

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO.65 - 2023

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JUNE 28, 2023

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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 Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) dollars in DCED Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) funds for the Lehigh Valley Regional Homeless Advisory Board, as appropriate by 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 DCED 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 contract, the Council of the City of Allentown authorizes the appropriation of Twenty Thousand (20,000) in the following manner:

DCED - EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS

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| 700-01-9922-0407 | Third Street Alliance for Women & Children – Rapid Rehousing & Homeless Prevention..... | \$20,000.00 |
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TOTAL.....\$20,000.00

SECTION FIVE: That pursuant to SECTION 218 of the Home Rule Charter and by the affirmative vote of six of its seven members the fourteen-day period between introduction and passage of any ordinance is hereby eliminated.

SECTION SIX: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION SEVEN: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

Under the provisions of the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-22)(42 U.S.C.S. §11371 et. seq.)(the "Act"), which amended and reauthorized the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987 (P.L. 100-77); and in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations at 24 CFR Parts 91 and 576; the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to make grants to states and units of local governments.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

To increase the 2022 PA ESG grant award by \$20,000 and include the Third Street Alliance for Women

and Children as a sub-recipient to this grant. Summary: this legislation is required to establish expenditure accounts for the City budgeting system, in addition to listing all the activities/programs which will be funded for the 2022/2023 Consolidated Grants Program year.

- 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 ordinance provides the City the ability to add an additional \$20,000 from Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to assist the Third Street Alliance for Women and Children with Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Services for victims of the Memorial Day fire in the City of Easton.

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

These additional funds increase the grant award to \$272,113.00 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. This legislation has no adverse financial impact on the City and the General Fund.

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

This bill supports priority needs identified in the City of Allentown's Consolidated Plan for the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2025.

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

- a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

The additional funds provide the City the ability to expend an additional \$20,000 in DCED funds to provide Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing services

b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

This legislation has no adverse financial impact on the City and the General Fund.

- 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.

The funding sources for this ordinance is the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Department of Community & Economic Development Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program funds.

- Priority status – Are there any deadlines to be aware of?  
This bill has a high priority status as we are amending the current contract to support fire victims who are currently experiencing homelessness.
- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?  
These funds will assist with Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Services.

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