

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 62 - 2025

INTRODUCED BY

JULY 23, 2025

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2025 Fire Department budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Two Hundred Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$200,375.00) from the County of Lehigh grant. These funds will be used to update and repair the Fire Academy Training Tower.

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 2025 General Fund in the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$200,375.00).

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\$ 200,375.00

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

000-05-0803-0028-50046

\$ 200,375.00

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Legislative Template

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

This bill originates from the Fire Department.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

The Allentown Fire Department was awarded a County of Lehigh Grant for a project to update and repair the Fire Academy Training Tower.

- 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 Fire Training Tower, located at 1902 Lehigh Street within the Allentown–Mack South Training Grounds, has been a critical resource for our first responder community in Lehigh County for over 50 years. To maintain the safety and effectiveness of this facility, essential repairs and upgrades are necessary. This proposal outlines plans to modernize the tower's infrastructure and replace the current Row Home Simulator with a Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU). The unit is used for Rapid Intervention Training for Fire Fighter Down, Confined Space, Search Simulator, etc. This ensures the training center can meet the demands of our first responders and support regional collaboration.

- b. 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 trained to protect and serve the citizens of Allentown and provide a safe City for all who live, work and visit the City of Allentown. It has always been the City of Allentown's priority, as well as every elected official to provide safe and efficient Public Safety services to ensure a safe environment.

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

There is no cost, it is fully grant-funded.

- 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.

Appropriate \$200,375.00 that was awarded to the Allentown Fire Department to the Acct 000-00-0000-0000-45240- (Eden#000-5240) and the expense Acct #000-05-0803-0028-50046.

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

This is a normal priority project. All funding must be expended by June 1, 2026.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

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