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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Walsh**

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

Co-Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Johnson**

WHEREAS, the City, through the Wilmington Police Department (“WPD”), applied for a grant from the Fund to Combat Violent Crimes (“FCVC”), administered by the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security (“DSHS”), in the amount of \$403,608.20; and

WHEREAS, although the corporate limits of the City of Wilmington are only 12 square miles in size, the Wilmington Police Department is tasked with combating an active crime rate in this compact area; and

WHEREAS, like many jurisdictions, the Wilmington Police Department has experienced a decrease in authorized strength; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Police Department current authorized strength is 315 positions, dropping from a high of 342; and

WHEREAS, only 281 of the 315 authorized Wilmington Police Department positions are currently staffed; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Police Department proposes to use funds received from the Fund to Combat Violent Crime for an overtime program; and

WHEREAS, the overtime program will focus on intelligence-driven data of violent crimes generated from a weekly CompStat meeting; and

WHEREAS, a properly-funded overtime program will ensure that overtime assignments will target areas that are actively experiencing violent crime trends; and

WHEREAS, the overtime program will consist of directed patrols, walking assignments, tactical response initiatives, and plain clothes operations in the identified areas.

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the WPD's grant application to the DSHS in the amount of \$403,608.20 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of the Wilmington Police 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,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This resolution authorizes the Wilmington Police Department's application for a grant from the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security in the amount of \$403,608.20. The grant will enable the Wilmington Police Department to implement fund an overtime program which will deploy Officers and resources to combat violent crime in areas identified by intelligence-driven data.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no negative fiscal impact on the City as no local matching funds are required.