

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 6 – 2019

FEBRUARY 6, 2019

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2019 Grant Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Four (\$146,784.00) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency as a pass-through grant to fund the Allentown Cure Violence program being implemented by Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley.

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 Grant Fund in the amount of One Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Four (\$146,784.00) Dollars reflecting receipt of monies from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency into revenue account:

005-6213

State Funds

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

**Grant Fund – Police
Gun Violence Reduction Grant**

005-04-5208-0002-48

Grant, Non-City Charge

\$ 146,784

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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 Gun Violence Reduction Initiative grant that will fund the pilot of Cure Violence. The \$146,784.00 grant is funded through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD).

- **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 provide funding for the pilot of Allentown Cure Violence being implemented by Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley, the subgrantee. The project includes an Assessment Visit by the National Cure Violence organization, as well as provides for staff salaries/benefits, ongoing training and consultation, supplies, and program administration.

The project is designed to identify potential gun-related violence before it occurs and intervene both prior to and after gun-related violence incidents in a targeted neighborhood within the City.

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

The total project budget for the 1-year grant/project term is \$146,784.00. There is no match requirement. Promise Neighborhoods of the LV is implementing the project and incurring all expenses.

- **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, Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD).

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

This is a normal priority project; however, City Engineering Dept can't release the RFP for the project until funds are appropriated, so timely attention is appreciated.

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

This project provides funds to launch a proven national anti-violence model, Cure Violence, which has experienced great success in other large cities throughout the country.