

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO.32 - 2022

MAY 18, 2022

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2022 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner Grant, to the Allentown Fire Department for the purchase of Thermal Imaging Cameras and Accessories.

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 2022 General Fund in the amount of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars reflecting receipt of monies from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner grant for the purchase of high-quality Thermal Imaging Cameras and Accessories in the following manner,

000-5240	Other Grants & Misc.	\$15,000
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SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund to the Fire Department budget as follows:

**Fire Department
Fire Suppression/Extinguishment**

000-05-0803-0002-72	Equipment	\$ 15,000
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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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

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

The bill originated from the Allentown Fire Department. An award of new funds is being provided by the Pennsylvania Office of the State Fire Commissioner for the purchase of high-quality Thermal Imaging Cameras and Accessories.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

Amending the 2022 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifteen thousand dollars and zero cents. (\$15,000.00) from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner Grant, to the Allentown Fire Department for the purchase of high-quality Thermal Imaging Cameras and Accessories.

- **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 Bill will provide funding for Thermal Imaging Cameras which will assist our firefighters with being able to navigate through smoke filled conditions to quickly find the seat of the fire, see heat signatures of visually obscured victims and they can also be used to search for victims outdoors during nighttime operations. The newer technology has advanced immensely over the past few years, and it provides the department with a tool that continuously can be credited for saving multiple lives over the years.

There is no down-side to this funding.

This Bill relates to the Fire Departments mission to protect and serve the citizens of Allentown and provide a safe City for 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:**

- **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
- **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

Passing this Bill will not result in a financial cost to the City. Total cost of the grant award is \$15,000.00

The benefit of the appropriation is to reimburse the City of Allentown Fire Department for expenses related to the purchase of high-quality Thermal Imaging Cameras and Accessories. .

- **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.**

Appropriate \$15,000.00 that was awarded to the Allentown Fire Department from the Office of the State Fire Commissioner. Grant monies to be appropriated to the general fund into Fire Equipment expense account 000-05-0803-0002-72 (\$15,000.00).

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

These funds must be expended by 12/31/2023.

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

The bill allows us to increase grant revenue. The Bill will provide funding for Thermal Imaging Cameras which will assist our firefighters with being able to navigate through smoke filled conditions to quickly find the seat of the fire, see heat signatures of visually obscured victims and they can also be used to search for victims outdoors during nighttime operations. The newer technology has advanced immensely over the past few years, and it provides the department with a tool that continuously can be credited for saving multiple lives over the years.