

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 22 - 2025

MARCH 5, 2025

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2025 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars from Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors to support the creation of the Youth Climate Action Fund.

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 One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars from Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors. Dollars as follows:

000-5240	General Fund Revenue	\$ 100,000.00
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SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund as follows:

Parks Department

Sustainability

000-08-0709-0009-04	Temporary Wages	\$ 6,502.55
000-08-0709-0009-12	FICA	\$ 497.45
000-08-0709-0009-40	Civic Expenses	\$ 90,000.00
000-08-0709-0009-68	Operating Materials and Supplies	\$ 3,000.00

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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 \$100,000 from Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors to continue the Youth Climate Action Fund to administer mini-grants in the amount of \$1,000 - \$5,000 to youth and youth-serving organizations for projects aimed at supporting the design and implementation climate action projects.

- 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, which will support the 2025 round of the Youth Climate Action Fund.

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

The development of the Youth Climate Action Fund can empower Allentown's youth to tackle urgent environmental challenges creatively and foster community engagement in climate action.

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

This initiative aligns with the City's vision by empowering youth to address urgent climate challenges and setting a framework to forge and strengthen partnerships for youth and youth-serving organizations that can be leveraged for the development of a climate action plan.

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

There is no cost to the City.

- 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.

Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors

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

The grant term runs from January 1, 2025, to October 31, 2025. Mini grants must be released to subgrantees no later than June 13, 2025 and subgrantee projects completed no later than October 31, 2025.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

The Parks and Recreation Department is finding new and creative projects to ensure a greener and more resilient future for Allentown. Approving this allocation of funds will allow the Department to continue to foster new connections with youth and youth-serving organizations and empower youth to drive and implement projects that bring awareness of climate issues and sustainable practices.