

ORDINANCE NO. 15946

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 85 - 2023

INTRODUCED BY

SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2023 Fire Department budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Thirty-Nine Thousand Seventy-Three Dollars and Sixty-Three Cents (\$39,073.63) from the Department of Homeland Security grant for the purchase of Wellness and Fitness equipment.

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

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase to the unappropriated balance of the 2023 General Fund in the amount of Thirty-Nine Thousand Seventy-Three Dollars and Sixty-Three Cents (\$39,073.63) reflecting receipt of monies from the Department of Homeland Security grant for the purchase of equipment.

Other Grants and Misc.

000-5240

\$ 39,073.63

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund to the Fire Department budget as follows:

Fire Department

000-05-0803-0002-72

Equipment

\$ 39,073.63

SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance takes 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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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 October 4, 2023 and signed by the Mayor on October 4, 2023.



CITY CLERK

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

The bill originated from the Allentown Fire Department. The Allentown Fire Department was awarded a Department of Homeland Security grant to purchase Wellness and Fitness Equipment.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The Bill will provide funding for the purchase of Wellness and Fitness equipment. This funding will bring the Allentown Fire Department in compliance with NFPA 1983 standards for Health-related fitness programs for firefighters. It establishes the minimum requirements for a health-related fitness program for fire department members who are involved in rescue, fire suppression, first-responders, hazardous materials operations, special operations and related activities.

In order to be fit for duty, firefighters have to be physically and psychologically prepared to endure the demands of this profession. This standard requires fire departments to establish a "health-related fitness program that enables members to develop and maintain a level of health and fitness to safely perform their assigned functions".

- 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?

The Bill will provide funding for the purchase of Wellness and Fitness equipment. In order to be fit for duty, firefighters have to be physically and psychologically prepared to endure the demands of this profession. This standard requires fire departments to establish a "health-related fitness program that enables members to develop and maintain a level of health and fitness to safely perform their assigned functions".

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

This new equipment will strengthen and benefit the members of the Allentown Fire Department in order to build mental, physical, and emotional resilience to withstand the demands of emergency service response and better response to the City's needs.

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

This bill relates to the Fire Department's mission to protect and serve the citizens of Allentown and provide a safe City for all who live, work and visit the City of Allentown. It has always been the City of Allentown's priority, as well as every elected official to provide safe and efficient Public Safety services to ensure a safe environment.

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

The cost is 90% grant funded and 10% city shared budgeted expense.

b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

The Wellness and Fitness equipment will comply with the NFPA 1983 standards currently in place on Health-Related Fitness Programs for Fire Fighters.

- 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.

Appropriate \$39,073.63 that was awarded to the Allentown Fire Department from the Department of Homeland Security (Other Grants and Misc. 000-5240) to Acct #000-05-0803-0002-72.

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

This is a normal priority project with a deadline of May 31, 2025.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

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