

ORDINANCE NO. 16224

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 43 - 2026

MAY 20, 2026

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2026 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) Dollars from Bloomberg Philanthropies to administer a third round of the Youth Climate Action Fund.

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

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase to the revenue balance of the 2026 General Fund in the amount of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars from Bloomberg Philanthropies as follows:

000-00-0000-0000-45240	Other Grants & Misc	\$ 50,000.00
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SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation to the Parks General Fund balance as follows:

Parks Department
Sustainability

000-08-0709-0083-50040	Civic Expenses	\$ 40,000.00
000-08-0709-0083-50046	Other Contract Services	\$ 7,250.00
000-08-0709-0083-50004	Temporary Wages	\$ 2,000.00
000-08-0709-0083-50068	Operating Materials and Supplies	\$ 750.00

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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		
Jeremy Binder	X	
Ce Ce Gerlach	X	
Cynthia Y. Mota	X	
Cristian Pungo	X	
Natalie Santos	X	
Santo Napoli, Pres.	X	
TOTAL	6	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on June 17, 2026 and signed by the Mayor on June 26, 2026.



CITY CLERK

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from?

Parks and Recreation

- Summary and facts of the bill.

This Bill seeks to accept a grant of \$50,000 from Bloomberg Philanthropies to continue the Youth Climate Action Fund to administer mini-grants in the amount of \$1,000 - \$5,000 to youth and youth-serving organizations for projects aimed at supporting the design and implementation climate action projects.

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

The Bill appropriates the grant funds, which will support the 2026 round of the Youth Climate Action Fund.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this?

The development of the Youth Climate Action Fund can empower Allentown's youth to tackle urgent environmental challenges creatively and foster community engagement in climate action.

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

This initiative aligns with the City's vision by empowering youth to address urgent climate challenges and setting a framework to forge and strengthen partnerships for youth and youth-serving organizations that can be leveraged for the development of a climate action plan.

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

There is no cost to the City.

- 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.

Bloomberg Philanthropy Advisors

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

Projects must be completed by May 2027.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

The Parks and Recreation Department is finding new and creative projects to ensure a greener and more resilient future for Allentown. Approving this allocation of funds will allow the Department to continue to foster new connections with youth and youth-serving organizations and empower youth to drive and implement projects that bring awareness of climate issues and sustainable practices.