

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 1 - 2019

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JANUARY 2, 2019

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2019 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Twenty Thousand (\$120,000.00) Dollars from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the Early Intervention Program.

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 2019 General Fund in the amount of One Hundred Twenty Thousand (\$120,000.00) Dollars reflecting receipt of monies from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

000-5240	Other Grants & Misc.	\$120,000.00
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SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund as follows:

City Council

000-01-0101-0001-46	Other Contract Services	\$ 120,000.00
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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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

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

Finance

- Summary and Facts of the Bill

Purpose of the ordinance is to appropriate the revenue and expenses for the Early Intervention Program Grant. The \$120,000 grant is funded through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

- 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 project will allow the City to hire a financial management firm to guide the City in developing and implementing a multi-year financial management program to address the City's financial challenges.

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

Total project is estimated at \$150,000. The City qualified for a reduced match requirement, based on financial status, and has committed \$30,000 in match (from City Council budget). The resulting plan will establish short and long-term objectives in order to ensure the long-term fiscal health of the City through better management, cost containment, and economic growth.

- 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.

The funding comes from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development, Governor's Center for Local Government Services.

- Priority status/Deadlines, if any

This is a normal priority project; however, the RFP for consultant services has already been drafted and approved by DCED and we are eager to move forward with this project.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

This project provides funds needed to strategically address the City's financial situation and ensure a strong future.