

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 80 - 2021

AUGUST 18, 2021

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2021 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$250,000) Dollars as the result of a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (PA DCED) Initiative Program to the Allentown Fire Department to provide funds to be utilized for costs associated with the construction of the Fire Academy Public Safety Training and EOC building, including appliances and furnishings.

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 2021 Capital Fund in the amount of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$250,000) Dollars as a result from a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (PA DCED) Initiative Program to the Allentown Fire Department to provide Funds which will be utilized for costs associated with the construction of the Fire Academy Public Safety Training and EOC building, including appliances and furnishings.

001-7144

State Aid

\$250,000

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Capital Fund as follows:

Fire Academy and EOC Facility

001-05-2800-2110-76

Construction Contracts

\$250,000

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

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

Allentown Fire Department

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The Allentown Fire Department was awarded a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (PA DCED) Initiative Program for funds that will be utilized for all costs associated with the construction of the Fire Academy Public Safety Training and EOC building, including appliances and furnishings.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**

The Bill will provide funding for the purchase of much needed Fire Academy and EOC Building for the Allentown Fire Department. This funding establishes the funds necessary to for all costs associated with the construction of the Fire Academy Public Safety Training and EOC building, including appliances and furnishings. This addition will assist with the efficiency and services provided by the Allentown Fire Department which will result in life safety to the citizens of Allentown.

- **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**

Benefits - This allows us to build a facility that would meet the needs of the Fire Department for training purposes. This facility would also serve as an emergency operations center which would allow the emergency management coordinator to operate from a remote site for coordination of services during any type of emergency where multiple agencies would be involved. Downside – There are no downsides to this addition to the Fire Department and a city as a whole.

- **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

This Bill relates to the City's vision and mission by providing a facility to ensure all Fire personnel will be properly trained 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:**

- **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
100% grant funded expense.

- **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

This benefits the citizens of Allentown as well as all Fire Personnel by allowing us to replace a facility that was originally in place and removed by the previous city administration. It also relates to the City's vision and mission by providing equipment to ensure all Fire personnel will be properly trained to protect and serve the citizens of Allentown and provide a safe City

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- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

Appropriate \$250,000.00 grant that was awarded to the Allentown Fire Department from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (PA DCED) Initiative Program Grant.

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

This is a normal priority project with a deadline of December 31, 2022.

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

This ordinance will appropriate the funds accordingly and the project to adhere to the proposed timeline.