

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 16 - 2024

INTRODUCED BY

MARCH 6, 2024

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2024 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen Dollars (\$23,915.00) from the 2023 United States Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant that will be passed through from the Lehigh County to the City of Allentown Police Department. These funds will be used to purchase traffic equipment.

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

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen Dollars (\$23,915.00) to the following account:

Police Grants	
000-5231	\$ 23,915.00

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen Dollars (\$23,915.00) to the following accounts:

Police		
000-04-0802-0001-72	Equipment	\$ 23,915.00

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Legislative Template

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

Police Department.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

Purpose of the ordinance is to amend the 2024 General Fund Budget to provide a supplemental appropriation of Twenty-Three thousand nine hundred fifteen \$ 23,915 from the 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant that will be passed through from Lehigh County to City of Allentown Police Department.

- 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?

This is an allocation of \$ 23,915 by Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. The funding will allow for reimbursement of expenses for purchase of a speed alert mobile display and interface license for the police department.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this? What are the drawbacks?

The benefits to the City of Allentown Police Department will use the funds to purchase a state-of-the-art portable digital warning system that informs pedestrians, vehicular traffic and residents of a dangerous situation such as “Traffic Accident Ahead, Please Use Caution” or a community event where alternate route or closed roadway notifications need to be made. There are no drawbacks. The equipment is paid for in full by a grant which requires no match.

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

This device will create safety vehicular and pedestrian traffic which ultimately will reduce accidents which aligns with the citywide goal of “Vision Zero” by eliminating traffic deaths by 2030.

- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:

- a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

The grant appropriation for 2024 year is in the amount of \$ 23,915 based on expected expenses for purchasing a speed alert mobile display and interface license for the police department.

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

The equipment is paid for in full by a grant which requires no match.

- 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.
 - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG)
Equipment – account 000-04-0802-0001-72 - \$ 23,915
Revenue – account 000-5231 – Police Grants

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

Normal priority.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

The funds will be utilized to reimburse all expenses relating to the purchasing of a speed alert mobile display and interface license.