

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 64 - 2021

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JULY 21, 2021

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2021 General Fund budget by transferring Four Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$446,470.90) from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund to the Fire, EMS and Human Resource Departments for related COVID-19 expenses. In 2020 the City was awarded a COVID-19 grant from the County of Lehigh in the amount of \$1.9M. The original deadline to spend this grant was December 2020; however, the County has since amended the deadline to allow for spending through 2021. A total of \$446,470.90 of the \$1.9M remains to be spent.

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

SECTION ONE: That City Council approves a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund in the amount of Four Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$446,470.90) as follows:

**Emergency Medical Services**

000-05-0605-0003-68	Operating Materials & Supplies	\$ 11,608.11
000-05-0605-0003-72	Equipment	<u>286,521.21</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 298,129.32</b>

**Fire Department**

000-05-0803-0002-56	Uniforms	\$ 2,350.80
000-05-0803-0002-72	Equipment	<u>134,495.78</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 136,846.58</b>

**Human Resources**

000-06-0603-0001-34	Training & Professional Dev.	\$ 11,495.00
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SECTION TWO: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

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

Finance Department

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

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- **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 relate to the City’s Vision/Mission/Priorities**

At the end of 2020 \$446,470.90 of this grant remained unspent and therefore went into the unappropriated balance of the General Fund. In order to fulfill the requirements of the grant, these funds need to be appropriated into the appropriate expenditure accounts to purchase COVID related items.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
- **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

Although the funds are being transferred from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund, revenue was received in 2020 to cover these expenses.

- **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.**

2020 County of Lehigh COVID-19 grant

- **Priority status/Deadlines if any**

As soon as possible so the purchases can be made in time to meet grant deadline.

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

The City entered into a grant agreement with the County of Lehigh to spend \$1.9M. Appropriating the remaining funding will allow the City to meet the grant requirements while continuing to provide for the city residents and the first responders the required COVID related supplies.