

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 27 - 2024

INTRODUCED BY

MARCH 20, 2024

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2024 Fire Department budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Seven Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$779,228.00) from Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development Local Share Account grant for the purchase of a new fire truck.

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 2024 General Fund in the amount of Seven Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$779,228.00).

Other Grants and Misc.

000-5240

\$ 779,228.00

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund to the Fire Department budget as follows:

Equipment Replacement

000-05-8003-0002-72

Equipment

\$ 779,228.00

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

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

This bill is originating from the 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 Local Share Account grant for the purchase of a new fire truck. The Fire Department was awarded \$779,228.00 to support the purchase of the new fire truck (pumper).

- 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 will provide funding toward the purchase of a new fire truck for the Fire Department.

The bill appropriates the grant funds, which will support the Fire Department with the purchase of the new fire truck.

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

The purchase of a new fire truck will provide a multitude of benefits to the residents of the City of Allentown. Purchasing this new fire truck will enable the Fire Department to have state-of-the-art equipment when responding to emergencies throughout the city. There are no downsides to this Bill.

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

This Bill relates to the City’s vision and mission as it will allow the Fire Department to ensure the residents of Allentown receive quality services when responding to emergencies. Thus, providing a safer City for all who live, work, and visit the City of Allentown.

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

a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

The grant award for the purchase of the new fire truck is \$779,228.

b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

This appropriation will benefit the City of Allentown by ensuring the Fire Department has functional equipment to appropriately handle fire emergencies and keep its residents safe. Additionally, this appropriation will reimburse the City of Allentown Fire Department for the expenses related to the purchase of this vehicle.

- 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 Department of Community and Economic Development, Local Share Account.

Grant money to be appropriated to:

Expense account #083-02-8003-0001-72

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

This is a normal priority project. All funding must be expended by June 30, 2026.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

This bill will provide a funding source for expenses related to the purchase of state-of-the-art fire equipment.