

ORDINANCE NO. 14746

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 73 - 2009

INTRODUCED BY THE ADMINISTRATION

OCTOBER 7, 2009

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of certain monies received by the City of Allentown from the Homelessness Prevention Fund created under Title XII of Division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This Program, the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), falls under the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

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

SECTION ONE: That the Mayor is authorized to expend One Million One Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Forty-nine (\$1,129,049) dollars in Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program funds, for homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing pursuant to the approved Consolidated Plan amendment, appropriate Federal Law and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations.

SECTION TWO: That the Mayor is directed to establish and maintain any and all accounts and records as are necessary and to make such transfers as may be required to expend and account for said HPRP Funds in accordance with the approved Consolidated Plan, appropriate Federal law, and HUD regulations.

SECTION THREE: That, in accordance with the HPRP application, the Council of the City of Allentown authorizes the appropriation of One Million One Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Forty-nine (\$1,129,049) in the following manner:

<u>HPRP</u>		
700-01-7510-0101	Catholic Charities	\$ 178,000
700-01-7510-0102	Lehigh County Conference of Churches-Homelessness Prevention	219,582
700-01-7510-0103	Lehigh County Conference of Churches-Rapid Re-Housing.....	216,481
700-01-7510-0104	Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living	113,534
700-01-7510-0105	Salvation Army	120,000
700-01-7510-0106	Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley	75,000
700-01-7510-0107	City of Allentown-Rental Inspection Homelessness Prevention	150,000
700-01-7510-0108	City of Allentown-HPRP Administration	56,452

Total\$1,129,049

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SECTION FIVE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.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
Michael Donovan	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Julio A. Guridy	X	
David M. Howells, Sr.	X	
Tony Phillips	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 and signed by His Honor the Mayor on the 10th day of November, 2009.

CITY CLERK

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**
The bill is originating from The Department of Community and Economic Development. The initiative from the bill comes from the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) grant the City is receiving from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**
The City was awarded \$1,129,049 in federal stimulus money for homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing. This grant was the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program. These funds were awarded to several programs, through an RFP process. The application was submitted to HUD and has since been approved. This bill will allow the accounts to be established to expend these grant funds.
- **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 establish the appropriate accounts for the expenditure of the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program funds.

This legislation is beneficial because it will allow the City to expend these entitlement grant funds according the the plan approved by HUD. This is the first time the federal government ever provided funds for homelessness prevention so these funds provide a unique opportunity to the City to address one aspect in the continuum of preventing/eliminating homelessness.

This bill, and this program, are consistent with the City’s Consolidated Plan for the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2010, for the use of federal funds.

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

There are no additional costs to the City associated with this grant. The administration dollars allowed by the grant will be used by the staff charged with administering the grant program. The benefits to the City are numerous, but primarily, these funds provide a first time opportunity to prevent homelessness for City residents who have been adversely affected by the downturn in the economy and to rapidly re-house those households experiencing homelessness.
- **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.**

These federal funds are a part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) which President Barack Obama signed into law on February 17, 2009. They are awarded through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**
This legislation has a high priority, HUD has executed our contracts and funds must be spent in three years.
- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**
This bill allows for grant expenditures for a program which provides the City a unique opportunity to assist its residents to prevent homelessness or rapidly re-house households experiencing homelessness.