

ORDINANCE NO. 14816

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO 45. - 2010

INTRODUCED BY

AUGUST 4, 2010

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2010 General Fund Budget to provide for the supplemental appropriation of Thirty-Eight Thousand (\$38,000) Dollars from Penn State University through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency in support of the City of Allentown's Weed and Seed initiative.

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 2010 General Fund in the amount of Thirty-Eight Thousand (\$38,000) Dollars.

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund to the Department of Community and Economic Development Office of Weed and Seed in the following manner:

**Department of Community & Economic Development:
Office of Weed and Seed:**

000-09-0901-0008-40	Civic Expenses	\$38,000
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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SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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
W. Michael Donovan	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Julio A. Guridy	X	
Ray O'Connell	X	
Michael Schlossberg	X	
Peter G. Schweyer	X	
Michael D'Amore, President	X	
TOTAL	7	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on August 18th and signed by the Mayor on August 25, 2010.

Michael P. Hala

CITY CLERK

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

Community Economic and Development.

The initiative for the bill involves a partnership between Weed and Seed and Penn State Cooperative Extension.

Summary and Facts of the Bill

The City of Allentown Weed and Seed is a subawardee of Penn State University. Our agreement is for 2008-2011 to deliver 4 Strengthening Family Programs per year. The total dollar amount is \$182,210. The reimbursement of \$38,000 reflects costs associated with year 2, specifically the Weed and Seed Youth Coordinator, fringe benefits and training expenses. The Weed and Seed Youth Counselor responsibilities include organizing the implementation of the 4 sessions per year.

The Strengthening Family Program:10-14 is a seven week, once per week, 2.5 hour program for parents/guardians and their adolescent children. The first thirty minutes is dinner with families sitting together to encourage family cohesion. The next hour provides instruction to adults and youth in separate rooms. The last hour brings families together for a family session. During the family session participants practice what they learned during their hour of instruction and discussion. The program is designed to deter youth from being attracted to gangs, drugs, and other deviant youth behavior. Furthermore parents/guradians learn techniques to impve family management practices.

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 this bill is to reimburse the City of Allentown and Community Action Development Corporation for expenses associated with the first year of implementing the grant. The benefits include improved family management. The goal is to reduce youth gang involvement by increasing the likelihood of the child seeing their family as their gang and thereby reducing the desire to join a street gang. The bill supports increasing Allentown as an attractive place to live, recreate and work.

Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:

Cost (Initial and ongoing)

Benefits (initial and ongoing)

No cost. The City of Allentown is the recipient of grant dollars.

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.

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency - (PCCD) is the funding source.

Priority status/Deadlines, if any

Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

City Council should support the bill because it is consistent with the city's vision/mission and priorities.