

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 11

FEBRUARY 10, 2021

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Nine Hundred and Five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$905,280) from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness and Response for COVID-19 prevention, mitigation, response and recovery activities in the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant.

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 2021 General Fund in the amount of Nine Hundred and Five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$905,280) from the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

000-5215	Health Categorical Grants	\$ 855,280
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SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund as follows:

Bureau of Health

000-05-0605-0003-06	Premium Pay	\$100,000
000-09-0908-0019-06	Premium Pay	110,000
000-09-0908-0019-30	Rentals	60,000
000-09-0908-0004-46	Other Contract Services	9,280
000-09-0908-0018-46	Other contract services	10,000
000-09-0908-0019-46	Other Contract Services	309,000
000-09-0908-0019-56	Uniforms	17,000
000-09-0908-0019-68	Operating Materials and Supplies	150,000
000-09-0908-0003-72	Equipment	4,000
000-09-0908-0001-72	Equipment	1,000
000-09-0908-0019-72	Equipment	<u>135,000</u>
	TOTAL	\$905,280

SECTION THREE: That pursuant to the charter and upon approval of 6 councilpersons, this ordinance shall go into effect immediately.

SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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 Department of Community Development, Bureau of Health. An award of new funds is being provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness and Response for COVID-19 prevention, mitigation, response and recovery activities in the Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for additional appropriation of Eight Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$855,280) from the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

- **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 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 and containment.

A benefit of this Bill is to enhance Allentown's ability to respond to COVID-19 that is both a global pandemic and 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. \$855,280 in new expenditures will be placed in the 2021 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) prevent the spread of the disease, implement mitigation measures, respond to and recover from the impacts of this disease; 2) plan for current and future vaccination efforts; 3) secure assistance with response and recovery efforts; 4) implement education and awareness campaigns; and 5) purchase equipment and supplies.

The funds are also needed to restore funding to other Health Bureau programs that purchased supplies that were needed immediately for the COVID-19 public health response. The programs included Administration (program 1), Injury Prevention (Program 2), Nutrition and Physical Activity (Program 3), Communicable Disease (Program 4), and Immunization (Program 18).

- **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 provided by PA Department of Health, Bureau of Public Health
Preparedness and Response:

000-05-0605-0003-06	Premium Pay	\$ 100,000
000-09-0908-0019-06	Premium Pay	110,000
000-09-0908-0019-30	Rentals	60,000
000-09-0908-0004-46	Other Contract Services	9,280
000-09-0908-0018-46	Other contract services	10,000
000-09-0908-0019-46	Other Contract Services	259,000
000-09-0908-0019-56	Uniforms	17,000
000-09-0908-0019-68	Operating Materials and Supplies	150,000
000-09-0908-0003-72	Equipment	4,000
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TOTAL		<u>\$855,280</u>

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

These funds must be expended by 12/31/2021.

- **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 requires a local public health response. The Bill allows us to increase grant revenue; helps to cover the public health expenses necessary to respond to this public health emergency; and implement COVID-19 disease control education, awareness, mitigation, response and recovery activities.