

ORDINANCE NO. 15203

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 21 – 2015

April 15, 2015

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance amending the Consolidated Plan One Year Action Plan for the Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth and Fortieth years of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) which re-programs Three Hundred Sixty-seven Thousand Thirty-six (\$367,036) 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 Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth and Fortieth years of the CDBG program.

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

700-01-7504-0102	Seventh Street Façade Grant Program	\$9,790
700-01-7604-0111	Old Allentown Preservation Association	35,000
700-01-7701-0115	Program Delivery	11,622
700-01-7705-0107	Administration	3,682
700-01-7705-0109	Planning.....	28,583
700-01-7801-0107	Demolition.....	5,191
700-01-7801-0109	Self-forgiving Loan Program	25,947
700-01-7801-0112	Hazard Elimination Program.....	2,625
700-01-7801-0114	Lead Grant Program	5,000
700-01-7802-0113	Mosser Village Family Center.....	801
700-01-7805-0101	Allentown Redevelopment Authority.....	1,805
700-01-7901-0114	Lead Grant Program.....	5,000
700-01-7903-0104	Lehigh Carbon Community College.....	615
700-01-7903-0107	Program for Woman and Families	250
700-01-7903-0108	Allentown Economic Development Corporation.....	3,125
700-01-7001-0204	Acquisition	228,000
TOTAL	\$367,036	

SECTION THREE: That the amount of Three Hundred Sixty-seven Thousand Thirty-six (\$367,036) CDBG Dollars be added to the amount of funds available for the Forty-first of the CDBG 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SECTION FIVE: That all ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

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

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on May 6, 2015 and signed by the Mayor on May 7, 2015.

Michael P. Walsh

CITY CLERK

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

Consolidated Grants Program - Ordinance #1 Reprogram Certain Funds

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**

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Reprogram Certain Funds

Summary: This legislation is required to close unspent CDBG accounts and "roll the funds" over to be used for the upcoming program year (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016). 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 \$3,441,435 in grant funds for the July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 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 in the first year of the City of Allentown's Consolidated Plan for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020.

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

Ordinance #1 Reprogram Certain Funds

This ordinance allows for \$ 367,036 in CDBG funds to be re-programmed as part of the funds available for the 2015-2016 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 is the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

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

This bill has a high priority status. Failure to submit the application to HUD by May 15, 2015 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.