

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 78 - 2019

NOVEMBER 6, 2019

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2019 Grant Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) from the Pennsylvania House Finance Agency (PHFA) under their Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) Fund to be used as a pass-through grant to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Allentown for the rehabilitation of 323 and 326 N. 9th Street.

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 Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) from PHFA.

005-5240	Other Grants and Miscellaneous	\$ 200,000
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SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Grant Fund as follows:

Grant Fund
PHFA-RACA Grant

000-09-5901-0007-48	Grant, Non-City Charges	\$ 200,000
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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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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?**

Finance

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

Purpose of the ordinance is to appropriate the revenue and expenses for the Pennsylvania House Finance Agency (PHFA) grant to the City under their PA Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) Fund. The \$200,000 Grant was awarded in August of 2019. COA is the Grantee and the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Allentown (RACA) is the subgrantee.

- **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 establishes the account to pass the grant from PHFA to subgrantee, RACA. The project will provide funding for renovations and rehabilitation to 323 and 326 N. 9th Street, Allentown.

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

The Department of Community & Economic Development has committed \$200,000 to match the grant funds. The two properties to be rehabbed have been vacant for years, previously owned by Pennrose. The City and RACA will now create affordable housing and return the properties to the tax rolls.

- **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 Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA).

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

The City and RACA intend to move swiftly on this rehab project with funds being spent prior to year end.

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

This project provides funds needed to renovate the two identified vacant properties, creating additional affordable housing in the City.