

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 63 - 2025

INTRODUCED BY

JULY 23, 2025

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2025 Fire Department budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) from Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development grant. These funds will be utilized to support the Public Affairs Office, The Honor Guard, and the Underwater Recovery Team.

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 2025 General Fund in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

Other Grants and Misc.	
(MUNIS) 000-00-0000-0000-45240-	
(EDEN) 000-5240	\$ 25,000.00

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	
Fire Administration & Operations	
000-05-0803-0028-50068-	\$ 25,000.00

SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance takes 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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Legislative Template

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from?

This bill originates from the Allentown Fire Department.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The purpose of this ordinance is to appropriate the revenue and expenses for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development grant for multiple projects including the Public Affairs Office, The Honor Guard, and the Underwater Recovery Team.

- 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?

These grant funds will help the department enhance our water rescue response capabilities by adding an advanced search and recovery tool along with underwater recovery gear. It will also grow our public relations team by providing the ceremonial Honor Guard with essential equipment and training. A portion of these funds will go towards logistical support to our public awareness and outreach programs.

- b. How does this bill relate to the City's vision/mission/priorities?

This relates to the City's vision and mission by providing equipment to ensure all Fire personnel are properly trained 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:
 - a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

There is no cost to the City, as all equipment will be covered by the grant funding.

- 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.

The funding is coming from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Money to be appropriated to: Appropriate \$25,000.00 that was awarded to the Allentown Fire Department to the Acct 000-00-0000-0000-45240- (Eden#000-5240) and to the expense Acct #000-05-0803-0028-50068-.

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

This is a high priority to be introduced before the end of 2025.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

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