

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 30 - 2024

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APRIL 3, 2024

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2024 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty One Dollars And Ninety-Nine Cents (\$16,951.99) from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner (OSFC) Grant to the Allentown Fire Department for the purchase of Hydra Ram forcible entry tools.

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

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase to the unappropriated balance of the General Fund in the amount of Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty One Dollars And Ninety-Nine Cents (\$16,951.99) reflecting receipt of monies from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner grant.

<b>000-5240</b>	<b>Other Grants and Misc.</b>	<b>\$ \$16,951.99</b>
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SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund to the Fire Department budget as follows:

<b>Fire</b>		
<b>Fire Administration and Operations</b>		
<b>000-05-0803-0002-72</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>\$ \$16,951.99</b>

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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 this bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

The bill originated from the Allentown Fire Department. The Allentown Fire Department was awarded a Pennsylvania Office of the State Fire Commissioner grant to purchase Hydra Ram forcible entry tools.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The Allentown Fire Department intends to purchase 8 Hydra Ram forcible entry tools. The tools are hydraulic spreaders suitable for forcing entry into steel doors. The tools will be placed in service on our front-line engines and trucks to enhance our ability to gain entry quickly. Allentown is experiencing significant growth in our city. New mid-rise apartment buildings are being added year after year. These buildings contain many individual units. Entry to these units is through metal doors in metal frames. This makes traditional forcible entry more difficult. The small size and one person operation of the tool enables us to rapidly gain entry, even with our limited manpower. It provides a safer, quicker, and more efficient means to force doors than traditional tools like axes and Halligans. The addition of these tools decreases the time it takes to access buildings and enhance the overall effectiveness of our fire and rescue service.

- Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:

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

This bill relates to the City's vision and mission by providing equipment to ensure all Fire personnel will be properly trained to protect and serve the citizens of Allentown and 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:

- 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.

Appropriate \$16,951.99 that was awarded to the Allentown Fire Department to Acct #000-5240 (other grants & misc.) and Acct #000-05-0803-0002-72.

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

Deadline is 9/1/2024.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

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