

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO.117 - 2024

DECEMBER 18, 2024

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2024 Grants Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000.00) from the State Office of the Budget, Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP). These funds are a pass-through grant that will support the Da Vinci Science Center Downtown Allentown project.

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 Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000.00) from the State Office of the Budget as follows:

005-6213	Grant Fund	\$ 12,000,000.00
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SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation to the Grant Fund, 005-01-5201-0001-48 as follows:

Grant Fund		
005-01-5201-0001-48		\$ 12,000,000.00

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

SECTION FIVE: Pursuant to Section 218 of the Home Rule Charter and by the affirmative vote of six of seven council members, Council hereby eliminates the fourteen-day period between introduction and passage of this ordinance.

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

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, is submitted a formal application to the State Office of the Budget, for which the City will serve as the Grantee. The \$12,000,000 awarded in Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) funds will support the Da Vinci Science Center 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? What are the drawbacks?

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 total grant award is Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000.00) to be allocated to the Grant Fund. All grant revenue will be appropriated to 005-6213 Grant Fund, RACP Grants. The expenses will be appropriated to the Grant Fund, 005-01-5201-0001-48

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

The project will benefits 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 \$12,000,000 awarded by the State Office of the Budget. There is no financial impact to the City, as this is a pass-through grant award.