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COUNCIL MEETING
May 1, 2013
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
435 Hamilton Street

Committee of the Whole - 6:30 PM

Parks and Recreation Director Confirmation Hearing – John P. Mikowychok, CPRP

Council Meeting – 7:00 PM

- 1. Invocation: Julio A. Guridy**
- 2. Pledge to the Flag**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Courtesy of the Floor**
- 5. Approval of Minutes**
- 6. Old Business**
- 7. Communications**
- 8. Committee Meetings**

Budget and Finance: Chairperson Schweyer

Public Safety: Chairperson Eichenwald

Community and Economic Development: Chairperson Davis

Parks and Recreation: Chairperson Mota

Public Works: Chairperson O'Connell

Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chairperson Glazier

Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chairperson Guridy

Special Committee – Tax Exempt Properties – Chairperson Eichenwald

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Controller's Report

Managing Director's Report

9. APPOINTMENTS

10. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

Bill 19 Reprograming of Funds

CEDC, Recommended Favorably

Amending the Consolidated Plan One Year Action Plan for the Twenty-ninth, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh years of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) which re-programs Two Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Three (\$243,653) Dollars of unexpended funds, and the 2012-2013 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) year which reprograms Four Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Fifty-Three (\$499,053) Dollars of unexpended funds.

Bill 20 Establish CDBG and other Accounts

CEDC, Recommended Favorably

Providing for the expenditure of certain monies received by the City of Allentown under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, 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

Bill 21 Rental Rehabilitation

CEDC, Recommended Favorably

Providing for the expenditure of certain monies received by the City of Allentown from the repayment of loans made through the Rental Rehabilitation Program.

11. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION: None

12. CONSENT AGENDA: None

13. RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING:

R 10 Enterprise Zone Program

CEDC, Recommended Favorably

Authorizes the submission of a grant application for operating funds for the City's Year 5 Enterprise Zone Program

R 11 HUD Action Plan

CEDC, Recommended Favorably

Approves the Submission of the Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

14. RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING: None

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. GOOD AND WELFARE

17. ADJOURNED

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 19 – 2013

INTRODUCED BY

APRIL 3, 2013

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Consolidated Plan One Year Action Plan for the Twenty-ninth, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh years of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) which re-programs Two Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Three (\$243,653) Dollars of unexpended funds, and the 2012-2013 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) year which reprograms Four Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Fifty-Three (\$499,053) Dollars of unexpended funds.

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

SECTION ONE: Federal Regulations require the City of Allentown to amend a Consolidated Plan One Year Action Plan whenever it decides not to carry out an activity, to add an activity, or to substantially change an activity. This legislation provides for the re-programming of unexpended funds from the Twenty-ninth, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh years of the CDBG program and unexpended funds from the 2012-2013 HOME program.

SECTION TWO: That the Mayor is authorized to reprogram the amounts in the accounts listed below.

700-01-7903-0009	Allentown Symphony Association	\$14,146
700-01-7904-0004	Seventh Street Façade-Residential	37,388
700-01-7904-0005	Seventh Street Façade – Commercial	1,995
700-01-7501-0101	Focus Area Sidewalk Program	15,000
700-01-7504-0106	Old Fairgrounds Façade Program	5,000
700-01-7504-0110	Voluntary Relocation	20,000
700-01-7505-0107	Administration.	8,119
700-01-7601-0112	Hazard Elimination Program	3,321
700-01-7601-0115	Program Delivery	102
700-01-7604-0109	Focus Area Facade	1,658
700-01-7605-0107	Administration	19,150
700-01-7605-0108	Fair Housing	5,601
700-01-7701-0106	Property Disposition	10,000
700-01-7701-0109	Focus Area Rehabilitation	416
700-01-7701-0115	Program Delivery	65,249
700-01-7702-0109	CACLV-Community Action Financial Services Program	954

700-01-7703-0104	Lehigh Carbon Community College	2,973
700-01-7703-0107	Program for Women and Families	102
700-01-7703-0109	Neighborhood Clean Up	12,480
700-01-7703-0110	Foreclosure Program	15,000
700-01-7704-0110	Voluntary Relocation	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL CDBG \$243,653		
700-01-7807-0101 Deferred Payment Loan Program		<u>499,053</u>
TOTAL HOME \$499,053		

SECTION THREE: That the amount of Two Hundred Forty-three Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-three (\$243,653) CDBG Dollars be added to the amount of funds available for the Thirty-ninth year of the CDBG program and Four Hundred Ninety-nine Thousand Fifty-three (\$499,053) Dollars in HOME funds be added to the amount of funds available for the 2013-2014 program year.

