

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 8 – 2019

FEBRUARY 6, 2019

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2019 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$150,000.00) Dollars from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance to the City of Allentown for the Body Worn Camera Enhancement Grant.

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 Fifty Thousand (\$150,000.00) Dollars reflecting receipt of monies from the United States Department of Justice Grant into revenue account:

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Police Grants

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

**Police Department
Police Operations**

000-04-0802-0021-72

Equipment

\$ 150,000

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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

The bill originates from the police department

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

Purpose of the ordinance is to appropriate the revenue and expenses for the Body Worn Camera Enhancement grant. The \$150,000 grant is funded through the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. (With a match in the amount of \$150,000)

- **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 police to update the existing body worn camera program and migrate into body worn cameras that are improved and state of the art and integrate with our in-car camera system.

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

Total project is estimated at \$300,000. The City qualified for a match requirement, based on financial status, and has committed \$150,000 in match (from City Council budget). The benefits of the new and improved cameras will allow for documentation of critical encounters and strengthen transparency.

- **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 Department of Justice bureau of Justice Assistance.

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

This is a normal priority project.

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

This ordinance will appropriate the funds accordingly and allow the project to adhere to the proposed timeline.