

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 41 - 2017

JUNE 21, 2017

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2017 General Fund Health Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred (\$15,700) Dollars as a result of a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness for preparedness and response activities.

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

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase to the unappropriated balance of the 2017 General Fund in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred (\$15,700) Dollars reflecting receipt of monies from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness for preparedness and response activities.

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund as follows:

**Community Development
Bureau of Health**

000-09-0908-0019-28	Mileage Reimbursement	500
000-09-0908-0019-34	Training & Prof. Develop	1,100
000-09-0908-0019-46	Other Contract Services	6,100
000-09-0908-0004-68	Operating Materials & Supplies	4,000
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	Total	15,700

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

The Bill originated from the Department of Community Development, Bureau of Health. An award of \$219,191 in new funds are being provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness for preparedness and response activities in the Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant. Of this \$219,191 award, \$15,700 will be allocated for new expenses and \$203,491 will be use to offset already budgeted expenses in the 2017 budget and planned expenses in the 2018 budget.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

Amending the 2017 General Fund Budget to provide for a new appropriation of Fifteen Thousand and Seven Hundred Dollars (\$15,700) from the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
 - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
 - **How does this Bill related to the City’s Vision/Mission/Priorities**

The purpose of the funding is to maintain and expand public health preparedness and response activities. The specific tasks the bill seeks to accomplish are to: 1) purchase emergency preparedness education materials for public health staff and volunteers, 2) implement public health exercises and drills, 3) reimburse Allentown EMS, Fire and Police for planning, implementing and evaluating of emergency exercises and drills; and 4) reimburse overtime costs for public health staff who participate in public health drills.

A benefit of this Bill is to enhance Allentown's ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters. It will provide opportunities for Allentown's public health staff and volunteers to demonstrate readiness to respond and implement the public health emergency plan via drills, exercises and real-world events.

This Bill is congruent with the Health Bureau's mission to prevent disease and injury and to protect and promote the public's health.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

Passing this Bill will not result in a financial cost to the City. \$15,700 in new expenditures will be placed in the 2017 budget. The remaining \$203,491 will cover existing costs already in the budget.

The benefit is to reimburse the City for expenses in preparing for and responding to public health investigations and emergencies through continuing education

courses and trainings, participation in exercises and drills, and the purchase of emergency preparedness education materials.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

All funds provided by PA Department of Health, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness:

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- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

These funds must be expended by 12/31/2017.

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

The Bill allows us to increase grant revenue and cover additional public health expenses necessary to increase prevention activities and enhance / maintain ongoing readiness to respond. The goal of public health is to prevent and control the spread of disease, and through staff who are better prepared to prevent and respond to public health emergencies, we can better respond to citizens.