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

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

What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

The Consolidated Grants Program (CGP) legislation consists of three 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**

39 Ordinance #1 Reprogram Certain Funds

Summary: This legislation is required to close unspent CDBG and HOME accounts and "roll the funds" over to be used for the upcoming program year (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014). These accounts represent activities which have been completed with funds remaining, or activities which were later deemed to be not feasible.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
- **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
- **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

This ordinance provides the City with the first step needed to allow the City to apply for and then access \$3,393,709 in grant funds for the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 program year. 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. This bill provides the first step in the process which forms the basis to complete the strategies of the fourth year of the City of Allentown's Consolidated Plan for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2015.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
- **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

39 Ordinance #1 Reprogram Certain Funds

This ordinance allows for \$ 243,653 in CDBG funds and \$499,053 in HOME funds to be re-programmed as part of the funds available for the 2013-2014 program year. Funds are rolled over for a variety of reasons, but mainly because the program/activity is complete and costs were not as great as originally anticipated, or an alternative funding source may have been identified. At times, agencies decide to refuse their allocation if they have difficulty raising the additional funds necessary to run their program/activity. This legislation has no adverse financial impact on the City and the General Fund.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

The funding sources for this ordinance are the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

This bill has a high priority status. Failure to submit the application to HUD by May 14, 2013 could result in the loss of this money.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

This legislation allows additional funds to be available to complete the myriad of activities described in Ordinance #2. Furthermore, this allows old accounts, which are no longer active, to be closed.

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 20 – 2013

INTRODUCED BY

APRIL 3, 2013

AN ORDINANCE

Providing for the expenditure of certain monies received by the City of Allentown under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, 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 Three Million Three Hundred Ninety-three Thousand Seven Hundred Nine (\$3,393,709) Dollars in Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) funds for the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 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 1974 in accordance with the opinion of the Pennsylvania Attorney General (Opinion 72-75) which holds that CDBG, HOME, and ESG Funds are General Municipal Funds for the purpose of Act 292 of 1974.

SECTION FOUR: That, in accordance with the Action Plan, the Council of the City of Allentown authorizes the appropriation of Three Million Three Hundred Ninety-three Thousand Seven Hundred Nine (\$3,393,709) Dollars in the following manner:

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND REHABILITATION (CDBG)

700-01-7901-0104	Acquisition	\$250,000
700-01-7901-0106	Property Disposition and Management	100,000
700-01-7901-0107	Site Clearance	200,000

700-01-7901-0112	Hazard Elimination Program (Salaries Only)	
700-01-7901-0114	Lead Grant Rehabilitation	45,000
700-01-7901-0115	Program Delivery (Includes Salaries to be Apportioned)	<u>341,553</u>
	TOTAL	\$936,553

PUBLIC SERVICES (CDBG)

700-01-7902-0101	Allentown YMCA and YWCA	\$8,610
700-01-7902-0102	Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living	10,000
700-01-7902-0103	Adult Literacy Center	10,000
700-01-7902-0104	Lehigh County Conference of Churches – Daybreak	10,000
700-01-7902-0105	Grace Episcopal Church – Grace Montessori School	10,000
700-01-7902-0107	The Baum School of Art	7,500
700-01-7902-0108	Communities in Schools of the Lehigh Valley	10,000
700-01-7902-0109	Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley – Community Action Financial Services	10,000
700-01-7902-0110	Neighborhood Housing Services of the Lehigh Valley – HOOP	10,000
700-01-7902-0111	Boys and Girls Club of Allentown	10,000
700-01-7902-0112	St. Luke's Neighborhood Center	10,000
700-01-7902-0114	Community Bike Works	10,000
700-01-7902-0115	Embrace Your Dreams	8,720
700-01-7903-0103	Allentown Public Library	7,500
700-01-7903-0104	Lehigh Carbon Community College	9,359
700-01-7903-0106	Syrian Arab American Charity Association	10,000
700-01-7903-0107	Program for Women and Families	10,000
700-01-7903-0108	Allentown Economic Development Corporation – Securing Industrial/Commercial Properties	10,000
700-01-7903-0111	Bureau of Health – Alliance Summer Recreation	5,500
700-01-7903-0112	Valley Youth House	10,000
700-01-7903-0113	Focus Area Job Search Program	<u>25,000</u>
	TOTAL	\$212,189

NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION (CDBG)

700-01-7904-0104	Seventh Street Façade – Commercial (Salaries Only)	
700-01-7904-0105	Neighborhood Public Improvements	320,000
700-01-7904-0106	Habitat for Humanity	50,000
700-01-7904-0110	Voluntary Relocation	<u>50,000</u>
	TOTAL	\$420,000

ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CDBG)

700-01-7905-0102	Community Action Development Corporation of the Lehigh Valley	25,000
700-01-7905-0103	Allentown Economic Development Corporation – Economic Development Activity	100,000
700-01-7905-0107	Administration	270,000
700-01-7905-0108	Fair Housing	30,000
700-01-7905-0110	Economic Development	<u>100,000</u>

TOTAL \$525,000

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME)

700-01-7907-0102	Housing Association and Development Corporation – CHDO Activity	90,836
700-01-7907-0103	Housing Association and Development Corporation – CHDO Operating	15,000
700-01-7907-0104	Administration	60,557
700-01-7907-0105	Home Leasing-Madison Gardens	<u>439,178</u>

TOTAL \$605,571

700-01-7807-0110	Alliance for Building Communities-CHDO Activity	\$89,053
700-01-7807-0111	Alliance for Building Communities-CHDO Operating	10,000
700-01-7807-0112	Pennrose Properties-Cumberland Gardens	<u>400,000</u>

TOTAL RE-PROGRAMMED \$499,053

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS PROGRAM (ESG)

700-01-7908-0101	Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley - Sixth Street Shelter	\$45,200
700-01-7908-0102	Lehigh County Conference of Churches – Linkage	18,000
700-01-7908-0103	Salvation Army	44,492
700-01-7908-0104	Administration	14,651
700-01-7908-0105	Lehigh County Conference of Churches – Homeless Prevention	50,000
700-01-7908-0106	Lehigh County Conference of Churches – Rapid Re-Housing	<u>23,000</u>

TOTAL \$195,343

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.

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

The Consolidated Grants Program (CGP) legislation consists of three 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**

39 Ordinance #2 Establish CDBG 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 2013-2014 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:**

- **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
- **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
- **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

This ordinance provides the City with the second step needed to allow the City to apply for and then access \$3,393,709 in grant funds for the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 program year. 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. This bill provides the second step in the process which forms the basis to complete the strategies of the fourth year of the City of Allentown's Consolidated Plan for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2015.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
- **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

This ordinance provides the City the ability to expend \$ 3,393,709 in federal funds to complete a variety of activities including acquisition and disposition, public services, neighborhood improvements, administration of the programs, etc. This legislation has no adverse financial impact on the City and the General Fund.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

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

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

This bill has a high priority status. Failure to submit the application to HUD by May 14, 2013 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

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 21 - 2013

APRIL 3, 2013

AN ORDINANCE

Providing for the expenditure of certain monies received by the City of Allentown from the repayment of loans made through the Rental Rehabilitation Program.

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

SECTION ONE: That the Mayor is authorized to expend Eighty-Four Thousand (\$84,000) Dollars received from the repayment of loans made through the Rental Rehabilitation Program in accordance with regulations issued by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

SECTION TWO: That the Mayor is directed to establish and maintain any and all such accounts and records as are necessary and to make such transfers as may be required to expend and account for said funds in accordance with HUD regulations.

SECTION THREE: That the funds be used for eligible HOME Investment Partnerships Program activities.

SECTION FOUR: That this act of the Council of the City of Allentown is undertaken pursuant to Act 292 of 1974 in accordance with the opinion of the Pennsylvania Attorney General (Opinion 75-23) which holds that Rental Rehabilitation Program Funds and its program income are General Municipal Funds for the purpose of Act 292 of 1974.

