

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 59 - 2024

JUNE 26, 2024

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 an estimated amount of Three Million Five Hundred Sixty- One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-One (\$3,561,931.00) Dollars in Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) funds for the January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 grant year, for housing and community development programs pursuant to the approved Consolidated Plan, appropriate 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 CDBG, HOME and 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 Action Plan, the Council of the City of Allentown

authorizes the appropriation of an estimated amount Three Million Five Hundred Sixty- One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-One (\$3,561,931.00) Dollars in the following manner:

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND REHABILITATION (CDBG)

700-01-7011-0301	City of Allentown Demolition/Hazard Program-----	\$50,000
700-01-7011-0302	City of Allentown Hazard Elimination-----	100,000
700-01-7011-0303	City of Allentown Lead Match-----	100,000
700-01-7011-0304	City of Allentown Redevelopment Authority-----	<u>200,000</u>
TOTAL.....		\$450,000

PUBLIC SERVICES (CDBG)

700-01-7013-0410	Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank-----	\$35,000
700-01-7013-0411	Alliance Hall Summer Rec Program-----	9,000
700-01-7013-0413	Casa Guadalupe-----	60,000
700-01-7013-0412	Community Action Housing Counseling-----	20,000
700-01-7013-0416	Fine Feather Foundation-----	50,000
700-01-7013-0417	Kellyn Foundation-----	60,000
700-01-7013-0415	Lehigh Conference of Churches-----	30,000
700-01-7013-0418	LVCIL-----	10,000
700-01-7013-0414	The Neighborhood Center-----	16,359
700-01-7013-0419	North Penn Legal Services-----	15,000
700-01-7013-0420	Unidos-----	30,000
700-01-7013-0421	Valley Youth House-----	<u>20,000</u>
TOTAL.....		\$355,359.00

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION (CDBG)

700-01-7012-0306	City of Allentown Aging in Place-----	\$50,000
700-01-7012-0307	City of Allentown Food Assistance-----	5,000
700-01-7012-0308	City of Allentown Parks & Recreation-----	304,946
700-01-7012-0309	City of Allentown Public Works-----	304,946
700-01-7012-0305	Community Action Better Homes-----	<u>260,000</u>
TOTAL.....		\$924,892

CDBG – ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

700-01-7010-0201	City of Allentown Administration -----	\$450,502
700-01-7010-0201	City of Allentown 108 Loan-----	200,000
TOTAL-----		\$650,502.00

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME)

700-01-7015-0502	Alliance for Building Communities-----	\$146,822
700-01-7014-0501	City of Allentown Administration -----	97,881
700-01-7015-0503	Habitat for Humanity-----	153,178
700-01-7015-0504	HDC Mid Atlantic-----	380,935
700-01-7015-0505	Valley Housing Development Corporation-----	200,000
TOTAL-----		\$978,816

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS PROGRAM (ESG)

700-01-7016-0601	City of Allentown Administration-----	14,803
700-01-7018-0607	Lehigh Conference of Churches-RRH-----	69,128
700-01-7017-0604	Salvation Army-----	40,000
700-01-7017-0603	Sixth Street Shelter-----	40,000
700-01-7017-0605	YMCA Warming Station-----	38,421
TOTAL-----		\$202,362

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 this bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

The Consolidated Grants Program (CGP) legislation consists of one ordinance and one resolution and originates in the Department of Community and Economic Development.

The attached legislation, from the Department of Community and Economic Development serves as the template for the City of Allentown's application for federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) funds. Each piece of legislation serves a specific purpose, which when combined, contain all the recommended regulatory steps need to apply for these federal funds. These are the same types of legislation presented to City Council every year. However, the actual dollar amounts, list of activities and funds available are different every year.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

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 2024 Consolidated Grants Program year. It provides the basis for the creation of the Action Plan which is submitted to HUD as the application for the CDBG, HOME and ESG program funds which the City receives every year.

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

This ordinance provides the City with the second step needed to allow the City to apply for and then access an estimated \$3,561,931.00 in grant funds for the January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 program year.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this?

All activities funded comply with the CDBG, HOME and ESG regulations as promulgated by HUD and allow the City to further its Community and Economic Development Initiatives.

- 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.

The funding sources for this ordinance are the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG).

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

This bill has a high priority status. Failure to submit the application to HUD by July 17, 2024 could result in the loss of this money.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

The City has again followed the scoring process approved by Council and used in the past to develop this budget. In addition, funding decisions were made by complying with HUD's regulations, which require the City to address concerns/needs noted in its five year Consolidated Plan.