

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 25 - 2019

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MARCH 20, 2019

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2019 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000) from Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) to hire a professional historic preservation consultant to complete a historic preservation plan.

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 Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000) reflecting receipt of monies from PHMC to hire a professional historic preservation consultant.

000-5240	Other Grants and Miscellaneous	\$ 22,000
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SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund as follows:

Department of Community and Economic Development  
Bureau of Planning  
Historical and Architectural Preservation

000-09-0902-0002-46	Other Contract Services	\$ 22,000
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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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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?

Planning and Zoning.

- Summary and Facts of the Bill

This is a request for a resolution to accept a grant in the amount of \$22,000 from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission / Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PA SHPO) to hire a professional historic preservation consultant to complete a historic preservation plan for the City of Allentown. The award letter is attached.

- 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 bill allows the City to accept the grant in the amount of \$22,000 to hire a historic preservation consultant to prepare a historic preservation plan for the City. The City has been a Certified Local Government (CLG), which is a state and federal program that recognizes the value of the historic preservation program in the City of Allentown. A historic preservation plan will guide future policy, programs and regulations to address historic preservation issues in Allentown. Historic preservation is also a component in the current Comprehensive Plan and will be in the new Comprehensive Plan. However, this historic preservation plan will go into detail that will not be accomplished by the work of the Comprehensive Plan.

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

The grant does require a cash match. The City has agreed to match the grant with \$22,000 of Community Development Block Grant funds. Benefits will be a focused and detailed plan for continuing the City's historic preservation program and developing new policies, programs and regulations to protect and enhance historic buildings.

- 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.

Funding is from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission / Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office.

- Priority status/Deadlines, if any

As soon as possible, the grant will be awarded on May 1, 2019.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

This bill will assist with the continued and ongoing efforts to preserve the unique characteristics of the architecture in the historic districts in the City of Allentown.