

ORDINANCE NO. 15178

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 60 - 2014

November 19, 2014

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2014 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of \$363,969 from a Department of Homeland Security FEMA grant, to the Fire Department to provide for SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) equipment

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 2014 General Fund in the amount of \$363,969 reflecting receipt of monies from a FEMA grant to purchase SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) equipment.

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund to the Fire Department contract services program as follows:

000-05-0803-0002-72 (Equipment)	\$363,969.00
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SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance will take 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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

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

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on December 17, 2014 and signed by the Mayor on December 19, 2014.



CITY CLERK

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

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The Allentown Fire Department was awarded a FEMA grant in the amount of \$363,969.00 for the purchase of SCBA Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Equipment. The total cost of SCBA's will be \$404,410.00 (\$40,441.00 will be the City's match for this grant plus additional costs).

- **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 Bill will provide funding for the purchase of new SCBA equipment. This funding will bring the Allentown Fire Department in compliance with 2013 standards for PPE equipment.

The benefit of this new equipment is enormous to the life safety of the members of the Allentown Fire Department and better response to the City's needs.

This Bill relates to the City's vision and mission to 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.

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

\$404,410.00 90% grant funded and 10% city share.

The new units will comply with the NFPA standards currently in place.

- **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.**

Increase \$363,969.00 from the unappropriated general fund in account #000-05-0803-0002-72. Re-imbursement through FEMA \$363,969.00.

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

Need to replace old equipment as soon as possible. It is a high priority for Fire Administration.

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

This request should not present a problem to City Council, since the grant has been approved and awarded.