

RES 17-013

Wilmington, Delaware
February 16, 2017

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**Sponsor:
Council
Member
Oliver**

WHEREAS, by its Ordinance No. 97-051, amending 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 a requirement for Council approval by resolution and including authorization for expedited grant applications when necessary, prior to Council's resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City, through its Department of Planning and Development, has been awarded a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (EPA), in the amount of \$197,500.00 to complete an Action Plan and Implementation Plan for the redevelopment of the Brandywine Riverfront Northeast community; and

WHEREAS, the EPA established a Brownfield Area-Wide Planning Program to assist communities in developing area-wide plans for brownfields within a project area, including specific implementation strategies for assessing, cleaning up and reusing the brownfield(s) and related project area revitalization strategies; and

WHEREAS, the EPA's Brownfield Area-Wide Planning Grant does not require matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the Department of Planning and Development to accept the aforesaid grant from EPA through execution of a grant agreement and any other documents necessary for the implementation of the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Department of Planning and Development is hereby authorized to accept the \$197,500.00 in grant funding from EPA's Brownfield Area-Wide Planning Program to develop an area-wide plan for brownfield redevelopment in the Brandywine Riverfront Northeast community. A copy of the award letter of the \$197,500.00 is attached hereto. The Director of Planning and Development or his appointee is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement and any other documents necessary for the implementation of the grant.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Planning and Development shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to administer the grant and the grant program for the City of Wilmington.

Passed by City Council,
February 16, 2017

ATTEST: Maribel Seijo
City Clerk

Approved as to form this
16 day of February, 2017

Neil G. Coyle
Assistant City Solicitor

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution authorizes the Department of Planning and Development to accept a \$197,500 Brownfield Area-Wide Planning Grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (EPA) for funding a brownfield area-wide Action Plan and Implementation Plan for the Brandywine Riverfront Northeast community. There are no matching funds required.



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Honorable Dennis P. Williams
Mayor of Wilmington
Louis L. Redding City/County Building
800 North French Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

Dear Mayor Williams:

On behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), I am pleased to confirm that the proposal from the City of Wilmington was selected for award under the Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Program. We appreciate the tremendous commitment of time and energy that went into the preparation of your proposal.

Through the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2002, EPA is working to help communities and other stakeholders around the country in their efforts to revitalize and reclaim brownfield sites. The Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Program grant funding will enable your community to plan for the assessment, cleanup and reuse of those sites, in conjunction with creating supportive area-wide revitalization and plan implementation strategies.

EPA looks forward to working with your staff and project partners throughout this project to facilitate greater coordination and cooperation amongst Federal, state, local government and community-based organizations.

Staff from the Region 3 office will be contacting your project lead soon to provide you with additional information and begin negotiating the workplan for this project. If you have any questions at this time, please feel free to contact Wendy Thomi, my staff lead for EPA's Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Program, at (202) 566-1462 or thomi.wendy@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David R. Lloyd".

David R. Lloyd
Director
Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization