

ORDINANCE NO. 14701

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 12 - 2009

MARCH 4, 2009

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2009 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, DCED grant to provide for a Citizens on Patrol Program that will provide cell phones, training and mileage reimbursement to Crime Watch Groups.

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 2009 General Fund in the amount of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars.

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund in the following manner:

Police – Operations:

000-04-0802-0001-46	Other Contract Services	\$ 2,700
000-04-0808-0001-22	Telephone	\$ 2,300

SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance 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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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
Michael Donovan	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Julio A. Guridy	X	
David M. Howells, Sr.	X	
Tony Phillips	X	
Peter G. Schweyer		
Michael D'Amore, President	X	
TOTAL	6	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council and signed by His Honor the Mayor on the 6th day of April, 2009.

Michael P. Hardy

CITY CLERK

What department or bureau is the bill originating from: Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

Police Department

Summary and Facts of the Bill:

Amending the 2009 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation for \$5,000 from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, DCED grant to provide for a Citizens on Patrol Program that will provide cell phones, training and mileage reimbursement to Crime Watch groups. This grant came from Representative Mann's Office.

Purpose: Please include the following in your explanation:

What does the bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?

What are the benefits of doing this / downside of doing this?

How does this bill relate to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities?

This bill provides reimbursement for mileage costs for crime watch groups that patrol their neighborhoods by vehicle and will provide 6 cell phones for their use along with training. The more eyes and ears we have reporting crime will assist us in making Allentown a safer community to live and do business in.

Financial impact: Please include the following in your explanation:

Cost (initial and ongoing)

Benefits (initial and ongoing)

There will be no initial costs for start up, and we will evaluate the program when grant funds are expended. We can then choose to continue the program and budget for future expenses or solicit more grant revenue.

Funding Sources: Please include the following in your explanation:

If transferring funds, please make sure the bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.

Funding came from a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, DCED grant from Representative Mann's Office that was received.

Priority Status/Deadlines, if any:

Money has already been received, and the sooner we start, the better.

Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

This will involve residents and crime watch groups in assisting the Police Department to make their communities safer.