

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 85 - 2020

OCTOBER 26, 2020

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2020 General Fund, Risk Management Fund, Trexler Fund, Solid Waste Fund, Golf Fund and Equipment Fund Budgets to provide for a supplemental appropriation totaling One Million Nine Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars and Three Cents (\$1,992,372.03) from the County of Lehigh as part of disbursement of funds through the COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant Program.

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, Risk Management Fund, Trexler Fund, Solid Waste Fund, Golf Fund and Equipment Fund in the following manner:

000-5218	Recovery Act/Stimulus Act	\$1,744,767.97
081-5218	Recovery Act/Stimulus Act	83,522.32
006-5218	Recovery Act/Stimulus Act	6,395.13
085-5218	Recovery Act/Stimulus Act	98,472.25
091-5218	Recovery Act/Stimulus Act	14,684.16
083-5218	Recovery Act/Stimulus Act	<u>44,530.20</u>
	Total	\$1,992,372.03

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund and Risk Management Fund budgets as follows:

General Fund

000-05-0605-0003-42	Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 51,000.00
000-05-0803-0002-72	Equipment	149,054.77
000-06-0603-0001-68	Operating Materials & Supplies	40,267.24
000-07-0604-0001-72	Equipment	140,352.11
000-09-0901-0001-68	Operating Materials & Supplies	<u>600,000.00</u>

General Fund Total	\$ 980,674.12
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Risk Management

081-02-8001-0001-68

Operating Materials & Supplies

\$ 6,000.00

Total General and Risk Funds \$ 986,674.12

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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

Governor Tom Wolf has approved the disbursement of funds through the COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant Program/June 2020. The City of Allentown's Department of Community and Economic Development has sent the required narrative requesting consideration of the possible allocation of the funds for the benefit of all City of Allentown Departments.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

Lehigh County has been awarded State Grant Funds to be allocated throughout the County to help alleviate the financial burden of the COVID 19 Pandemic. The City of Allentown could be awarded \$1,992,372.03 of those funds which have been based on the city's population.

- **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 City has through December 30, 2020 to expend such funds. However, please remember that expenditures of these funds are subject to Audit for Federal Funds recipients and sub-recipients. These funds will assist with reimbursement of previously spent general funds dollars as well as purchasing technology and other items needed to allow the City to move forward with this new way of doing business safely and more efficiently.

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

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

\$1.9 million dollars additional funding can only be a positive for the City of Allentown. ****End of Story****

- **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.**

All funds are from the Covid 19 County Relief Block Grant. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Issued by Governor Tom Wolf legislation to provide \$625 million in CARES Act funding by means of block grants for counties.

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

The deadline for expenditure of the allocated funds is December 30, 2020.

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

These funds would assist the City of Allentown's financial status as well as bringing the need new technology and advancements to assist business, residents and visitors more efficiently and safely.