

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 37 - 2025

APRIL 16, 2025

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2025 Grants Fund to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from the State Office of the Budget, Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP). These funds are a pass-through grant that will support Cedar Crest College.

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

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase to the Grant Fund in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from the State Office of the Budget as follows:

Grant Fund		
005-00-0000-0000-46213	RACP Grants	\$ 1,000,000.00

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation to the Grant Fund as follows:

Grant Fund		
Non-Departmental		
005-01-5201-0078-50048	Non-City Charges	\$ 1,000,000.00

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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

Department of Community and Economic Development. This Bill is the result of the successful application and award of the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant for Cedar Crest College Athletic Expansion, located in Allentown, PA.

- **Summary and facts of the bill.**

Cedar Crest College submitted a formal application to the State Office of the Budget, for which the City will serve as the Grantee. The \$1,000,000 awarded in RACP funds will be used to improve the uses of the college's athletic fields.

- **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 Bill distributes funds as specified within the RACP grant application and award regulations.

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

The Cedar Crest College athletic fields serve forty percent of the school's student body participating in NCAA Division III sports, allows the college to recruit student-athletes to the Lehigh Valley, and serves a variety of community groups using the fields for camps, clinics and sporting events.

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

This Bill supports the multi-purpose use of athletic fields at a city college that hosts sports teams and events from the Northeast Region of PA, which in turn stimulates tourism and the economy in the City of Allentown.

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

This is a PA Office of the Budget funded project, and all costs are covered by this grant. The total grant award is One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to be allocated to the Grant Fund. All grant revenue will be appropriated to 005-00-0000-0000-46213 Grant Fund, RACP Grants. The expenses will be appropriated to the Grant Fund, 005-01-5201-0078-50048.

- b. **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The project benefits students and residents of Allentown as well as it brings additional revenue to the city through tourism.

- **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.

This funding is coming from the Pennsylvania State Office of the Budget.

The funding will be appropriated to the Grant Fund budget by increasing the:

Munis Revenue Acct: Grant Fund, State Funds Grants Object [005-00-0000-0000-46213-]

Munis Expense Acct: Grant Fund, Non-Department, Bureau of the Mayor, RCAP Grants Program, Grant, Non-City Charges Object [005-01-5201-0078-50048-]

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

None at this time.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

This Bill will provide a funding source for this grant allocation and allow Cedar Crest College to receive the \$1,000,000 awarded by the State Office of the Budget. There is no financial impact to the City, as this is a pass-through grant award.