

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 22 – 2020

APRIL 15, 2020

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 1976, 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 Seventy Nine Thousand One Hundred Thirty-nine (\$3,479,139.00) Dollars in Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) funds for the January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 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 1976 in accordance with the opinion of the Pennsylvania Attorney General (Opinion 7276) which holds that CDBG, HOME, and ESG Funds are General Municipal Funds for the purpose of Act 292 of 1976.

SECTION FOUR: That, in accordance with the Action Plan, the Council of the City of Allentown authorizes the appropriation of Three Million Four Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand One Hundred Thirty-nine (\$3,479,139.00) Dollars in the following manner:

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND REHABILITATION (CDBG)

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| 700-01-7601-0206 Property Acquisition & Disposition and Management..... | \$300,000 |
| 700-01-7601-0207 Site Clearance..... | 200,000 |
| 700-01-7601-0212 Hazard Elimination Program..... | 100,000 |
| TOTAL | \$600,000 |

PUBLIC SERVICES (CDBG)

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| 700-01-7602-0201 | Allentown YMCA | \$10,000 |
| 700-01-7602-0202 | Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living..... | 10,000 |
| 700-01-7602-0203 | The Literacy Center..... | 10,000 |
| 700-01-7602-0204 | Lehigh Conference of Churches — Daybreak..... | 10,000 |
| 700-01-7602-0205 | Grace Montessori School..... | 10,000 |
| 700-01-7602-0207 | The Baum School of Arts..... | 6,455 |
| 700-01-7602-0208 | Communities in Schools..... | 10,000 |
| 700-01-7602-0209 | Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley — Community Action Financial Services | 10,000 |
| 700-01-7602-0210 | Neighborhood Housing Services of the Lehigh Valley - HOOP | 10,000 |
| 700-01-7602-0211 | Boys and Girls Club of Allentown | 10,000 |
| 700-01-7602-0212 | The Neighborhood Center..... | 10,000 |
| 700-01-7602-0214 | Community Bike Works..... | 10,000 |
| 700-01-7602-0214 | The Financial Literacy Center | 10,000 |
| 700-01-7603-0205 | Salvation Army Youth Program..... | 10,000 |
| 700-01-7603-0210 | City of Allentown — Bank On..... | 50,000 |
| 700-01-7603-0211 | Alliance Hall of Allentown, Inc. - Alliance Summer Recreation | 7,500 |
| 700-01-7603-0212 | Valley Youth House..... | 10,000 |
| 700-01-7603-0213 | Lehigh Valley Workforce Development | 10,000 |
| 700-01-7603-0214 | Valley Youth House — Synergy | 10,000 |

TOTAL \$ 223,955

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION (CDBG)

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| 700-01-7604-0201 | HADC Youthbuild | \$10,000 |
| 700-01-7604-0205 | Neighborhood Public Improvements..... | 352,203 |
| 700-01-7604-0207 | City of Allentown-ADA Curb Cuts | 400,000 |
| 700-01-7604-0210 | Allentown YMCA Rehabilitation..... | <u>153,000</u> |

TOTAL \$ 915,203

CDBG — ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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| 700-01-7605-0202 | Community Action Development Corporation of the Lehigh Valley..... | \$25,000 |
| 700-01-7605-0205 | Community Action Development Corporation of the L e h i g h V a l l e y 5 0 , 0 0 0 | |
| 700-01-7605-0207 | Administration..... | 461,039 |
| 700-01-7605-0208 | North Penn Legal Services-Fair Housing..... | 30,000 |

TOTAL \$566,039

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME)

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| 700-01-7607-0202 | CHDO Activity to be determined | \$146,335 |
| 700-01-7607-0204 | Administration | 97,557 |
| 700-01-7607-0205 | Community Action of the Lehigh Valley — HOME | 100,000 |
| 700-01-7607-0209 | Allentown Housing Authority | 220,000 |
| 700-01-7607-0211 | Housing Association and Development — North Street..... | 200,000 |
| 700-04-7607-0213 | HDC — Mid Atlantic- Pending LITC | 211,677 |
| TOTAL | | \$975,569 |

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS PROGRAM (ESG)

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| 700-01-7608-0201 | Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley - | |
| | Sixth Street Shelter | \$43,125 |
| 700-01-7608-0202 | Allentown Rescue Mission | 37,950 |
| 700-01-7608-0203 | The Salvation Army..... | 37,950 |
| 700-01-7608-0204 | Administration | 14,877 |
| 700-01-7608-0205 | Lehigh Conference of Churches — Rapid Re-housing | 64,471 |
| TOTAL | | \$198,373 |

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

SECTION SIX: 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?**

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**

46 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 2020 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 \$3,479,139 in grant funds for the January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 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 January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2025.

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 \$ 3,479,139.00 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, 2020 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