

ORDINANCE NO. 15955

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 102 - 2023

NOVEMBER 1, 2023

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2023 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Million Four Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$1,453,537.00) from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Gun Violence Investigation and Prosecution Grant for the reimbursement of expenses for the purchase of new city cameras, new in car cameras for the entire police fleet and new body worn cameras for the Police Department.

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

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation of One Million Four Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$1,453,537.00) to the following account:

Police Grants		
000-5231		\$ 1,453,537.00

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation of One Million Four Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$1,453,537.00) to the following account:

Police		
000-04-0802-0022-72	Equipment	\$ 1,453,537.00

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
Candida Affa	X	
Ce-Ce Gerlach	X	
Cynthia Y. Mota	X	
Santo Napoli	X	
Natalie Santos	X	
Ed Zucal	X	
Daryl Hendricks, Pres.	X	
TOTAL	7	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on November 15, 2023 and signed by the Mayor on December 4, 2023.

Michelle F. Hall

CITY CLERK

- 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 is to appropriate the revenue and expenses for the 2022 PCCD grant in the amount of \$ 1,453,537.00.

- 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 \$ 2.63 million by Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Local Law Enforcement Grant Program. This budget is broken into a two-year period allowing for \$ 1,453,537 to be utilized in 2023 and the remainder budgeted of \$ 1,183,054 for 2024. The funding will allow for reimbursement of expenses for the purchase of new city cameras, new in car cameras for the entire police fleet and new body worn cameras for the police department.

- 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 a technological advantage for years to come. The city will be outfitted with new cameras throughout the city that will not deter crime and traffic accidents but also provide evidentiary value for areas of the city in which there are no current cameras. The new in car and body worn cameras will ensure that incidents are documented as much as possible and will increase the transparency and visibility between officers and the public in which we serve. There are no considerable drawbacks to these requests.

- 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 new city cameras. The city of Allentown is committed to providing transparency and visibility with its officers and citizens. The use of these new technological items will aid in the resolution of crimes in 2023. The use of this grant to reduce crime and traffic accidents while increasing transparency 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 2023 year is in the amount of \$ 1,453,537 based on expected expenses for purchasing the city-wide cameras, in car police cameras, and body worn cameras.

b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

The benefits will be substantial from the implementation of the grant. Officers will be able to gain evidence for the prosecution of crimes with the use of the new city cameras. Officers will have new state of the art cameras in their vehicles and on their persons to document details of incidents they are involved in. The use of the grant will substantially help in deterring violence and aiding officers with their investigations in the city 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 - \$ 1,453,537.00
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 city surveillance cameras, in car cameras and body worn camers.