

ORDINANCE NO. 15283

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 19 - 2016

APRIL 20, 2016

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance amending the Consolidated Plan One Year Action Plan for the Fortieth and Forty-first years of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) which re-programs Thirty-nine Thousand One Hundred (\$39,100) 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 Fortieth and Forty-first years of the CDBG program.

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

700-01-7001-0214	Lead Based Paint Program	\$4,154
700-01-7002-0201	Allentown YMCA and YWCA.....	2,558
700-01-7002-0204	The Baum School of Art	985
700-01-7002-0207	Lehigh Carbon Community College.....	6,403
700-01-7103-0213	Focus Area Job Search.....	25,000
TOTAL	\$39,100

SECTION THREE: That the amount of Thirty-nine Thousand One Hundred (\$39,100) CDBG Dollars be added to the amount of funds available for the Forty-second CDBG program year.

SECTION FOUR: That all ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
Candida Affa	X	
Julio A. Guridy	X	
Daryl Hendricks, VP	X	
Roger MacLean	X	
David K. McGuire	X	
Cynthia Y. Mota		
Ray O'Connell, Pres.	X	
TOTAL	6	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on May 4, 2016 and signed by the Mayor on May 9, 2016.

Michael P. Hall

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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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, 2016 to June 30, 2017). 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 \$3,202,863 in grant funds for the July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 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 second 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 \$ 39,100 in CDBG funds to be re-programmed as part of the funds available for the 2016-2017 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, 2016 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.