ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 98 - 2025

NOVEMBER 19, 2025

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2025 Grant Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) from the PA DCED Local Share Account Grant. These funds are a pass-through grant that will support the Baum School of Art.

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 One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) from PA DCED as follows:

Grant Fund		
005-00-0000-0000-46213	**State Funds**	**$ 1,000,000.00**

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation to the Grant Fund as follows:

Grant Fund		
Community Development		
005-09-0901-0083-50048	**Non-City Charges**	**$ 1,000,000.00**

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

- **What department or bureau is this bill originating from?**

Department of Community and Economic Development. This Bill is the result of the successful application and award of the Local Share Account (LSA) grant for The Baum School of Art expansion project.

- **Summary and facts of the bill.**

The Baum School of Art, the Subgrantee, submitted a formal application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), for which the City will serve as the Grantee. The $1,000,000 awarded in LSA funds will be used for expansion and redevelopment of infrastructure costs to The Baum School of Art.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**

a. What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?

This Bill distributes funds as specified within the LSA grant application and award regulations.

b. What are the benefits of doing this?

The Baum School of Art serves as a long-time, valued community resource in downtown Allentown.

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

This Bill supports the renovation costs of the art school that serves Allentown residents and visitors alike, non-profit organizations and other community groups as an arts and culture resource.

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

This is a PA DCED funded project, and all costs are covered by this grant. The total grant award is One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) to be allocated to the Grant Fund. All grant revenue will be appropriated to 005-00-0000-0000-46213 Grant Fund, LSA Grants. The expenses will be appropriated to the Grant Fund, 005-09-0901-0083-50048.

b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

The project benefits the residents of Allentown as well as it brings 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 DCED, Commonwealth Financial Authority.

- **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 Baum School of Art to receive the $1,000,000 awarded by the State Office of the Budget. There is no financial impact to the City, as this is a pass-through grant award.