ORDINANCE NO. 15757

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 97 - 2021

OCTOBER 6, 2021

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of Three Million Four Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-Nine ($3,496,829.00) Dollars in HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds for the fiscal year 2021 to September 2030, for American Rescue Plan (ARP) program pursuant to the approved Consolidated Plan, appropriate Federal Law and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations. The monies are 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 Million Four Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-Nine ($3,496,829.00) Dollars in HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds for the fiscal year 2021 to September 2030, for American Rescue Plan (ARP) program 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 HOME-ARP 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 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 Three Million Four Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-Nine ($ 3,496,829.00) Dollars in the following manner:

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM – AMERICAM RESCUE PLAN	
LOW-MOD HOUSING PROGRAM CONSTRUCTION/REHAB 700-01-7620-7777-0200	$ 3,496,829.00
TOTAL HOME (ARP)	$ 3,496,826.00

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.

	Yea	Nay
Candida Affa		
Ce-Ce Gerlach	X	
Daryl Hendricks	X	
Cynthia Mota	X	
Joshua Siegel	X	
Ed Zucal	X	
Julio A. Guridy, Pres.	X	
TOTAL	6	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on October 20, 2021 and signed by the Mayor on October 22, 2021.

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CITY CLERK

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

  The Consolidated Grants Program (CGP) legislation consists of two ordinances 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 HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME). 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**

  Establish HOME (ARP) 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. It provides the basis for the creation of an amendment to the Action Plan which is submitted to HUD as the application for the HOME program funds which the City received during COVID.

- **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 $ 3,496,829.00 in grant funds for the Fiscal year 2021 to September 2030 program year. All activities funded comply with the HOME regulations as promulgated by HUD and allow the City to further its Community and Economic Development Initiatives. This bill provides the second step in the process which forms the basis to complete the strategies of the second year of the City of Allentown's Consolidated Plan for the period Januray 1, 2020 to December 31, 2025.

- **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 $ 3,496.,826.00 in federal funds to complete a variety of activities including public services, neighborhood improvements, administration of the programs, etc. This legislation has no adverse financial impact on the City and the General Fund.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- o **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 are the HOME Investment Partnership   Program - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)

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

This bill has a high priority status. We must submit the application to HUD by as soon as possible.

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

Funding decisions were made by complying with HUD's regulations, which require the City to address concerns/needs during the COVID-19 Pandemic.