

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 82 - 2020

OCTOBER 21, 2020

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2020 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Thirteen Thousand Five-Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$13,563.39) from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner Grant, to the Allentown Fire Department to purchase RIT-PAK respiratory protection 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 2020 General Fund in the amount of Thirteen Thousand Five-Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$13,563.39) reflecting receipt of monies from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner grant to purchase RIT-PAK respiratory protection equipment.

000-5240

Other Grants and Misc.

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

\$ 13,563.39

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office Of The State Fire Commissioner grant to purchase RIT-PAK respiratory protection equipment.

- **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 two (2) Scott RIT-PAK III respiratory protection equipment to be used by the Allentown Fire Department personnel. This funding establishes the funds necessary to procure essential fire service related equipment to assist and enhance search and rescue operations performed by the Allentown Fire Department as well as improve firefighter safety.

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

The equipment will provide a multitude of benefits for the citizens we protect on a daily basis, reduce the chance of injury or death, will meet the demands of all emergency service response as well as improve firefighter safety. We see no downside to this Bill.

- **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)**
- **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

Total project is estimated at \$17,000. The benefits of the equipment will allow for improved safety to the citizens of Allentown as well as all Fire Personnel. As a fire department we must be ready to face any potential danger. This project would improve our department's ability to provide our firefighters proper protection while responding to extreme life safety situations.

- **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 \$13,563.39 that was awarded to the Allentown Fire Department from the Office of the State Fire Commissioner. Grant monies to be appropriated to the general fund into Fire Budget expense account 000-05-0803-0002-72 (\$13,563.39).

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

Grant deadline for monies to be spent will be ending December 2020.

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

The funding for this project would allow for improvements to our department's outdated RIT-PAK kits that is needed for the life safety if a firefighter ever becomes caught in a dangerous situation and needs to be rescued. Today we are facing a growing need to protect our personnel from structure fires that are getting increasingly more hazardous and burning hotter which is causing firefighters to face an increasingly dangerous environment. The new equipment is a vital element for emergency situations as well as for the life safety of the citizens of Allentown and of the members of the Allentown Fire Department. Failure to have functional, proper and adequate equipment may result in injury or death to our first responders and civilians.