



**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
February 28, 2023
Council Meeting Room
Luzerne County Courthouse
200 N. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701
AND
Video/Teleconference via ZOOM**

5:50 PM CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE Amending the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County (Election Integrity Grant).

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Council on the matter listed on the Agenda. Each speaker shall have three (3) minutes to address Council. Speakers may not yield or transfer their time to another speaker.

Those attending in person are asked to complete and submit a Speaker Card to the Clerk of Council before the first speaker is called.

Those attending virtually are asked to refer to the Public Meetings Online page of County's Website at <https://www.luzernecounty.org/1279/Public-Meetings-Online> for more information on how to participate in Public Comment via technology.

ADJOURNMENT



AGENDA SUBMITTAL TO LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

ITEM TITLE	COUNCIL MEETING DATE	AGENDA NUMBER
To amend 2023 revenue and expense budgets for the Election Integrity Grant to reflect the correct amounts for 2023.	1/24/2023	
Dept:	Bureau of Elections	
Contact:	Beth McBride	
Phone:	570-408-8250	

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

The Bureau of Elections recommends that Council approve the addition of funds to the 2023 revenue and expense budgets for the Election Integrity Grant. This increase will be funded by the following:

Carryover from 2022: \$637,767

2023 State Grant: \$1,041,000

Total: \$1,678.767

SUMMARY:

This amendment is required to accurately reflect the increase in funding awarded by the DCED State Election Integrity Grant in 2023.

FINANCING:

Funding was awarded by the state and requires zero county match.

DISCUSSION:

The Election Integrity Grant funding awarded to Luzerne County from DCED is a unique opportunity for Luzerne County to improve our elections process. The Bureau of Elections intends to increase security around our elections systems, optimize poll worker training, and implement strategies to enhance our pre-canvassing and canvassing processes.

ALTERNATIVES:

If Council decides not to approve, Luzerne County would be missing out on "zero local match" state funding.

No. 2023-____

ORDINANCE

***An Ordinance of County Council for the County of Luzerne
Amending the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County***

WHEREAS, Luzerne County was awarded an Elections Integrity Grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$1,678,767.00; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5.07 of the Home Rule Charter of Luzerne County, County Council adopted the 2023 Fiscal Year Budgets which accounted for anticipated revenue and expenses; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.10.F. of the Home Rule Charter states County Council may amend any of the budgets at any time during the fiscal year by ordinance adopted by an affirmative vote of at least a majority plus one of its current members after a public hearing has been held; and

WHEREAS, County Council for Luzerne desires to amend the Budget at the appropriate line items in order to account for the receipt of funds from the Election Integrity Grant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the following is hereby ENACTED and ORDAINED by the Luzerne County Council:

SECTION ONE. Incorporation of Preamble.

The provisions set forth in the preamble to this Ordinance are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

SECTION TWO. Amendment of Line Items in Budget.

A public hearing having been held on _____, 2023, County Council hereby amends the following line items in the 2023 fiscal year budget in order to account for the receipt of funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the form of an Election Integrity Grant:

\$1,678,767.00 in revenue to line item 147.30.4120.435.30.

\$1,678,767.00 in expenses to line item 147.30.4120.550.15

SECTION THREE. Remainder of Budget.

All other line items in the 2023 Fiscal Year Luzerne County Budget shall remain unchanged.

SECTION FOUR. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after enactment.

Enacted by County Council, this ____ day of _____, 2023.

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

AYES:

NAYS:

Attest:

Kendra Radle, Chair

Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of County Council

John Lombardo, Vice-Chair