

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 73 - 2025

AUGUST 20, 2025

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2025 Equipment Fund Budget to provide for an increase of Three Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$382,548.00) for the purchase of 7 electric passenger vehicles and purchase and installation of 7 EV chargers to conduct an EV fleet pilot. The City was awarded \$120,070 from the US Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program and \$120,000 funded through two \$60,000 awards from the Pennsylvania Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant (AFIG) program. A total of \$240,070 of these grants are fully reimbursable and once the equipment has been purchased and/or installed, the City will be reimbursed.

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

SECTION ONE: That the City Council authorizes a decrease to the unappropriated balance of the Equipment Fund in the amount of Three Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$382,548.00) and transferred to the following account:

	<u>FROM</u>	
083-00-0000-0000-11010		\$382,548.00
	<u>TO</u>	
Equipment Fund		
083-02-8003-0065-50072	Equipment	\$283,548.00
083-02-8003-0065-50046	Contract/Services Fee	\$99,000.00

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SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Legislative Template

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from?

Public Works

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The City was awarded the following grants to conduct an electric vehicle (EV) fleet pilot program.

- \$120,070 funded through US Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program to purchase the electric passenger vehicles.
- \$60,000 funded through the Pennsylvania Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant (AFIG) Vehicle Purchase Project Program to purchase the electric passenger vehicles.
- \$60,000 funded through the AFIG Refueling Infrastructure Program to install 8 charging stations and prepare for future EV adoption at Bridgeworks.

The EV purchases and EV charging stations will be beneficial to the City since it can leverage multiple grant funding opportunities and federal tax credits to conduct an EV fleet pilot to determine how electric vehicles may be incorporated into the fleet by conducting a systemized study to analyze fuel costs, maintenance requirements, and operational capabilities. This information can then be leveraged for long-term fleet planning.

- Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. What does the bill do?

The purpose of this bill is to accept the EECBG and AFIG grant funds to purchase the requested 7 vehicles and install chargers.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this?

The City will be able to leverage \$240,070 to purchase 7 new electric vehicles and install 7 EV chargers. Additionally, the project is eligible for up to \$88,500 in federal tax credits through the Clean Vehicle Tax Credits and Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Tax Credit.

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

The bill will promote fiscal responsibility for the City in leveraging grant funding and tax credits to decrease the cost of new vehicles and EV chargers for City use. Electric vehicles produce less pollution and emissions than gas or diesel powered equivalents.

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

a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

The City will utilize the \$240,070 in grant awards to purchase the requested vehicles and install the chargers, the grant funding is reimbursable and the vehicles are eligible for \$88,500 in reimbursable Clean Vehicle and Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Tax Credits.

b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

These funds will be used to purchase 7 EVs for the EV fleet pilot and install 7 EV chargers.

- 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.

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

Clean Energy Tax Credits are available for vehicle purchases through September 30, 2025.

Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Tax Credits are available for infrastructure put into service no later than June 30, 2026.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

The City was awarded \$180,070 to purchase 7 EV vehicles for an EV fleet pilot and \$60,000 to install charging stations. The City is also eligible for \$88,500 in Clean Energy Tax Credits set to expire soon. The City will cover the remaining portion of the vehicle purchases.