

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 64 – 2020

 SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2020 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Fifty Thousand One Hundred Forty-Nine (\$150,149) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness and Response to the City of Allentown for COVID-19 related expenses. The full grant amount is Two Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Three Hundred (\$264,300) Dollars with One Hundred Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Fifteen (\$114,151) Dollars remaining in General Fund Revenue to reimburse for existing salaries.

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 2020 General Fund in the amount of Two Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Three Hundred (\$264,300) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness and Response

000-5215**Health Categorical Grants**

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Fifty Thousand One Hundred Forty-Nine (\$150,149) Dollars from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund as follows:

**Department of Community
and Economic Development
Bureau of Health**

000-09-0908-0001-02	Permanent Wages	1,844
000-09-0908-0002-02	Permanent Wages	769
000-09-0908-0003-02	Permanent Wages	1,251
000-09-0908-0004-02	Permanent Wages	10,094
000-09-0908-0005-02	Permanent Wages	1,653
000-09-0908-0006-02	Permanent Wages	5,294
000-09-0908-0007-02	Permanent Wages	1,912
000-09-0908-0008-02	Permanent Wages	1,760
000-09-0908-0011-02	Permanent Wages	1,833
000-09-0908-0012-02	Permanent Wages	731
000-09-0908-0018-02	Permanent Wages	30,428
000-09-0908-0019-02	Permanent Wages	4,080

000-09-0908-0019-04	Temporary Wages	46,800
000-09-0908-0019-28	Mileage Reimbursement	200
000-09-0908-0019-46	Contract/Services Fees	26,500
000-09-0908-0019-50	Other Services and Charges	5,000
000-09-0908-0019-72	Equipment	<u>7,000</u>

Total \$ 147,149

**Department of Information
Technology**

000-07-0604-0001-22	Telephone	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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

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

The bill originated from the Department of Community Development, Bureau of Health. A total award of Two hundred and sixty-four thousand, three hundred dollars (\$264,300) was received. One hundred fifty thousand one hundred and forty-nine dollars (\$150,149) in new funds will be allocated from this award from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness and Response. The remaining One hundred and fourteen thousand, one hundred fifty-one dollars will be used to offset salaries already budgeted and paid by the general fund.

This is a federally-funded Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) pass through grant to provide public health departments with resources needed for COVID-19 prevention, mitigation, response and recovery activities in the Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

Amending the 2020 General Fund Budget to provide for a new appropriation one hundred fifty thousand one hundred and forty-nine dollars (\$150,149) in new funds will be allocated from this award from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness and Response. The remaining One hundred and fourteen thousand, one hundred and fifty-one dollars (\$114,151) will be used to offset salaries already budgeted and paid by the general fund . This appropriation funds several new positions as well as positions that were changed as a result of the redistribution of job duties as a result of COVID-19 but also to better prepare for public health emergencies of all types in the future. .

- **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 IS AN EMERGENCY REQUEST. The purpose of the funding is to provide resources and assist in covering expense for the Health Bureau's public health response to coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The specific public health preparedness tasks the bill seeks to accomplish are disease investigation, contact tracing and containment. The systems and roles put in place through this funding are not just COVID specific but build a public health response system that will be useful in mitigating and preventing additional disease outbreaks and enhancing other emergency response activities.

A benefit of this Bill is to enhance Allentown's ability to respond to COVID-19 that is both a global pandemic and an ongoing local public health emergency. There is no down-side to this funding.

This Bill is congruent with the Health Bureau's mission to prevent disease and injury and to protect and promote the public's health.

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

Passing this Bill will not result in a financial cost to the City. \$150,149 in new expenditures will be placed in the 2020 budget, with corresponding revenues.

The benefits of the appropriation is to reimburse the City of Allentown for expenses related to the public health response to COVID-19.

The funds being allocated will be used to: 1) employ part-time contact tracers to follow up with the contacts of COVID-19 positive City of Allentown cases to prevent the spread of the disease; 2) travel to meetings; 3) secure assistance with response and recovery efforts; 4) implement education and awareness campaigns; and 5) purchase equipment and supplies.6) to cover salary expenses of position changes which are occurring after the 2020 budget was passed.

The funds are also needed to for cell phone costs within the Administration's telephone budget.

- **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.**

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Preparedness and Response:

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

These funds must be expended by 12/31/2020.

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

The goal of public health is to prevent and control the spread of disease. COVID-19 is a global pandemic that continues to require a local public health response. The Bill allows us to increase grant revenue; increase the number of staff conducting contact tracing, investigation, mitigation and education; helps to cover the public health expenses necessary to respond to this public health

emergency; and build upon COVID-19 disease control detection, response, prevention, and mitigation activities.