.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That the Mayor is authorized to expend Two Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand, One Hundred and Thirteen (\$252,113.00) dollars in DCED Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) funds for the Lehigh Valley Regional Homeless Advisory Board, as appropriate by Federal Law and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations.

SECTION TWO: That the Mayor is directed to establish and maintain any and all accounts and records as are necessary and to make such transfers as may be required to expend and account for said DCED ESG Funds in accordance with the approved Consolidated Plan, appropriate Federal law, and HUD regulations.

SECTION THREE: That this act of the Council of the City of Allentown is undertaken pursuant to Act 292 of 1976 in accordance with the opinion of the Pennsylvania Attorney General (Opinion 72-76) which holds that CDBG, HOME, and ESG Funds are General Municipal Funds for the purpose of Act 292 of 1976.

SECTION FOUR: That, in accordance with the contract, the Council of the City of Allentown authorizes the appropriation of Two Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand, One Hundred and Thirteen (\$252,113.00) in the following manner:

DCED - EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS

700-01-9922-0400	Administration	\$9,113.00
700-01-9922-0401	New Bethany Ministries – Rapid Rehousing	\$ 35,000.00
700-01-9922-0402	New Bethany Ministries – Homeless Prevention	\$ 100,000.00
700-01-9922-0403	New Bethany Ministries – Emergency Shelter	\$ 15,000.00
700-01-9922-0404	Easton Area Neighborhood Center – Homeless Prevention	\$ 43,000.00
700-01-9922-0405	Valley Youth House – Street Outreach	\$ 25,000.00
700-01-9922-0406	Lehigh Conference of Churches – Street Outreach	\$ 25,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 252,113.00

SECTION FIVE: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION SIX: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

Community and Economic Development. Under the provisions of the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-22)(42 U.S.C.S. §11371 et. seq.)(the "Act"), which amended and reauthorized the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987 (P.L. 100-77); and in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations at 24 CFR Parts 91 and 576; the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to make grants to states and units of local governments.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

Establish DCED ESG accounts

Summary: this legislation is required to establish expenditure accounts for the City budgeting system, in addition to listing all the activities/programs which will be funded for the 2022 Consolidated Grants Program year.

- Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. What does the bill do? What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?

This ordinance provides the City with the second step needed to allow the City to receive and then access \$252,113.00 in grant funds for the 2022-2023 program year. All activities funded comply with the ESG regulations as promulgated by HUD and allow the City to further its community.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this? What are the drawbacks?

This ordinance provides the City the ability to expend \$252,113.00 in federal funds to complete a variety of activities. This legislation has no adverse financial impact on the City and the General Fund.

- c. How does this bill relate to the City's vision/mission/priorities?

This bill provides the second step in the process which forms the basis to complete the strategies of the second year of the City of Allentown's Consolidated Plan for the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2025.

- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

This ordinance provides the City the ability to expend an estimated \$ 252,113 in DCED funds to complete a variety of activities including: Street Outreach, Homelessness, Rapid Rehousing, Emergency Shelters and Administration to city staff.

b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

This legislation has no adverse financial impact on the City and the General Fund.

- Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. If transferring funds, please make sure to give specific account names and numbers. If appropriating funds from a grant, please list the agency awarding the grant.

The funding sources for this ordinance is the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Department of Community & Economic Development Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program funds.

- Priority status – Are there any deadlines to be aware of?

This bill has a high priority status.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

These funds will help with Street Outreach, Homelessness, Rapid Rehousing, Emergency Shelters and Administration to city staff.