

ORDINANCE NO. 15059

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 8 - 2013

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February 6, 2013

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2013 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Five Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$523,750) representing the City's portion of a regional grant provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under its Sustainable Regional Planning Initiative, and being administered by the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation. The grant funds will be used to develop a city-wide re-industrialization strategy, prepare a master plan for the Little Lehigh Industrial Corridor, and undertake additional activities as may be recommended by these studies.

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 General Fund in the amount Five Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$523,750), representing the City's portion of a regional grant provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under its Sustainable Regional Planning Initiative, and being administered by the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation.

SECTION TWO: The grant funds will be used to develop a citywide re-industrialization strategy, prepare a master plan for the Little Lehigh Industrial Corridor, and undertake additional activities as may be recommended by these studies.

SECTION THREE: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund to the Community Planning Program in the Bureau of Planning and Zoning, in the following amount to the following account:

000-09-0902-0001-46	Contract/Service Fees	\$523,750
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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SECTION FIVE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
Joe Davis	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Jeff Glazier	X	
Cynthia Y. Mota	X	
Ray O'Connell, VP	X	
Peter G. Schweyer	X	
Julio A. Guridy, Pres.	X	
TOTAL	7	0

**I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on February 20, 2013 and signed by the Mayor on March 1, 2013.**

*Michael P. Hart*

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**CITY CLERK**

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

Planning

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The bill appropriates grant funds in the amount of \$523,750 awarded the City of Allentown through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Regional Sustainability Planning Grant initiative. The regional grant is being administered by the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation of which the City is a sub-recipient.

- **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**

The city intends to use these funds to support a variety of activities, all of which are directed toward increasing the availability of industrial based jobs in the city. These activities include the preparation of a city-wide industrial development strategy; the development of a master plan/economic development strategy for the area known as the Little Lehigh Industrial Corridor and other activities that may be identified through the planning process and that may support the redevelopment of sites that present themselves as potential employment areas.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
  - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
  - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The city will receive a total of \$523,750 in federal funds to support these activities, to which is must provide matching funds/in-kind services with a total value of \$148,000. This match will be supported by CDBG funds already allocated to these types of activities as well as City and AEDC staff time that will be devoted to this project.

- **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.**

Funds being provided by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development and passed through the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation.

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

High. Grant agreement has been executed and an RFP for first phase of activites has been issued.

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

The appropriation will provide funds directed toward meeting one of the basic needs of city residents - the provision of better paying, industrial jobs.