



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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RESOLUTION

R198 - 2023

Introduced by the Administration on November 15, 2023

Accepts the funds awarded by the Department of Homeland Security under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) program to fund 12 new firefighter positions.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown Fire Department has been awarded a grant of four million one hundred seventy thousand eight hundred and forty dollars (\$4,170,840) by the Department of Homeland Security under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) program to fund 12 new firefighter positions;

WHEREAS, the addition of these new firefighter positions will significantly enhance the emergency response capabilities of the Allentown Fire Department, allowing for improved safety and service to the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allentown Fire Department officially accepts the SAFER grant awarded by the Department of Homeland Security.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED; that the Allentown Fire Department acknowledges the responsibilities associated with the SAFER grant and commits to utilizing the funds in compliance with the stipulations outlined in the grant award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the City of Allentown hereby designates Matthew Tuerk Mayor, and Bina Patel, Finance Director, as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Allentown and the Commonwealth.

Legislative Template

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

The bill originated from the Allentown Fire Department. The Allentown Fire Department was awarded a Department of Homeland Security grant to add 12 new firefighter positions to the department.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

This request is to accept \$4,170,840.00 that was awarded to the Allentown Fire Department from the Department of Homeland Security.

- 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?

The purpose of the SAFER Grant Program is to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to assist in increasing the number of firefighters to help communities meet industry minimum standards and attain 24-hour staffing to provide adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards, and to fulfill traditional missions of fire departments.

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

This bill relates to the City's vision and mission by providing additional personnel to the Allentown Fire Department to better serve all who live, work and visit the City of Allentown. It has always been the City of Allentown's priority, as well as every elected official to provide safe and efficient Public Safety services to ensure a safe environment.

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

There is no cost to the City.

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

This is a normal priority project with a Performance and Budget Period 02/26/2024 to 02/25/2027.