

ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 114 - 2021

NOVEMBER 3, 2021

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of certain monies received by the City of Allentown under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1976, as amended; The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009; and Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended; for the purpose of undertaking programs of housing and community development within the City.

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

SECTION ONE: That the Mayor is authorized to expend Three Hundred Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy-five (\$300,875.00) dollars in DCED Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) funds for the Lehigh Valley Regional Homeless Advisory Board, as appropriate by Federal Law and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations.

SECTION TWO: That the Mayor is directed to establish and maintain any and all accounts and records as are necessary and to make such transfers as may be required to expend and account for said DCED ESG Funds in accordance with the approved Consolidated Plan, appropriate Federal law, and HUD regulations.

SECTION THREE: That this act of the Council of the City of Allentown is undertaken pursuant to Act 292 of 1976 in accordance with the opinion of the Pennsylvania Attorney General (Opinion 72-76) which holds that CDBG, HOME, and ESG Funds are General Municipal Funds for the purpose of Act 292 of 1976.

SECTION FOUR: That, in accordance with the contract, the Council of the City of Allentown authorizes the appropriation of Three Hundred Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy-five (\$300,875.00) in the following manner:

DCED - EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS

700-01-9921-0400	Administration	\$ 10,875.00
700-01-9921-0401	New Bethany Ministries – Rapid Rehousing.....	\$15,000.00
700-01-9921-0402	New Bethany Ministries – Homeless Prevention	\$60,000.00
700-01-9921-0403	Sixth Street Shelter – Rapid Rehousing.....	\$60,000.00
700-01-9921-0404	Lehigh Conference of Churches – Street Outreach.....	\$35,000.00
700-01-9921-0405	Salvation Army Hospitality House – Emergency Shelter.....	\$95,000.00
700-01-9921-0406	Bethlehem Emergency Shelter – Emergency Shelter.....	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
TOTAL		\$300,875.00

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

SECTION SIX: 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?

Under the provisions of the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-22)(42 U.S.C.S. §11371 et. seq.)(the "Act"), which amended and reauthorized the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987 (P.L. 100-77); and in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations at 24 CFR Parts 91 and 576; the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to make grants to states and units of local governments.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

Establish DCED ESG accounts

Summary: this legislation is required to establish expenditure accounts for the City budgeting system, in addition to listing all the activities/programs which will be funded for the 2021 Consolidated Grants Program year.

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

- **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
- **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
- **How does this Bill related to the City’s Vision/Mission/Priorities**

This ordinance provides the City with the second step needed to allow the City to apply for and then access \$300,875.00 in grant funds for the 2021-2022 program year. All activities funded comply with the ESG regulations as promulgated by HUD and allow the City to further its Community

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
- **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

This ordinance provides the City the ability to expend \$300,875.00 in federal funds to complete a variety of activities. This legislation has no adverse financial impact on the City and the General Fund.

- **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.**

The funding sources for this ordinance is the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Department of Community & Economic Development Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program funds.

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

This bill has a high priority status.

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

These funds will help the Emergency Shelters with much need help with expenses that have been and will be incurred by the CoronaVirus.