SECTION FIVE: That the Council of the City of Allentown authorizes the appropriation of Eighty-Four Thousand (\$84,000) Dollars in the following manner:

HUD Supplemental Grants
Chart of Accounts

700-01-7909-0101-50	Rental Rehabilitation Program	<u>\$84,000</u>
	Total	\$84,000

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

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

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

The Consolidated Grants Program (CGP) legislation consists of three 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**

39 Ordinance #3 Rental Rehabilitation

This legislation will allow the City to expend \$84,000 in funds on the rehabilitation of rental units in the City. This legislation has no adverse financial impact on the City and the General Fund.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
- **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
- **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

This ordinance provides the City with the third step needed to allow the City to apply for and then access \$3,393,709 in grant funds for the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 program year. 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. This bill provides the third step in the process which forms the basis to complete the strategies of the fourth year of the City of Allentown's Consolidated Plan for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2015.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
- **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

This legislation will allow the City to expend \$84,000 in funds on the rehabilitation of rental units in the City. This legislation has no adverse financial impact on the City and the General Fund.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

The funding source for this ordinance is the repayment of Rental Rehabilitation loan funds

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

This bill has a high priority status.

This resolution allows for the budgeting of funds to be used for the rehabilitation of rental units within the City.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

Allows for additional funds to be budgeted/spent to provide low interest loans to rehabilitate rental properties in the City.



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 10

RESOLUTION

R - 2013

Introduced by the Administration on April 3, 2013

Authorizes the submission of a grant application for operating funds for the City's Year 5 Enterprise Zone Program

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the City has been successfully operating its Enterprise Zone program through an Enterprise Zone Grant funded through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Department of Community and Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of submitting an application for Program Year 5 operating funds to continue the Zone's operations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown is desirous of obtaining an Enterprise Zone Grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the zone's operation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Allentown, hereby authorizes the Mayor to submit an application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for an Enterprise Zone Grant in the amount of \$50,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Allentown will reimburse the Commonwealth for the state's share of any expenditures found by DCED to be ineligible

- What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

Bill Origination: Bureau of Planning and Zoning, Department of Community and Economic Development

Initiative: Enterprise Zone Program (Program Year 5)

- Summary and Facts of the Bill:

This resolution authorizes the Mayor to submit an application for the Enterprise Zone's continued operations in the amount of \$50,000 for program operating expenses for a 5th program year

- Purpose
 - o What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?
 - o What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this.
 - o How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities

These funds cover the program's operating expenses and will continue the implementation of the program's activities. These funds are passed through from a State DCED grant to the City, who distributes the funds through a contract with AEDC.

- Financial Impact
 - o Cost (Initial and ongoing):
 - o Benefits (initial and ongoing):

Cost: The grant underwrites the program's operations.

Benefits: The grant furthers the City's economic development, benefits the area within the Enterprise Zone Boundaries, and is complementary to the City's Economic Development program.

- Funding Sources
Make sure bill gives specific accounts if money is moved around:

The funding source is the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

- Priority status/Deadlines, if any:

As soon as possible.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

The funds further the City's interests in advancing its Economic Development program in particular City firms that export goods and services beyond the Commonwealth.



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 11

RESOLUTION

R - 2013

Introduced by the Administration on April 3, 2013

Approves the Submission of the Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown is eligible to apply for funding through federal housing and community development programs for use within the City; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development requires the City to prepare an Action Plan to receive such funding; and

WHEREAS, the Action Plan serves as the application for Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Emergency Solutions Grants Program Funds, and describes how the City plans to use the federal funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Allentown, hereby approves of the submission to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development of the Action Plan for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

The Consolidated Grants Program (CGP) legislation consists of three 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**

39 Resolution #1 Action Plan

This legislation will allow the City to submit its annual One-year Action Plan for the use of federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)Program funds.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
- **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
- **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

This resolution authorizes the City to submit the One Year Action plan to HUD. This plan serves as the application for federal CDBG, HOME and ESG funds.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
- **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

With the application to HUD, the City adds \$3,303,709 in funds to achieve Community and Economic Development goals, as described in the Five Year Consolidated Plan for the use of federal funds.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

The funding sources for this resolution are the federal Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Emergency Solutions Grant Program.

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

This bill has a high priority status.

With this resolution, City Council is authorizing the City of Allentown to submit its Consolidated Plan and One Year Action Plan for the use of federal CDBG, HOME and ESG dollars.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

This resolution allows us to submit our One Year Action Plan- application to bring additional grant dollars into the City.