

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 36 - 2026

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MAY 6, 2026

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2026 Capital Fund Budget to provide for an increase of One Million Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,650,000.00) to fund the reconstruction on Lehigh and Union Street as part of the Congressionally Directed Spending Grant the City was awarded. This grant is partially reimbursable and requires match funding.

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

SECTION ONE: That the City Council authorizes an increase to the 2026 Capital Fund in the amount of One Million Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,650,000.00) reflecting receipt of One Million One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,125,000.00) in funding awarded through the Congressionally Directed Spending Grant.

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**Federal Aid**

SECTION TWO: The 20% match required of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000) and additional necessary funding of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) will come from the approved 2026 Capital borrowing.

SECTION THREE: That City Council authorizes supplemental appropriation to the Capital Fund Public Works Department budget as follows:

**Lehigh & Union Street Project**

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| <b>001-03-2057-1126-50076</b> | <b>Construction Contracts</b> | <b>\$1,125,000.00</b> |
| <b>001-03-2057-1426-50046</b> | <b>Contract/Services Fee</b>  | <b>\$ 225,000.00</b>  |
| <b>001-03-2057-1426-50076</b> | <b>Construction Contracts</b> | <b>\$ 300,000.00</b>  |

SECTION FOUR: That this Ordinance takes effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION FIVE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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

Public Works – Traffic Planning and Control

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The City was awarded \$1,125,000 funded through the Congressionally Directed Spending Grant to fund the reconstruction of Lehigh & Union Street.

The project will enhance the intersection located at Lehigh Street and Union Street by geometric roadway widening and installation of a new traffic signal to promote seamless traffic flow and pedestrian safety.

There is a match required as part of the grant agreement in the amount of \$225,000. An additional \$300,000 is estimated to be needed to cover the shortfall of grant funds.

- Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:
  - a. What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds for the Lehigh Street and Union Street reconstruction project through a grant awarded through the Congressionally Directed Spending Grant.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this?

The grant will allow the city to reconstruct the intersection of Lehigh & Union Street to enhance safety at this intersection.

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

The City has been awarded \$1,125,000 in grant funds. A 20% match is required.

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

This bill will allow the city to proceed with improvements at this intersection through 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 following expense accounts will be increased:

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| Lehigh & Union Street Project |                        |                |
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Construction Contracts

\$ 300,000.00

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

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