

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 44 - 2019

 JULY 17, 2019

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2019 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) from Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) to hire a professional historic preservation consultant to complete a historic preservation plan. This is an increase to the original grant amount of Twenty-Two Thousand (\$22,000) Dollars.

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 Three Thousand (\$3,000) Dollars reflecting receipt of monies from PHMC to hire a professional historic preservation consultant.

000-5240	Other Grants and Miscellaneous	\$ 3,000
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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

000-09-0902-0004-46	Other Contract Services	\$ 3,000
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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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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 supplemental grant in the amount of \$3,000 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 City previously received and Council approved a \$22,000 grant for the project. The supplemental 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 supplemental grant in the amount of \$3,000 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 City does not have to match the supplemental grant. 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.

The total project budget for the historic preservation plan project will be as follows.

\$22,000 PHMC CLG grant + \$3,000 Supplemental PHMC CLG grant + \$22,000 CDBG funds for a total of \$47,000

Account # 000-09-0902-0002-46 will be increased by \$3,000.

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

As soon as possible, the procurement of a consultant has already begun.

- **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.