

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 104 - 2021

INTRODUCED BY

OCTOBER 20, 2021

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2021 General Fund budget to create six (6) new Patrolman positions. This will allow the City to submit for reimbursement of salaries under the 2017 Department of Justice COPS Hiring Grant.

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

SECTION ONE: That page 115 of the General Fund budget be amended by adding six (6) Patrolman (2P) at an annual salary of Sixty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Two (\$62,632) Dollars per Patrolman.

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplement appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund in the amount of Fifty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixteen (\$57,816) Dollars for the remaining four (4) pay periods in 2021.

**Police
Police Operations**

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| 000-04-0802-0001-02 | Permanent Wages | \$57,806 |
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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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

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

Department of Justice, 2017 COPS Hiring Grant.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The Allentown Police Department is seeking to add six new police officers positions which will be primarily funded through a Department of Justice grant. In October of 2017, the Allentown Police Department was awarded a COPS Hiring Grant through the Department of Justice in the amount of \$750,000 to fund these positions.

- **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**

Goals and Objectives of this grant is to add six more patrol positions and allow for six current officers to make up the Community Crime Suppression unit to patrol hot spots identified through the COMPStat process and to obtain a visible presence in the community.

The DOJ will only allow an additional grant extension if the funds begin to be used by December 1, 2021.

The six positions must be above the budgeted amount of 222 officers. We are predicting to obtain this level by November and then make additional hires under this program as soon as possible.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The original grant budget was based on a three year process which will be adjusted for each year of the grant. For year one, the city's match commitment for all six officers is \$10,985.00.

- **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.**

Funding is through the Department of Justice COPS Office.

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

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