

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 49 - 2024

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2024 Community and Economic Development, Health budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00) from the Pennsylvania Department of Health grant for the expansion and use of ESRI and GIS software.

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 One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00).

Health Covid Grants		
000-5219		\$ 110,000.00

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

Equipment Replacement		
000-09-0908-0019-42	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 110,000.00

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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?
- Health – DCED
- Summary and facts of the bill.

The Allentown Health Bureau has received a grant from PADOH- ELC & Enhancing Detection for the purpose of expanding public health use of ESRI and GIS. This will place the Allentown Health Bureau in line with the other municipal health departments in the state concerning access and use of ESRI and GIS software.

- 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 allow for increased public health usage of ESRI and GIS technology to more effectively target existing public health services and better respond to public health emergencies as identified by the PA Department of Health. This grant is in response to data collected during and after the state’s response to COVID. The City of Allentown was identified by PADOH to receive these funds.
 - b. What are the benefits of doing this?
The benefits are to be able to utilize the software to enhance current public health services and ensure proper and effective utilization of current services.
 - c. How does this bill relate to the City’s vision/mission/priorities?

Public Health departments are required to perform specific functions and to respond to public health emergencies. These funds will be utilized to access technology to improve response and to augment the response of other partner agencies.

Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:

- a. Cost (initial and ongoing)
No cost to the general fund. Total grant expenditure will be \$110,000. The total would be invoiced & due in full at commencement. The 2024 budget appropriation will be:

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.

Revenue: 000-5219	\$110,000.00	Health Covid Grants
Expense: 000-09-0908-0019-42	\$110,000.00	Repairs & Maintenance

- Priority status – Are there any deadlines to be aware of?
This funding needs to be spent by June 2025 and expenditures are expected to be paid in full in 2024.
- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?
This bill will support the increased need for public health response in the community.