

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 47 - 2018

AUGUST 1, 2018

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2018 General Fund Budget for a supplemental appropriation of Two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents (\$2,525.85) as a result of a disbursement from the Pennsylvania Emergency Medical Services Council from the State EMS Operating Fund (EMSOF) for medical equipment.

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 General Fund in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents (\$2,525.85) as a result of a disbursement from the PA EMS Council from the State EMS Operating Fund (EMSOF).

**General Fund
Revenue**

000-5240 Other Grants and Miscellaneous \$2,525.85

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents (\$2,525.85) in the following manner:

**Fire Department
Emergency Medical Services**

000-05-0605-0003-72 Equipment \$ 2,525.85

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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

Emergency Medical Services

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

Allows for the appropriation of a \$2,525.85 paid to EMS by the Eastern PA EMS Council as the 2018 disbursement of State EMS Operating Fund (EMSOF). The monies would be placed in the EMS equipment account, 000-05-0605-0003-72 to help purchase additional medical equipment. They currently reside in revenue account 000-5240 (Grants and other programs).

- **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**

This state administered program is funded from a surcharge on moving traffic violations issued by police agencies in the Pennsylvania. The funds are distributed to the 16 regional EMS councils and then on to local groups and organizations. The money can be used for numerous projects. There is no downside or "strings" attached to this money. Allentown EMS qualifies by complying with all state reporting guidelines.

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

This money will allow EMS to purchase equipment that was not allotted for in 2018, and without a financial burden to the city in the future.

- **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.**

State EMS Operating Fund (EMSOF), via the Eastern PA EMS Council.

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

As soon as possible to allow for the purchase of equipment prior to the 2018 purchasing cutoff this fall.

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

Allentown EMS provides a vital service to the citizens and visitors in Allentown. One intent of the EMSOF project is to enhance emergency medical services within the Commonwealth. The use of this funding to purchase equipment will support that goal.