

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 81 - 2020

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OCTOBER 21, 2020

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2020 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Forty-Five Thousand Four-Hundred and Fifty-Four Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$45,454.55) as a result from a grant from FEMA US Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant, to the Allentown Fire Department to purchase a SCBA Air Compressor and Cascade Fill System.

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 Forty-Five Thousand Four-Hundred and Fifty-Four Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$45,454.55) reflecting receipt of monies from a grant from FEMA US Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant, to the Allentown Fire Department to purchase a SCBA Air Compressor and Cascade Fill System.

**000-5240**

**Other Grants**

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund to the Fire Department budget as follows:

**Fire Department  
Fire Suppression/Extinguishment**

**000-05-0803-0002-72**

**Equipment**

**\$ 45,454.55**

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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?**

The bill originated from the Allentown Fire Department

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The bill reflects the grant award of \$45,454.55 of monies from FEMA US Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters grant to be used to purchase a SCBA Air Compressor and Cascade Fill System 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**
- **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 will provide funding for the purchase of a SCBA Air Compressor and Cascade Fill System for the Allentown Fire Department. This funding establishes the funds necessary to procure essential fire service related personal protective equipment to protect our Fire career personnel and to assist in the efficiency and services provided by the Allentown Fire Department which will result in life safety to the citizens of Allentown and our Fire personnel.

This allows us to be compliant with NFPA 1500 Standards on Occupational Safety and Health Program and NFPA 1989 Air Quality for Fire and Emergency Services Respiratory Protection NFPA 1852. This equipment purchase will ensure that our SCBA is readily available for response at all times. Quality breathing air and the capabilities of ensuring that their SCBA are fully filled at all times is paramount. With this purchase the Allentown Fire Department is able to meet the response and demands of all emergency services as well as to ensure Allentown citizens are protected on a daily basis. Downside – Failure to have functional, proper and adequate equipment may result in injury or the unthinkable Line of Duty Death within our agency.

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)**  
90% grant funded and 10% city shared budgeted 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.**

FEMA Grant monies to be appropriated to the general fund into Fire Budget account 000-05-0803-0002-72 (Equipment) \$45,454.55.

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

Grant deadline for funds to be expended must be done by December 31, 2020.

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

City Council should unanimously approve this Bill for the reasons stated above.