

ORDINANCE NO. 15220

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 43 - 2015

AUGUST 5, 2015

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2015 General Fund Budget as a result of a \$37,000 grant from the Commonwealth of PA Department of Health, to the Health Department to provide training and materials for Ebola preparedness and response under the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Act.

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 2015 General Fund in the amount of \$37,000 reflecting receipt of monies from a PA Department of Health grant to provide additional services in Ebola preparedness and response.

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

000-09-0908-0019-06	Premium Pay	4,000
000-09-0908-0019-46	Other Contract Services	4,000
000-09-0908-0019-68	Operating Materials & Supplies	29,000

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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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	
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 August 19, 2015 and signed by the Mayor on August 21, 2015.

Michael P. Walsh

CITY CLERK

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

The bill originated from the Department of Community Development, Bureau of Health. \$51,994 in new funds are being provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness to expand Ebola preparedness and response activities in the Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

Amending the 2015 General Fund Budget to provide for a new appropriation of Thirty-seven Thousand Dollar (\$37,000) from the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

- **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 purpose of the funding is to increase Ebola preparedness and response activities. The specific tasks the bill seeks to accomplish are the: 1) purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) for public health staff, 2) provide training on the proper use and removal of PPE, 3) implement public health exercises and drills, and 4) reimburse overtime costs for public health staff who conduct epidemiological and surveillance investigations.

The benefits of the Bill is that Allentown's readiness to respond is enhanced via a local stockpile of PPE. Staff will be better prepared in the appropriate use of PPE (including safe removal to prevent self-contamination or contamination of others), and the ability to implement the response plan in drills and exercises.

The bill is congruent with the Health Bureau's mission to prevent disease and injury and to protect and promote the public's health.

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

Total funding is \$51,994 of which \$14,994 will be placed in the 2016 budget while the remaining \$37,000 will fund new expenditures that will enhance the ability to prepare for Ebola-related investigations and response through continuing education courses and trainings, participation in exercises, and the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE).

- **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.**

All funds provided by PA Department of Health, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness:

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

These funds must be expended by 6/30/2016. Due to the seriousness of the issue, additional training, exercises and the purchase of PPE must be initiated in 2015.

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

The bill allows us to increase grant revenue and cover additional public health expenses necessary to increase Ebola prevention activities and enhance / maintain ongoing readiness to respond to Ebola. The goal of public health is to prevent and control the spread of disease, and through a local stockpile of PPE and a staff who is better prepared to prevent and respond to Ebola, public health can better respond to citizens. The award reduced the Health Department burden on the general fund for this activity.