

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 35 - 2019

INTRODUCED BY

JUNE 5, 2019

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of certain monies received by the City of Allentown under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1975, as amended; The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009; and Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, for the purpose of undertaking programs of housing and community development within the City.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That the Mayor is authorized to expend Three Million Four Hundred Twenty Two Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-four (\$3,322,684.00) Dollars in Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) funds for the January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 grant year, for housing and community development programs pursuant to the approved Consolidated Plan, appropriate Federal Law and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations.

SECTION TWO: That the Mayor is directed to establish and maintain any and all accounts and records as are necessary and to make such transfers as may be required to expend and account for said CDBG, HOME and ESG Funds in accordance with the approved Consolidated Plan, appropriate Federal law, and HUD regulations.

SECTION THREE: That this act of the Council of the City of Allentown is undertaken pursuant to Act 292 of 1975 in accordance with the opinion of the Pennsylvania Attorney General (Opinion 72-75) which holds that CDBG, HOME, and ESG Funds are General Municipal Funds for the purpose of Act 292 of 1975.

SECTION FOUR: That, in accordance with the Action Plan, the Council of the City of Allentown authorizes the appropriation of Three Million Four Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Four (\$3,322,684.00) Dollars in the following manner:

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND REHABILITATION (CDBG)

700-01-7501-0206	Property Acquisition & Disposition and Management.....	\$300,000
700-01-7501-0207	Site Clearance.....	83,340
700-01-7501-0212	Hazard Elimination Program.....	<u>9,500</u>
TOTAL		\$392,840

PUBLIC SERVICES (CDBG)

700-01-7502-0201	Allentown YMCA.....	\$10,000
700-01-7502-0202	Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living.....	10,000
700-01-7502-0203	The Literacy Center.....	10,000
700-01-7502-0204	Lehigh Conference of Churches – Daybreak.....	10,000
700-01-7502-0205	Grace Montessori School.....	10,000
700-01-7502-0206	Youth Education in the Arts.....	10,000
700-01-7502-0209	Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley – Community Action Financial Services.....	10,000
700-01-7502-0210	Neighborhood Housing Services of the Lehigh Valley – HOOP.....	10,000
700-01-7502-0211	Boys and Girls Club of Allentown.....	10,000
700-01-7502-0212	The Neighborhood Center.....	10,000
700-01-7502-0214	Community Bike Works.....	10,000
700-01-7503-0205	Salvation Army Youth Program.....	10,000
700-01-7503-0211	Alliance Hall of Allentown, Inc. - Alliance Summer Recreation.....	5,500
700-01-7503-0212	Valley Youth House.....	10,000
700-01-7503-0213	Lehigh Valley Workforce Development.....	10,000
700-01-7503-0214	Dubbs Memorial Church.....	<u>200,000</u>
TOTAL		\$ 350,266.00

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION (CDBG)

700-01-7504-0201	HADC Youthbuild.....	\$10,000
700-01-7504-0205	Neighborhood Public Improvements.....	450,000
700-01-7504-0207	City of Allentown-ADA Curb Cuts.....	500,000
700-01-7504-0210	Allentown YMCA Rehabilitation.....	153,000
700-01-7504-0213	Allentown City Parks/ Jordan Creek Greenway.....	<u>50,000</u>

TOTAL \$1,163,000

CDBG – ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

700-01-7505-0202 Community Action Development Corporation of the
Lehigh Valley \$25,000
700-01-7505-0205 Community Action Development Corporation of the
Lehigh Valley..... 50,000
700-01-7505-0207 Administration 451,526
700-01-7505-0208 North Penn Legal Services-Fair Housing..... 25,000

TOTAL \$551,526

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME)

700-01-7507-0202 CHDO Activity to be determined. \$130,618
700-01-7507-0203 Allentown Community Revitalization Corp..... 133,088
700-01-7507-0204 Administration 87,078
700-01-7507-0206 Housing Association and Development – Youthbuild-HOME..... 100,000
700-01-7507-0209 Allentown Housing Authority 220,000
700-01-7507-0211 Housing Association and Development – North Street..... 200,000

TOTAL \$870,784

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS PROGRAM (ESG)

700-01-7508-0201 Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley -
Sixth Street Shelter..... \$37,654
700-01-7508-0202 Allentown Rescue Mission 37,654
700-01-7508-0203 The Salvation Army..... 41,253
700-01-7508-0204 Administration 14,570
700-01-7508-0205 Lehigh Conference of Churches – Rapid Re-housing..... 63,137

TOTAL \$194,268

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

SECTION SIX: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

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

The Consolidated Grants Program (CGP) legislation consists of two ordinances and one resolution and originates in the Department of Community and Economic Development.

The attached legislation, from the Department of Community and Economic Development serves as the template for the City of Allentown's application for federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) funds. Each piece of legislation serves a specific purpose, which when combined, contain all the recommended regulatory steps need to apply for these federal funds. These are the same types of legislation presented to City Council every year. However, the actual dollar amounts, list of activities and funds available are different every year.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

45 Ordinance #1 Establish CDBG accounts

Summary: This legislation is required to establish expenditure accounts for the City budgeting system, in addition to listing all the activities/programs which will be funded for the 2019 Consolidated Grants Program year. It provides the basis for the creation of the Action Plan which is submitted to HUD as the application for the CDBG, HOME and ESG program funds which the City receives every year.

- **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 ordinance provides the City with the second step needed to allow the City to apply for and then access \$3,322,684 in grant funds for the January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 program year. All activities funded comply with the CDBG, HOME and ESG regulations as promulgated by HUD and allow the City to further its Community and Economic Development Initiatives. This bill provides the second step in the process which forms the basis to complete the strategies of the second year of the City of Allentown's Consolidated Plan for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020.

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

This ordinance provides the City the ability to expend \$ 3,322,684.00 in federal funds to complete a variety of activities including demolition, public services, neighborhood improvements, administration of the programs, etc. This legislation has no adverse financial impact on the City and the General Fund.

- **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 sources for this ordinance are the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG).

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

This bill has a high priority status. Failure to submit the application to HUD by June 30, 2019 could result in the loss of this money.

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

The City has again followed the scoring process approved by Council and used in the past to develop this budget. In addition, funding decisions were made by complying with HUD's regulations, which require the City to address concerns/needs noted in its five year Consolidated Plan