

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 108 - 2023

DECEMBER 6, 2023

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Six Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred and Seventeen (\$614,417.00) Dollars from the Delaware Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (DLHNC) to support design and construction of the D&L Trail – Allentown Segment as per the agreed Memorandum of Understanding.

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 Capital Fund in the amount of Six Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred and Seventeen (\$614,417.00) Dollars from the Delaware Lehigh National Heritage Corridor as follows:

001-7144	State Aid	\$ 614,417.00
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SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Capital Fund as follows:

Parks Department
D&L Trail

001-08-2218-2310-76	Other Contract Services	\$ 614,417.00
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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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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?

Parks and Recreation

- Summary and facts of the bill.

Purpose of the ordinance is to appropriate the revenue and expenses for the Delaware Lehigh National Corridor (DLNHC) reimbursement for design and construction of the D&L Trail – Allentown Segment from Bradford St to the city line on Dauphin Street. DLNHC received a \$614,417 grant to support this design and construction phases from DCED that will be passed through to us.

- 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 appropriates the funds, which will support the creation of the D&L Trail in continuation to the existing trail.

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

The City has received a \$650,000 grant from DCNR to match these DCED funds (MOU is fully executed), and the City has committed \$50,000 in matching funds from City funds.

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

The funding comes from the DLNHC from DCED.

001-7144 (Increases the unappropriated balance of the Capital Fund)

001-08-2218-2310-76 (appropriate to the D&L Trail project)

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

This is a high priority project.

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

Approving this allocation of funds will allow the Department to design and construct the D&L Trail from the existing trail on Bradford Street all the way to the city line on Dauphin Street. This will connect the community to Hanover Township to complete the link of the D&L Trail.

- 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.

DCED

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

Yes, this funding needs to be spent by end of 2025.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

The Parks and Recreation Department is finding new and creative projects to better serve our Allentonians. Approving this allocation of funds will allow the Department to create another pathway to connect the community with Allentown and other communities and provide more area for recreational activities.