

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 31 - 2023

APRIL 19, 2023

AN ORDINANCE

Provides for the expenditure of certain monies received by the City of Allentown under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1976, as amended; The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009; and Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended; for the purpose of undertaking programs of housing and community development within the City.

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

SECTION ONE: That the Mayor is authorized to expend an estimated amount of Three Million Six Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Two (\$3,676,392.00) Dollars in Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) funds for the January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 grant year, for housing and community development programs pursuant to the approved Consolidated Plan, appropriate Federal Law and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations.

SECTION TWO: That the Mayor is directed to establish and maintain any and all accounts and records as are necessary and to make such transfers as may be required to expend and account for said CDBG, HOME and ESG Funds in accordance with the approved Consolidated Plan, appropriate Federal law, and HUD regulations.

SECTION THREE: That this act of the Council of the City of Allentown is undertaken pursuant to Act 292 of 1976 in accordance with the opinion of the Pennsylvania Attorney General (Opinion 72-76) which holds that CDBG, HOME, and ESG Funds are General Municipal Funds for the purpose of Act 292 of 1976.

SECTION FOUR: That, in accordance with the Action Plan, the Council of the City of Allentown authorizes the appropriation of an estimated amount of Three Million Six Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Two (\$3,676,392.00) Dollars in the following manner:

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND REHABILITATION (CDBG)

700-01-7901-0306	Property Acquisition & Disposition and Management -----	\$300,000
700-01-7901-0307	Demolition/Hazard Program-----	100,000
700-01-7901-0312	Hazard Elimination -----	100,000
700-01-7901-0313	Lead Remediation Program -----	<u>100,000</u>
TOTAL	\$600,000

PUBLIC SERVICES (CDBG)

700-01-7902-0301	Allentown YMCA.....	\$10,000
700-01-7902-0302	Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living.....	10,000
700-01-7902-0303	The Literacy Center	10,000
700-01-7902-0304	Lehigh Conference of Churches – Daybreak	10,000
700-01-7902-0305	Grace Montessori School.....	10,000
700-01-7902-0307	The Baum School of Arts.....	6,368
700-01-7902-0309	Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley – Youth Entrepreneurship	30,000
700-01-7902-0311	Boys and Girls Club of Allentown.....	10,000
700-01-7902-0312	The Neighborhood Center.....	10,000
700-01-7902-0314	Community Bike Works	10,000
700-01-7902-0315	Community Bike Works – Food Pantry.....	10,000
700-01-7903-0305	Salvation Army Youth Program	10,000
700-01-7903-0311	Alliance Hall of Allentown, Inc. - Alliance Summer Recreation.....	9,000
700-01-7903-0314	Valley Youth House – Synergy	10,000
700-01-7903-0316	Treatment Trendz -----	7,016
700-01-7903-0318	Ripple Community -----	10,000
700-01-7903-0321	Family Promise -----	10,000
700-01-7903-0320	VAST -----	10,000
700-01-7903-0322	ASPIRE – Path to Autonomy-----	5,000
700-01-7903-0323	Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley – Rising Tide--	25,000
700-01-7903-0324	Other Public Services -----	4,585
TOTAL		\$ 226,969

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION (CDBG)

700-01-7904-0301	HADC Youthbuild	\$ 10,000
700-01-7904-0305	Neighborhood Public Improvements/Pedestrian Lighting.....	300,000
700-01-7904-0307	City of Allentown-ADA Curb Cuts	300,000
700-01-7904-0310	City of Allentown – Food Pantry	5,000
700-01-7904-0311	City of Allentown – Mini Grant	50,000
700-01-7904-0312	City of Allentown – Parks and Recreation	300,000
TOTAL		\$ 965,000

CDBG – ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

700-01-7905-0303	Community Action Development Corporation of the Lehigh Valley.....	\$20,000
700-01-7905-0307	Administration	460,492
700-01-7905-0308	North Penn Legal Services-Fair Housing.....	<u>30,000</u>
TOTAL		\$510,492

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME)

700-01-7907-0303	CHDO Activity to be determined	\$ 176,482
700-01-7907-0304	Administration	117,654
700-01-7907-0305	Retention & Creation of Affordable Housing	<u>882,409</u>
TOTAL		\$1,176,545

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS PROGRAM (ESG)

700-01-7908-0301	Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley - Sixth Street Shelter	\$25,000
700-01-7908-0303	Allentown Rescue Mission	40,000
700-01-7908-0303	The Salvation Army.....	37,950
700-01-7908-0304	Administration	14,804
700-01-7908-0305	Lehigh Conference of Churches – Rapid Re-housing	64,150
700-01-7908-0306	ASPIRE – Womens Shelter	<u>15,482</u>
TOTAL		\$197,386

SECTION FIVE: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION SIX: 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?

The Consolidated Grants Program (CGP) legislation consists of two ordinances and one resolution and originates in the Department of Community and Economic Development.

The attached legislation, from the Department of Community and Economic Development serves as the template for the City of Allentown's application for federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) funds. Each piece of legislation serves a specific purpose, which when combined, contain all the recommended regulatory steps need to apply for these federal funds. These are the same types of legislation presented to City Council every year. However, the actual dollar amounts, list of activities and funds available are different every year.

- Summary and facts of the bill.

49 Ordinance #1 Establish 2023 program year accounts

Summary: This legislation is required to establish expenditure accounts for the City budgeting system, in addition to listing all the activities/programs which will be funded for the 2023 Consolidated Grants Program year. It provides the basis for the creation of the Action Plan which is submitted to HUD as the application for the CDBG, HOME and ESG program funds which the City receives every year.

- 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 ordinance provides the City with the second step needed to allow the City to apply for and then access an estimated \$3,676,392 in grant funds for the January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 program year.

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

All activities funded comply with the CDBG, HOME and ESG regulations as promulgated by HUD and allow the City to further its Community and Economic Development Initiatives.

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

This bill provides the second step in the process which forms the basis to complete the strategies of the second year of the City of Allentown's Consolidated Plan for the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2025.

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

This ordinance provides the City the ability to expend an estimated \$ 3,676,392 in federal funds to complete a variety of activities including demolition, public services, neighborhood improvements, administration of the programs, etc.

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

This legislation has no adverse financial impact on the City and the General Fund.

- 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 sources for this ordinance are the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG).

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

This bill has a high priority status. Failure to submit the application to HUD by June 30, 2023 could result in the loss of this money.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

The City has again followed the scoring process approved by Council and used in the past to develop this budget. In addition, funding decisions were made by complying with HUD's regulations, which require the City to address concerns/needs noted in its five year Consolidated Plan