

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 85 - 2019

DECEMBER 4, 2019

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2019 General Fund Budget for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) as a result from a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (PA DCED) Initiative Program, to the Allentown Fire Department to provide the Allentown Fire Department Special Teams with equipment.

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 Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) reflecting receipt of monies from a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (PA DCED) Initiative Program to the Allentown Fire Department for Special Teams equipment.

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| 000-5240 | Other Grants and Miscellaneous | \$100,000 |
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SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund as follows:

Fire Department
Fire Operations

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| 000-05-0803-0002-72 | Equipment | \$ 100,000 |
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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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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?**

Allentown Fire Department

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The Allentown Fire Department was awarded a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (PA DCED) Initiative Program grant to purchase Special Teams equipment for the Allentown Fire Department.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**

The Bill will provide funding for the purchase of much needed Special Teams equipment for the Allentown Fire Department. This funding establishes the funds necessary to procure essential fire service related equipment to assist in the efficiency and services provided by the Allentown Fire Department which will result in life safety to the citizens of Allentown.

- **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**

Benefits - This allows us to purchase new Special Teams equipment so that the Allentown Fire Department is properly equipped and able to meet the response and demands of all emergency services to ensure Allentown citizens are protected on a daily basis. Downside – Failure to have functional, proper and adequate equipment may result in injury or death to our first responders and civilians.

- **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

This Bill relates to the City's vision and mission by providing equipment to ensure all Fire personnel will be properly trained to protect and serve the citizens of Allentown and provide a safe City for all who live, work and visit the City of Allentown. It has always been the City of Allentown's priority, as well as every elected official to provide safe and efficient Public Safety services to ensure a safe environment.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**

100% grant funded expense.

- **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

This benefits the citizens of Allentown as well as all Fire Personnel by allowing us to replace old outdated equipment with new and improved technology and capabilities to ensure that our citizens have a safe place to live and work.

- **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.**

Appropriate \$100,000.00 grant that was awarded to the Allentown Fire Department from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (PA DCED) Initiative Program Grant. Grant monies to be appropriated to the general fund and placed into Fire Budget account 000-05-0803-0002-72 (\$100,000.00).

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

This is a normal priority project with a deadline of December 31, 2021.

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

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