

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 114 - 2023

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DECEMBER 20, 2023

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2023 Fire Department budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00) from Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development grant for the purchase of new gear and equipment.

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 General Fund in the amount of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00).

**Other Grants and Misc.**

**005-6213** **\$ 130,000.00**

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund to the Fire Department budget as follows:

**Fire Department**

<b>000-05-0803-0002-56</b>	<b>Uniforms</b>	<b>\$ 50,000.00</b>
<b>000-05-0803-0002-72</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>\$ 80,000.00</b>

**TOTAL \$130,000.00**

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

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

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The purpose of this ordinance is to appropriate the revenue and expenses for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development grant for new equipment for the Allentown Fire Department. The Allentown Fire Department was awarded \$130,000 to support the purchase of inclement weather coats, so turn out gear is not overused; to support the purchase of a fitness container which includes practical functional gym equipment; to support the purchase of replacing existing equipment for the Allentown Underwater Recovery Team.

- 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 will provide funding for the purchase of layered coats, so the firefighters do not have to use their turn out gear to protect themselves from the inclement weather, thus allowing the turn out gear to be worn 75 percent less. The Bill will also provide funding for the purchase of a fitness container, which includes practical functional gym equipment. This will allow for the fitness equipment to be stored adequately and solve the issue of lack of storage, as well as promote the health and wellness of the firefighters. Finally, the Bill will provide funding to purchase two diver Surface Supplied Air Systems with required harnesses, full face masks, and will include the necessary training to safely utilize the equipment, as well as replace six Buoyancy Compensators and upgrade diving/tender equipment by the Allentown Underwater Recovery Team.

The bill appropriates the grant funds, which will support the purchase of new Fire equipment.

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

This equipment will provide a multitude of benefits to the Allentown Fire Department firefighters, including improving the safety of the citizens of Allentown as well as the firefighters. There are no downsides to this Bill.

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

This Bill relates to the City's vision and mission by providing equipment to ensure all Fire personnel will be properly equipped to protect and serve the citizens of Allentown and provide a safe City for all who live, work, and visit the City of Allentown.

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

- a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

There is no cost to the City, as all equipment will be covered by the \$130,000 in grant funding.

b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

The benefit of this appropriation is to reimburse the City of Allentown Fire Department for the expenses related to the purchase of this state-of-the-art equipment.

- 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.

The funding is coming from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

Grant money to be appropriated to:

000-05-0803-0002-56 \$50,000

000-05-0803-0002-72 \$80,000

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

This is a normal priority project. All funding must be expended by June 30, 2025.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

The funding of this project will not result in a financial cost to the City. It will provide a funding source for the expenses related to the purchase of this state-of-the-art equipment.