

ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 76 - 2025

OCTOBER 1, 2025

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2025 Grant Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) from the PA State Office of the Budget RACP grant. These funds are a pass-through grant that will support the Da Vinci Science Center.

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

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase to the Grant Fund in the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) from PA State Office of the Budget as follows:

Grant Fund		
005-00-0000-0000-46213	State Funds	\$ 2,000,000.00

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation to the Grant Fund as follows:

Grant Fund		
Community Development		
005-01-0201-0078-50048		\$ 2,000,000.00

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

- **What department or bureau is this bill originating from?**

Department of Community and Economic Development. This Bill is the result of the successful application and award of the RACP grant for Da Vinci Science Center.

- **Summary and facts of the bill.**

The Da Vinci Science Center, the Subgrantee, has submitted a formal application to the State Office of the Budget, for which the City will serve as the Grantee. The DaVinci Science Center has been awarded an additional \$2,000,000 in Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) funds that will support the Downtown Allentown project.

- **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 Bill distributes funds as specified within the RACP grant application and award regulations.

- b. **What are the benefits of doing this?**

The benefits are for the residents of Allentown and visitors that the project will bring to the city.

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

This Bill allows for a state-of-the-art Science Center for the residents and visitors of the City of Allentown.

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

This is a State Office of the Budget State funded project, and all costs are covered by this grant. The project was granted an additional two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to be allocated to the Grant Fund. All grant revenue will be appropriated to 005-00-0000-0000-46213 Grant Fund, PA Grants. The expenses will be appropriated to the Grant Fund, 005-01-0201-0078-50048.

- b. **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The project will benefit the residents of Allentown as well as bring additional revenue to the city through tourism.

- **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.**

This funding is coming from the Pennsylvania State Office of the Budget

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

None at this time.

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

This Bill will provide a funding source for this grant allocation and allow the Da Vinci Science Center to receive the additional \$2,000,000 awarded by the State Office of the Budget. There is no financial impact to the City, as this is a pass-through grant award.