ORDINANCE NO. 14985

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 19 - 2012

APRIL 4, 2012

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Consolidated Plan One Year Action Plan for the Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second, Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh years of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) which re-programs Three Hundred Seven Thousand One Hundred Ten Dollars ($307,110) 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 Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second, Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh years of the CDBG program.

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

700-01-7002-0007	Casa Guadalupe Center	$1
700-01-7003-0009	Weed and Seed Recreation	15,280
700-01-7004-0005	Seventh Street Façade – Commercial	27,023
700-01-7005-0007	Administration	3,475
700-01-7101-0007	Site Clearance	1
700-01-7204-0001	ADA Curb Cuts	2
700-01-7205-0006	A.N.I.E.	1,685
700-01-7302-0005	Grace Montessori School	1
700-01-7302-0006	Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley	1,459
700-01-7305-0007	Administration	11
700-01-7401-0004	Acquisition	11,725
700-01-7401-0009	Old Fairgrounds Rehabilitation – SFL	68
700-01-7402-0006	Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley	4,109
700-01-7402-0009	Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley – Community Action Financial Services	924
700-01-7403-0004	Lehigh Carbon Community College	2,044
700-01-7403-0010	Anti-Gang Program	4,374
700-01-7404-0009	Old Fairgrounds Façade Program	4,504
700-01-7404-0010	Voluntary Relocation	1,087

700-01-7405-0001	Redevelopment Authority of the City of Allentown	7,568
700-01-7405-0007	Administration	8,064
700-01-7501-0103	Old Fairgrounds Tree Program	5,000
700-01-7501-0104	Acquisition	13,297
700-01-7501-0109	Old Fairgrounds Rehabilitation	1,021
700-01-7501-0112	Hazard Elimination Program	12,477
700-01-7501-0115	Program Delivery	67,145
700-01-7502-0107	The Baum School of Art	950
700-01-7502-0108	Communities In Schools	1
700-01-7502-0115	Circle of Stones	10,314
700-01-7503-0102	Allentown Art Museum	3,750
700-01-7503-0109	Minsi Trails Council – Boy Scouts	7,500
700-01-7503-0111	Workforce Development	500
700-01-7504-0109	Old Fairgrounds Façade Program	5,000
700-01-7505-0107	Administration	10,206
700-01-7601-0115	Program Delivery	49,591
700-01-7602-0101	Allentown YMCA & YWCA	4
700-01-7602-0113	Mosser Village Family Center	32
700-01-7602-0115	Embrace Your Dreams	629
700-01-7603-0102	Lehigh Carbon Community College	3,846
700-01-7603-0108	Allentown Rescue Mission	2,442
700-01-7604-0110	Voluntary Relocation	5,000
700-01-7702-0101	Allentown YMCA & YWCA	15,000
TOTAL		$307,110

SECTION THREE: That the amount of Three Hundred Seven Thousand One Hundred Ten Dollars ($307,110) be added to the amount of funds available for the Thirty-eighth years of the CDBG program.

SECTION FOUR: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

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

	Yea	Nay
Julio A. Guridy, Pres.	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Ray O'Connell, VP	X	
Cynthia Y. Mota	X	
Mike Schlossberg	X	
Peter G. Schweyer	X	
TOTAL	6	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on April 18, 2012 and signed by the Mayor on April 25, 2012.

Michael P Hall

CITY CLERK

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

  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**

  Ordinance CGP #1
  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, 2012 to June 30, 2013). These accounts represent activities which have been completed with funds remaining, or activities which were later deemed to be not feasible.

  Ordinance CGP #2
  Summary: This legislation is required to establish expenditure accounts for the City budgeting system, in addition to listing all the activities/programs which will be funded for the 2012-2013 Consolidated Grants Program year. It provides the basis for the creation of the Action Plan which is submitted to HUD as the application for the CDBG, HOME and ESG program funds which the City receives every year.

  Ordinance CGP #3
  Summary: This ordinance allows for the budgeting of payments received from the Rental Rehabilitation Program (a HUD program no longer in existence). The funds are budgeted each year to be used for other rental rehabilitation activities which comply with HOME program regulations.

  Resolution CGP #1
  Summary: With this resolution, City Council is authorizing the City of Allentown to submit its One Year Action Plan for the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 for the use of federal CDBG, HOME and ESG dollars.

- **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**

  These three bills and one resolution allow the City to apply for and then access $3,349,675 in grant funds for the July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 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. These bills provide the basis to complete the strategies of the third year of the City of Allentown's Consolidated Plan for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2015.

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

  Ordinance CGP#1
  This ordinance allows for $ 307,110 to be re-programmed as part of the funds available for the 2012-2013 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.

  Ordinance CGP #2

This ordinance provides the City the ability to expend $ 3,349,675 in federal funds to complete a variety of activities including housing rehabilitation, homeownership, public services, administration of the programs, etc. This legislation has no adverse financial impact on the City and the General Fund.

Ordinance CGP #3
This legislation will allow the City to expend $79,000 in funds on the rehabilitation of rental units in the City. 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.**

Ordinance #1 Federal Community Development Block Grant Program funds.

Ordinance #2: Federal CDBG, HOME and ESG dollars, rollover funds and anticipated program income

Ordinance #3: Repayment of Rental Rehabilitation funds

Resolution : authorizes the submission of the One Year Consolidated Plan Action Plan along with the grant application for CDBG, HOME and ESG funds

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

These three bills and one resolution have a high priority status. Failure to submit the application to HUD by May 15, 2012 could result in the loss of this money.

Ordinance #1 Priority Status: High Priority. Needed to submit application for federal funds to HUD.

Ordinance # 2 Priority Status: High, application needs to be submitted to HUD by May 15th and the Action Plan cannot be completed until City Council approves this ordinance, which approves the programs and activities to be funded during the upcoming program year. City staff then use this information to develop the actual Action Plan following HUD's very specific protocols.

Ordinance #3 Priority Status- High. this resolution allows for the budgeting of funds to be used for the rehabilitation of rental units within the City.

Resolution- Priority Status- High-With this resolution, City Council is authorizing the City of Allentown to submit its Consolidated Plan and One Year Action Plan for the use of federal CDBG, HOME and ESG dollars.

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

Ordinance #1: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.

Ordinance #2 Why Should Council unanimously support this bill?
The City has again followed the scoring process approved by Council and used in the past to develop this budget. In addition, funding decisions were made by complying with HUD's regulations, which require the City to address concerns/needs noted in its five year Consolidated Plan

Ordinance #3: Why should Council Unanimously support: Allows for additional funds to be budgeted/spent to provide low interest loans to rehabilitate rental properties in the City.

Resolution: Why should Council unanimously support ? This resolution allows us to submit our One Year Action Plan- application to bring additional grant dollars into the City.