

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 23 - 2021

APRIL 7, 2021

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Seven (\$24,657.00) Dollars from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner Grant, to the Allentown Fire Department for COVID-19 related expenses/purchases.

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 Twenty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Seven (\$24,657.00) Dollars reflecting receipt of monies from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner grant for COVID-19 related expenses/purchases.

000-5218

Recovery Act/Stimulus Act

\$ 24,657.00

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**

000-05-0803-0002-56

Uniform

\$ 24,657.00

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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. An award of new funds is being provided by the Pennsylvania Office of the State Fire Commissioner for COVID-19 Crisis Fire Rescue Company Grant.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

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- **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 to assist in covering expenses for the Allentown Fire Department's response to coronavirus disease (COVID-19). This funding will allow for reimbursement of expenses relating to COVID-19 back to March 6, 2020 and to cover any expected costs relating to the pandemic.

A benefit of this Bill is to enhance the Allentown Fire Departments 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 relates to the Fire Departments mission 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)**

Passing this Bill will not result in a financial cost to the City. Total cost of the grant award is \$24,657.00.

The benefits of the appropriation is to reimburse the City of Allentown Fire Department for expenses related to the emergency response to COVID-19.

- **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 \$24,657.00 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 Uniform expense account 000-05-0803-0002-56 (\$24,657.00).

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

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

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

The bill allows us to increase grant revenue. The funds will be utilized to purchase PPE turnout gear for the firefighters.