

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 56 - 2021

JUNE 2, 2021

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Five Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$562,000) from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of Immunization to assist the City's Health Bureau to accomplish COVID-19 vaccinations, routine vaccines for Children and Act 317 Vaccinations.

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 Five Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$562,000) from the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

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| 000-5219 | Health COVID Grants | \$ 562,000 |
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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

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| 000-09-0908-0004-06 | Premium Pay | \$ 5,000 |
| 000-09-0908-0018-06 | Premium Pay | 5,000 |
| 000-09-0908-0018-30 | Rentals | 75,000 |
| 000-09-0908-0018-34 | Training and Professional Dev. | 2,000 |
| 000-09-0908-0018-46 | Other Contract Services | 200,000 |
| 000-09-0908-0018-50 | Other Services and Charges | 100,000 |
| 000-09-0908-0018-68 | Operating Materials and Supplies | 75,000 |
| 000-09-0908-0018-72 | Equipment | 50,000 |
| 000-09-0908-0019-72 | Equipment | <u>50,000</u> |
| | TOTAL | \$ 562,000 |

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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 Department of Community and Economic Development, Bureau of Health. An award of new funds totaling \$1,019,377 is being provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of Immunizations.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

Amending the 2021 General Fund Budget to provide for a new appropriation of Five Hundred and Sixty-Two Thousand dollars (\$562,000) 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 expenses for the Health Bureau's public health response to coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The specific Immunization tasks the bill seeks to accomplish include 1) COVID 19 Vaccination and 2) routine Vaccines for Children and Act 317 Vaccination.

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. \$562,000 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 through ongoing COVID 19 Vaccination strategies 2) plan for possible future vaccination efforts; 3) maintain assistance with ongoing immunization response; 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 including Public Health Emergency Preparedness (Program 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.**

All funds provided by PA Department of Health, Division of Immunization:

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| 000-09-0908-0004-06 | Premium Pay | \$5,000 |
| 000-09-0908-0018-06 | Premium Pay | \$5,000 |
| 000-09-0908-0018-30 | Rentals | \$75,000 |
| 000-09-0908-0018-34 | Training and Prof. Develop. | \$2,000 |
| 000-09-0908-0018-46 | Other Contract Services | \$200,000 |
| 000-09-0908-0018-50 | Other Services and Charges | \$100,000 |
| 000-09-0908-0018-68 | Operating Materials and Supplies | \$75,000 |
| 000-09-0908-0018-72 | Equipment | \$50,000 |
| 000-09-0908-0019-72 | Equipment | \$50,000 |

- **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 vaccination initiatives including vaccination, education and promotion activities.