

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 50 - 2025

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JUNE 4, 2025

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) from the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP), Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to support the rehabilitation of Bogert's Bridge.

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 Capital Fund in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) from the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP), Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as follows:

<b>001-00-0000-0000-47144</b>	<b>State Aid</b>	<b>\$750,000.00</b>
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SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Capital Fund as follows:

**Parks Department**  
**Bogert's Bridge**

<b>001-08-2207-1025-5076</b>	<b>\$750,000.00</b>
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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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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.

The purpose of this ordinance is to appropriate the revenue and expenses of the \$750,000 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant for Bogert's Bridge rehabilitation from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This project will rehabilitate the bridge, which is a historic bridge located in the city's Lehigh Parkway.

- 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 bill appropriates state grant funds, which will support the rehabilitation of Bogert's Bridge. The project is important to maintaining the historic preservation of this bridge and keeping it on the national historic registry.

- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:
  - a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

The match requirement is \$1,520,000 and has been secured with other grants, other non-city and Trexler funds.

- 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 comes from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
001--00-0000-0000-47144 (Increases the unappropriated balance of the Capital Fund)  
001-08-2207-1025-50076 (appropriate to the Bogert's Bridge Project, #2207)

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

This is a high priority project.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

This bridge is in poor condition, and allocating these funds is necessary in order to best bring it back to life and preserve its historic value.