

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 35 - 2025

INTRODUCED BY

APRIL 2, 2025

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2025 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Eighty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$85,900.00) from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Grant to the City of Allentown Police Department. These funds will be utilized for reimbursement of expenses for the purchase of portable breath testing devices, impaired driving simulator kit, trailer and training for officers.

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

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation of Eighty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$85,900.00) to the following account:

Police Grants

000-00-0000-0000-45231	\$ 85,900.00
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SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation of Eighty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$85,900.00) to the following accounts:

Police

000-04-0802-0021-50034	Training	\$ 12,000.00
000-04-0802-0021-50068	Operating Materials	\$ 31,000.00
000-04-0802-0021-50072	Equipment	\$ 42,800.00

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Legislative Template

- 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 amend the 2025 General Fund Budget to provide a supplemental appropriation of Eighty-five thousand, nine hundred \$ 85,900 from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Grant to the City of Allentown Police Department to utilize the funding for reimbursement of expenses for the purchase of portable breath testing devices, impaired driving simulator kit, trailer and training for officers.

- 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 \$ 85,900 by Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Local Law Enforcement Grant Program. The funding will allow for reimbursement of expenses for the purchase of portable breath testing devices, impaired driving simulator kit, trailer and training for officers.

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

The goal of this funding to provide education to middle and high school students on the dangers of impaired driving through a hands-on simulator which will provide a real-life experience of the effects of drinking while impaired. This grant will also fund training to certify an additional officer as a drug recognition expert (DRE) and portable breath testing devices for each patrol fleet vehicle.

- 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. This funding will assist in reducing through education accidents involving drinking and driving and also allowing for training and equipment to be utilized.

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

The grant for 2025 year is in the amount of \$ 85,900 based on expected expenses for purchasing the portable breath testing devices, impaired driving simulator kit, trailer and training for officers.

b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

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- 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)
 - Training – account 000-04-0802-0021-50034 - \$ 12,000
 - Operating Materials & Supplies – account 000-04-0802-0021-50068 - \$ 31,100
 - Equipment – account 000-04-0802-0021-50072 - \$ 42,800
 - Revenue – account 000-00-0000-0000-45231 – 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 portable breath testing devices, impaired driving simulator kit, trailer and training for officers.