

## LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

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

Allentown Fire Department

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The Allentown Fire Department was awarded a FEMA grant to purchase Wellness and Fitness Equipment and Health Program Training.

- **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**

The Bill will provide funding for the purchase of Wellness and Fitness equipment and Health Programs. This funding will bring the Allentown Fire Department in compliance with NFPA 1983 standards for Health related fitness programs for Fire Fighters. It establishes the minimum requirements for a health-related fitness program for fire department members who are involved in rescue, fire suppression, First-responders, hazardous materials operations, special operations and related activities.

In order to be fit for duty, firefighters have to be physically and psychologically prepared to endure the demands of this profession. This standard requires fire departments to establish a "health-related fitness program that enables members to develop and maintain a level of health and fitness to safely perform their assigned functions."

The benefit of this new equipment is enormous to strengthen the members of the Allentown Fire Department so their mental, physical, and emotional capabilities are resilient to withstand the demands of emergency service response and better response to the City's needs.

This Bill relates to the City's vision and mission to provide a safe City for all who live, work and visit the City of Allentown. It has always been the City of Allentown's priority, as well as every elected official to provide safe and efficient Public Safety services to ensure a safe environment.

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

90% grant funded and 10% city shared budgeted expense.

The Wellness and Fitness equipment will comply with the NFPA 1983 standards currently in place on Health-Related Fitness Programs for Fire Fighters.

- **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.

A FEMA grant is the funding source.

Appropriate \$90,000.00 to the general fund and placed into Fire Budget account #000-05-0803-0002-72.

Appropriate \$26,087.00 to the general fund and placed into Fire Budget account #000-05-0803-0002-46.

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

Grant deadline for monies to be spent will be ending June 2016.

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

The request should not present a problem to City Council, since the grant has been approved and awarded.