

RES 17-025

Wilmington, Delaware

April 6, 2017

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Sponsor:

Council
Member
Harlee

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, the Council deemed it necessary and proper to specify the requirements for review and approval of City-sponsored grant applications and proposals, including authorization for expedited grant applications when necessary, prior to Council's approval by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City, through the Public Works Department, has submitted a grant application to the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Coastal Reliance Grants Program, for funds in the amount of \$1,527,645.67; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant funds will be used to support the fisheries restoration component of the South Wilmington Wetland Restoration and Conservation Project ("SWWRCP") including expenses for excavation, soil disposal, plantings, and monitoring associated with the tidal channels and deep water ponds that are part of the project; and

WHEREAS, the SWWRCP represents a unique opportunity to establish a fishery habitat, reduce flooding and promote resiliency in the Southbridge community, accomplish ecological restoration and land conservation, improve water quality in the Christina River, create additional recreational opportunities for City residents and visitors, and stimulate economic revitalization of South Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a 50% match from the City and matching funds were previously appropriated by Council; and

WHEREAS, for timing purposes, the City notified City Council in advance of submitting the grant application and the application for said grant was submitted in advance of

City Council approval by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the grant application, for the aforesaid purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Public Works Department's grant application to the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the amount of \$1,527,645.67 is hereby approved

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioner of Public Works Department, or his designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept any and all funds associated with the grant application and to fulfill the grant requirements.

Passed by City Council,
April 6, 2017

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

Approved as to form this
5 day of April, 2017


Assistant City Solicitor

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution authorizes a grant application of the Public Works Department to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the amount of \$1,527,645.67. The funds will be used to construct the fisheries habitat that is part of the South Wilmington Wetland Restoration and Conservation Project.

Fiscal Impact Statement

The grant would not have a negative impact on the current or future budgets. Although the grant requires that the City provide 50% in matching funds, which amounts to \$763,822.83, sufficient funds for the project were already allocated in FY 2014 to meet the match requirement.