

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 38 - 2024

April 17, 2024

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2024 ARPA Fund to provide for a transfer of One Million Two Hundred Thousand (\$1,200,000.00) Dollars to the General Fund unappropriated balance as a Revenue Replacement category of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) award. These funds will be appropriated to a newly created Community Reinvestment program within the General Fund Dept of Community & Economic Development (DCED) Director's Bureau.

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

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated funds of the ARPA Fund in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Thousand (\$1,200,000.00) Dollars as follows:

019-2400	Deferred Revenue	\$1,200,000.00
019-01-0609-0001-88	Interfund Transfer	\$1,200,000.00

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes an increase to the newly created General Fund Community Reinvestment program within the Dept of Community & Economic Development (DCED) Director's Bureau in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Thousand (\$1,200,000.00) Dollars.

000-2660	Transfers In	\$1,200,000.00
000-09-0901-0012-40	Civic Expenses	\$1,200,000.00

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

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

The bill is originating from the City Council's Resolution #R31-2024, 30821 which stated that the City Council of Allentown resolved that \$1.2M in ARPA funds be used as a revenue replacement in the General Fund; \$1.2M be transferred into a CED account for disbursement; and that an application process be developed within a month.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan of 2021, for funding to counties, municipalities, and metropolitan cities. This plan provides for federal funding for eligible expenditures through December 31, 2026. The allocation for the fund must be completed by December 31, 2024. Revenue Replacement is an approved ARPA expenditure. This bill amends the 2024 ARPA Fund to provide for a transfer of One Million Two Hundred Thousand (\$1,200,000.00) Dollars to the General Fund unappropriated balance as a Revenue Replacement category of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) award. These funds will then be appropriated from the unappropriated General Fund balance to a newly created Community Reinvestment program within the General Fund Dept of Community & Economic Development (DCED) Director's Bureau (000-09-0901-0012).

- Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - What does the bill do? What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?
 - What are the benefits of doing this? What are the drawbacks?
 - How does this bill relate to the City's vision/mission/priorities?

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

There is no cost to the General Fund as the revenue replacement balances the increased expense.
 - b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

This ordinance appropriation allows the City to comply with ARPA regulations while also benefiting the community.
- 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.

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

ARPA Funds must be allocated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

This ordinance allows for projects to be implemented to invest in the City's and community's needs in compliance with the ARPA eligibility.