

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 28 - 2026

APRIL 1, 2026

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2026 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Sixteen Thousand (\$16,000) Dollars from Urban Sustainability Director's Network (USDN) to conduct a pilot citizen science project with the City of Easton, Community Bike Works, and Pennsylvania State University.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase to the revenue balance of the 2026 General Fund in the amount of Sixteen Thousand (\$16,000.00) Dollars from Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors as follows:

000-00-0000-0000-45240	Other Grants & Misc	\$ 16,000.00
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SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the Parks General Fund balance as follows:

**Parks Department
Sustainability**

000-08-0709-0083-50040	Civic Expenses	\$ 6,400.00
000-08-0709-0083-50046	Contract Services Fees	\$ 6,000.00
000-08-0709-0083-50068	Operating Materials and Supplies	\$ 3,600.00

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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 this bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

Parks and Recreation

- Summary and facts of the bill.

This Bill seeks to accept a grant of \$16,000 from USDN's Q1 2026 Catalyst Fund to conduct a citizen science project in collaboration with the City of Easton, Community Bike Works, and Pennsylvania State University.

- Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. What does the bill do? What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?

The Bill appropriates the grant funds, \$3,600 will be used to purchase air quality and heat monitors and other supplies necessary for testing, \$6,400 will be sent to Community Bike Works to support data collection and civic education and outreach, and \$6,000 will be provided to Faculty from Pennsylvania State University to support the hiring of Civic SciTech Fellows to support the technical portions of the project

- b. What are the benefits of doing this?

The citizen science project will collect localized heat and air quality data and the project will provide an opportunity to demonstrate how government, higher education, and community-based organizations can engage in citizen science to better support the needs of communities. Recommendations that come from the project can be included in the City's Climate Action Plan and Urban Forestry Master Plan, both of which are currently in development.

- Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. If transferring funds, please make sure to give specific account names and numbers. If appropriating funds from a grant, please list the agency awarding the grant.

Urban Sustainability Directors Network

- Priority status – Are there any deadlines to be aware of?

The grant term runs from March 2026 – September 30, 2026