

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 80 - 2025

INTRODUCED BY

OCTOBER 15, 2025

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2025 Fire Department budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$388,000.00) from FEMA US Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters grant. These funds will be utilized to purchase and install new sprinkler systems in each of the fire stations.

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 Three Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$388,000.00).

Other Grants and Misc.	
000-00-0000-0000-45240-	\$ 388,000.00

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	
Fire Administration & Operations	
000-05-0803-0028-50046-	\$ 388,000.00

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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

This bill originates from the Allentown Fire Department.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

An award of new funds is being provided by FEMA US Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters grant to be used to purchase sprinkler system installations at 4 of the fire stations for the Allentown Fire Department.

- Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?

These grant funds will help the department for the purchase and installation of automatic sprinkler systems in each of the fire stations, with the lone exception of one station which is slated for demolition. Each of the four stations' current systems are at least 39 years old.

- 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)

Grant funding opportunity has been approved in the amount of \$352,727.27 in Federal funding. As a condition of this grant, we are required to contribute non-Federal funds equal to or greater than 10.0% of the Federal funds awarded, or \$35,272.73 for a total approved budget of \$388,000.00.

- 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. Money to be appropriated to: Appropriate \$388,000.00 that was awarded to the Allentown Fire Department from Acct #000-00-0000-0000-45240- (other grants & misc.) to Acct #000-05-0803-0028-50046-

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

This is a high priority to be introduced before the end of 2025.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

This will provide much needed 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.