

ORDINANCE NO. 16135

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO.43 - 2025

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APRIL 16, 2025

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2025 Grants Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from the State Office of the Budget, Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP). These funds are a pass-through grant that will support Phoebe Ministries.

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

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase to the Grant Fund in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from the State Office of the Budget as follows:

<b>Grant Fund</b>		
<b>005-00-0000-0000-46213</b>	<b>RACP Grants</b>	<b>\$ 1,000,000.00</b>

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation to the Grant Fund as follows:

<b>Grant Fund</b>		
<b>Non-Departmental</b>		
<b>005-01-5201-0078-50048</b>	<b>Non-City Charges Object</b>	<b>\$ 1,000,000.00</b>

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

SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
Candida Affa	X	
Ce-Ce Gerlach	X	
Cynthia Y. Mota	X	
Santo Napoli	X	
Natalie Santos	X	
Ed Zucal	X	
Daryl Hendricks, Pres.	X	
TOTAL	7	0

**I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on May 7, 2025 and signed by the Mayor on May 9, 2025.**

  
 CITY CLERK

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

Department of Community and Economic Development. This Bill is the result of the successful application and award of the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant for Phoebe Ministries, Allentown Campus Revitalization.

- **Summary and facts of the bill.**

Phoebe Ministries submitted a formal application to the State Office of the Budget, for which the City will serve as the Grantee. The \$1,000,000 awarded in RACP funds will be used to revitalize the Allentown campus five-story Terrace structure with 88 apartments and substantial community spaces.

- **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 Bill distributes funds as specified within the RACP grant application and award regulations.

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

The Phoebe Ministries, Allentown campus revitalization project will improve the infrastructure of the Terrace and improve the quality of life for seniors, including transformation of the first-floor dining room, library and community room, creating an accessible mailroom, and the addition of a one-story elevator, fitness room, window replacements and an efficient, functional entryway.

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

This Bill supports the expansion of Phoebe's Allentown Terrace, an historic, well-maintained 12.5 acre campus located in Allentown's West End that is home to more than 600 residents ages 60 to 100+, many of whom were instrumental in developing Allentown and Lehigh County. Phoebe Allentown Terrace employs 547 staff, of which about half live within a 2-mile radius, and uses 250 local vendors and contractors.

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

This is a PA Office of the Budget funded project, and all costs are covered by this grant. The total grant award is One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to be allocated to the Grant Fund. All grant revenue will be appropriated to 005-00-0000-0000-46213- Grant Fund, RACP Grants. The expenses will be appropriated to 005-01-5201-0078-50048- Grant Fund, Non-Departmental, Bureau of the Mayor, RACP Grants Program, Grant Non-City Charges Object.

- b. **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The project benefits residents of Allentown with increased accessibility to healthcare.

- **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.**

This funding is coming from the Pennsylvania State Office of the Budget.

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

None at this time.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

This Bill will provide a funding source for this grant allocation and allow Phoebe Ministries to receive the \$1,000,000 awarded by the State Office of the Budget. There is no financial impact to the City, as this is a pass-through grant award.