

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 10 - 2024

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2024 Fire Department budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) as a result of The Hartford grant for the purchase of a fire extinguisher simulator.

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 2024 General Fund in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

Other Grants and Misc.		
000-5240		\$ 10,000.00

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		
000-05-0803-0002-72	Equipment	\$ 10,000.00

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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

The bill originated from the Allentown Fire Department. The Allentown Fire Department was awarded a grant from The Hartford to purchase a fire extinguisher simulator.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

Earlier this year, The Hartford published its third Home Fire Index, ranking the top 150 cities with the highest home fire risk. Allentown was ranked #136. Because of this, the Allentown Fire department was awarded a \$10,000 grant from The Hartford to be used towards fire safety education. With this grant, the Prevention office would like to use it to purchase a fire extinguisher simulator.

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

This bill will utilize a received grant to purchase a fire extinguisher simulator.

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

Part of the Fire Department's mission statement is to protect lives and property from fire through prevention and education. With the majority of home fires being caused by careless cooking, having a simulator will be beneficial in teaching families the importance of having an extinguisher in a home and more importantly how to use it.

This bill relates to the Fire Department's mission 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.

- 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 \$10,000.00 that was awarded to the Allentown Fire Department from The Hartford. Acct #000-5240 to 000-05-0803-0002-72.

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

This is a normal priority project with a deadline of December 31, 2024.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

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Our current model is several years old, cumbersome to transport, and can only be used outdoors/weather dependent. The new simulator is state of the art technology, and the software gets lifetime updates for programming. Its purpose is to train the public; when they are trained on it, it can be a tool to save lives and property.