

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 18 - 2023

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MARCH 15, 2023

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2023 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner (OSFC) Grant to the Allentown Fire Department for the purchase of Holmatro Mini Cutters.

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 2023 General Fund in the amount of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars reflecting receipt of monies from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner grant.

<b>000-5240</b>	<b>Other Grants and Misc.</b>	<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>
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SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund to the Fire Department budget as follows:

<b>Fire Department</b>		
<b>000-05-0803-0002-72</b>	<b>Fire Administration &amp; Operations</b>	<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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

The bill originated from the Allentown Fire Department. An award of new funds is being provided by the Pennsylvania Office of the State Fire Commissioner for the purchase of Holmatro Mini Cutters. The tools are cordless battery-operated cutters suitable for cutting rebar, gas/brake pedals, chain, pipe, flat steel, etc.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

Amending the 2023 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Fifteen thousand dollars and zero cents. (\$15,000.00) from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner Grant, to the Allentown Fire Department for the purchase of Holmatro Mini Cutters.

- 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 for 4 Holmatro Mini Cutters. The tools are cordless battery-operated cutters suitable for cutting rebar, gas/brake pedals, chain, pipe, flat steel, etc. The tools will be placed in service on our existing rescue engines to enhance our ability to extricate patients from vehicle accidents along with other types of entanglements. With the power to the tool supplied by battery, the need for cords, hydraulic hoses, and generators is eliminating. This allows the tools to be used indoors and in confined spaces. The small size of the tool enables us to cut in areas we would not be able to position traditional hydraulic cutters into. The cutters provide a safer means to cut than a saw particularly when materials are in direct contact with a patient. The addition of these tools decreases the time it takes to extricate patients and enhance the overall effectiveness of our rescue service. There is no down-side to this funding.

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

This Bill relates to the Fire Department's mission to protect and serve the citizens of Allentown and provide a safe City for all who live, work and visit the City of Allentown. It has always been the City of Allentown's priority, as well as every elected official to provide safe and efficient Public Safety services to ensure a safe environment.

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

Passing this Bill will not result in any financial cost to the City. This is a 100% grant funded

expense for this project.

b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

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- 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.

Appropriate \$15,000.00 grant that was awarded to the Allentown Fire Department from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The expense account for this purchase will be 000-05-0803-0002-72.

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

This is a normal priority project with a deadline of July 1, 2023.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

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