

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 17 - 2024

INTRODUCED BY

MARCH 6, 2024

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2024 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$385,000.00) from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Grant to the City of Allentown Police Department. These funds will be utilized for reimbursement of expenses for the purchase of integrated fingerprint technology, license plate readers and integrated gunshot technology.

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

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation of Three Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$385,000.00) to the following account:

Police Grants	
000-5231	\$ 385,000.00

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation of Three Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$385,000.00) to the following accounts:

Police		
000-04-0802-0022-72	Equipment	\$ 385,000.00

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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

Police Department.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

Purpose of the ordinance to amend the 2024 General Fund Budget to provide a supplemental appropriation of Three hundred eighty-five thousand \$ 385,000 from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Grant to the City of Allentown Police Department to utilize the funding for reimbursement of expenses for the purchase of integrated fingerprint technology license plate readers and integrated gunshot technology.

- 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 allocation of \$ 1.5 million by Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Gun Violence Investigation and Prosecution Grant. This budget is broken into a two-year period allowing for \$ 600,950 to be utilized in 2023 and the remainder budgeted of \$ 385,000 for 2024. The funding will allow for reimbursement of expenses for the purchase of integrated fingerprint technology license plate readers and integrated gunshot technology.

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

The benefits to the use of the technology purchased through this grant will allow officers to respond quicker to gunshots, preserve evidence and clear more gun related crimes than ever before. Officers will be able to respond to gunshot complaints long before it's reported to the Lehigh County Communication Center. It will decrease response times by officers to calls and increase in the amount of evidence preserved. The overall benefit will be that crime, specifically gun violence, will decrease with the use of this grant. There are no considerable drawbacks except for an increase in the number of documented calls for service.

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

The city of Allentown is committed to drastically decreasing gun violence and clearing gun related crimes. The use of this grant to reduce gun violence and will fall directly in line with the priorities of the City of Allentown

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

The grant for 2024 year is in the amount of \$ 385,000 based on expected expenses for purchasing the integrated fingerprint technology license plate readers and integrated gunshot technology.

b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

The benefits will be substantial from the implementation of the grant. Officers will be able to respond to certain calls quicker and more efficiently and will lead to an increase in arrests and recoveries of illegal weapons. The use of the grant will substantially help in curtailing gun violence in the of Allentown.

- 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.
 - Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD)
Equipment – account 000-04-0802-0022-72 - \$ 385,000
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 the integrated fingerprint technology license plate readers and integrated gunshot technology.