

ORDINANCE NO. 14567

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 4 - 2008

INTRODUCED BY

FEBRUARY 6, 2008

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2008 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of \$59,698 from the Pennsylvania Department of Health to various accounts in the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program of the Health Bureau, Department of Community and Economic Development to increase the capacity of the Allentown Health Bureau and partners to respond to an influenza pandemic and to initiate and catalyze community wide preparedness efforts through the development, coordination and testing of regional and local public health pandemic plans.

BE IT ORDAINED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase to the unappropriated balance of the General Fund in the amount of Fifty-nine thousand Six Hundred and Ninety-eight Thousand (\$59,698) Dollars reflecting receipt funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Health to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program of the Health Bureau.

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, Health Bureau, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program, reflecting receipt of funding to enhance community-wide efforts to respond to an influenza pandemic, in the following amounts to the following accounts:

000-09-0908-0019-22	\$1000
000-09-0908-0019-24	1000
000-09-0908-0019-26	4600
000-09-0908-0019-34	24000
000-09-0908-0019-46	10000
000-09-0908-0019-58	2000
000-09-0908-0019-68	12848
000-09-0908-0019-72	4250
TOTAL	\$59,698

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SECTION FOUR: That all ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Amendment to Add \$4200 for Injury Prevention

	Yea	Nay
Michael Donovan	X	
Jessie Eichenwald	X	
Julio A. Gurdy	X	
David M. Howells, Sr.	X	
Tony Phillips	X	
Peter G. Schweyer	X	
Michael D'Amore, President	X	
TOTAL	7	0

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Michael Donovan	X	
Jessie Eichenwald	X	
Julio A. Gurdy	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 22nd day of February, 2008.

CITY CLERK

LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE:

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

Health – the Allentown Health Bureau submitted a request for Pandemic Flu planning funding from the PA Department of Health. AHB was awarded the grant funds.

- Summary and Facts of the Bill – **the additional appropriation must be used to increase the city’s ability to respond to a public health emergency or influenza pandemic. The grant includes funds to order supplies should points of distribution be needed for emergencies as well as funds to increase public awareness regarding citizen preparedness. Also included is funding to train and recruit members of the Allentown Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps and to stock masks and other personal protective equipment for first responders .**

- Purpose

- What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish

The money will increase collaboration between departments as well as encourage preparedness. An example is the funding of supplies for a fire/public health, week long, summer teen camp. Funding for a drill and a week of training for Fire, Police, EMS and Health staff is included as well.

- What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this – **the benefits include increased public awareness, increased staff competency and a larger volunteer base for emergency response.**
- How does this Bill related to the City’s Vision/Mission/Priorities

This relates well to the city plan since health, safety and emergency response are all priority areas in the plan. Also, it encourages positive public relations and increased citizen responsibility.

- Financial Impact

- Cost (Initial and ongoing) – **there is no cost to accepting the money other than staff time in attending training.**
- Benefits (initial and ongoing)-**a better trained staff and community results in a safer community.**

- Funding Sources

Make sure bill gives specific accounts if money is moved around – The Pennsylvania Department of Health is the source of funding

- Priority status/Deadlines, if any – **all money must be spent by 8/9/08.**

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

It benefits the staff and the citizens by increasing our ability to respond to public health emergencies.