

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO.12 - 2025

INTRODUCED BY

FEBRURY 5, 2025

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2024 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Nine Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$963,000.00) from the United States Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant to the City of Allentown Police Department. These funds will be utilized as reimbursement of expenses for new equipment purchased.

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

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation of Nine Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$963,000.00) to the following account:

Police Grants	
000-5231	\$ 963,000.00

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation of Nine Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$963,000.00) to the following accounts:

Police		
000-04-0802-0001-34	Training & Prof. Develop.	\$ 9,750.00
000-04-0802-0001-68	Operating Material & Supp.	\$ 900.00
000-04-0802-0001-72	Equipment	\$ 597,350.00
083-02-8003-0001-72	Fleet	\$ 355,000.00

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Legislative Template

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

This bill originates from the Allentown Police Department.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The purpose of the ordinance is to amend the 2025 General Fund Budget to provide a supplemental appropriation of Nine Hundred, Sixty-three Thousand \$ 963,000 from the 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to the City of Allentown Police Department to utilize the funding for reimbursement of expenses for the purchase of new equipment.

- 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 is an allocation of \$ 963,000 from the United States Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant to the City of Allentown Police Department to utilize the funding to purchase equipment and investigative technology.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this?

The benefits to the use of the technology purchased through this grant will allow the police department to implement a number of safety and investigative technology to increase officer safety, enhancing investigative capabilities and improving crime prevention strategies.

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

The city of Allentown is committed to drastically reducing crime and motor vehicle accidents with the deployment of traffic signal preemption technology, drug processing workstation, crime scene documentation and evidence collection equipment as well as traffic safety and reconstruction technologies.

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

- a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

The grant for 2025 year is in the amount of \$ 963,000 based on expected expenses for purchasing the equipment and technology items.

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

The benefits will be substantial from the implementation of the grant. Officers will be able to process and dispose of harmful drug material in a safe environment, new investigation equipment will allow investigating officers to process crime scenes more thoroughly, allowing for improved evidence collection and scene preservation.

- 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.

United States Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Grant
Training – account 000-04-0802-0001-34 - \$ 9,750
Operating Material & Supplies – account 000-04-0802-0001-68 - \$ 900
Equipment – account 000-04-0802-0001-72 - \$ 597,350
Fleet – account 083-02-8003-0001-72 - \$ 355,000
Revenue – account 000-5231 – Police Grants

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

Normal priority.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

The funds will be utilized to reimburse all expenses relating to the purchasing of equipment and technology items.