

ORDINANCE NO. 14871

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 3 - 2011

INTRODUCED BY THE ADMINISTRATION

FEBRUARY 9, 2011

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2011 General Fund Budget by appropriating funds from the unappropriated balance in the amount of Five hundred seventy three thousand, six hundred eighty dollars and nine cents (\$573,680.09) to provide for year two of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) from the United States Department of Energy.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

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

**Department of Finance
Energy Efficiency Program**

000-02-0602-0008-46	Contract/Service Fees	230,029.00
000-02-0602-0008-49	Grant Administration	51,552.09
000-02-0602-0008-50	Other Services and Charges	47,450.00
000-02-0602-0008-72	Equipment	123,224.00
000-02-0602-0008-76	Construction Contracts	<u>121,425.00</u>
	Total	573,368.09

SECTION TWO: That this Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after passage.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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, Vice President	X	
Michael D'Amore, President	X	
TOTAL	7	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on March 2nd and signed by the Mayor on March 4th, 2011.

Michael P. Hardy

CITY CLERK

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

The Grants Coordination Manager collaborated with Directors of Public Works, Community and Economic Development, Parks and Recreation and Information Technology to develop a strategy to reduce energy costs in City government.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The bill allows the City to receive part of the EECBG grant revenue in 2011. The grant can be spread over three years. 2010 was the first year.

- **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 goal is to increase energy efficiency and conservation in City government and the community.**

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
- **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The financial impact is reducing fuel consumption with the goal of purchasing less fuel for the vehicles, reducing electricity consumption through a lighting retrofit project and a information systems server cooler retrofit, and developing a plan on how to reduce energy costs in the parks system. Additionally, the residential and business community will benefit by having lower interest rates available for loans to provide funding for energy efficiency projects and rebates for those companies in the located in the proposed Green Zones as well as non-profits City wide. The interest rate buy down program is a partnership between the City and The Sustainable Energy Fund and the Keystone Help Program.

- **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 source is the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds through the U.S. Department of Energy.

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

The EECBG plan has been approved over one year ago and this bill will appropriate funds for the 2011 budget year.

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

Council should support this bill because the funds provide equipment and services to reduce energy consumption in City government, Additionally, the funds will make lower interest rates available to City businesses and residents as well as rebates available to targeted businesses and all non profits on a first come first served basis.