

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 53 - 2026

JULY 15, 2026

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2026 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars from Community Action Lehigh Valley as repayment of a HUD approved loan issued in 2025 to provide for the installation of new roofing for qualifying owner-occupied homes in the City of Allentown.

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

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase to the 2026 General Fund revenue budget in the amount of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars from Community Action Lehigh Valley.

000-00-0000-0000-46170-	Miscellaneous	\$50,000
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SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental increase to the General Fund Department of Community Development, Director's Bureau, Community Reinvestment program expense budget.

000-09-0901-0084-50046-	Other Contract Services	\$50,000
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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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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?**

Departments of Finance and Community Development.

This bill appropriates the loan repayment of \$50,000 to the 2026 General Fund budget.

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

On October 15, 2025, the city entered into a contract with Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley (CACLV) whereby the city agreed to loan CACLV \$50,000. The scope of work being performed by CACLV met the requirements for use of the funds in the Community Reinvestment program within the DCED Director's bureau.

The loan provisions stated that CACLV would repay the principal amount, without interest, beginning on March 1, 2026.

The loan has now been repaid in full, and the 2026 receivables are being appropriated to the 2026 budget.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- a. **What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?**

This bill increases the 2026 General Fund revenue and General Fund expenditure to accept the 2026 loan repayment.

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

Appropriating this funding to the 2026 budget will allow DCED to draw down these funds in 2026 to continue the work of the program.

The program has an expiration date of December 31, 2026. The department is not able to spend these remaining funds until the repayment is appropriated back into the budget.

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

Council approved the Community Reinvestment program on September 18, 2024, pursuant to Allentown City Council Resolution No. 30923.

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

- a. **Cost (initial and ongoing)**

There is no cost to the budget. Without the 2026 appropriation, the expenditure would be lost to the program, and the non-budgeted revenue would add to the General Fund’s cash balance.

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

Appropriating these funds to the 2026 budget will allow the department to utilize this additional expenditure funding as defined during the Community Reinvestment program’s creation in 2024.

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

- a. **If transferring funds, please make sure to give specific account names and numbers.**

The revenue will be appropriated to the General Fund Misc account: 000-00-0000-0000-46170-.

The expenditure will be appropriated in 2026 back to the same account it was paid out of in 2025: 000-09-0901-0084-50046-.

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

The original 2024 allocation of \$320,000 to the Community Reinvestment program must be spent in-full by December 31, 2026. This \$50,000 is part of the remaining balance.

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

Council created the Community Reinvestment program and directed the expenditure of funds to the DCED. Cycling this loan repayment back into the program will allow the city to make the most use of the funds.