

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 52 – 2021

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JUNE 2, 2021

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AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of certain monies 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 Seventy-five Thousand Fifty Seven (\$3,475,057.00) dollars (an additional amount of \$33,599.00) in Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) funds for the January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 grant year, for housing and community development programs 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 CDBG, HOME and ESG 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, HOME, and ESG 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 Seventy-five Thousand Fifty Seven (\$3,475,057.00) dollars (an additional amount of \$33,599.00) in the following manner:  
CODE ENFORCEMENT AND REHABILITATION (CDBG)

700-01-7701-0207 Demolition/Hazard Program..... \$9,053.00 to .....35,932

CDBG – ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

700-01-7705-0207 Administration..... \$456,009.00 to .....457,896

TOTAL \$495,828

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.

## LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

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

The Consolidated Grants Program (CGP) legislation consists of three 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 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) funds. 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**

This legislation will allow the City to submit a revised One Year Action Plan for the use of federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program funds.

- **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 resolution authorizes the City to submit the One Year Action Plan revision based on a HUD revised allocation dated 05/13/21. The Action Plan outlines the use of the federal funds for the upcoming program year in accordance with the priorities outlined in the Five Year Consolidated Plan approved by City Council last year.

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

With the application to HUD, the City adds an additional \$33,599.00 to the CDBG program for a total \$3,475,057.00 in funds to achieve Community and Economic Development goals, as described in the Five Year Consolidated Plan for the use of federal funds.

- **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.**

The funding sources for this resolution are the federal Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Emergency Solutions Grant Program.

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

This bill has a high priority status.

With this resolution, City Council is authorizing the City of Allentown to submit its revised One Year Action Plan for the use of federal CDBG, HOME and ESG dollars.

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

This resolution allows us to submit our One Year Action Plan to bring additional grant dollars into the City.