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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

WHEREAS, the City, through the Wilmington Police Department, applied for a grant in the amount of \$30,000 from Delaware Department of Justice for funding from the Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Police Department Crisis Management Hostage Negotiation Team utilizes a Mobile Command Center; and

WHEREAS, the Mobile Command Center houses equipment designed to establish communications with subjects in crisis; and

WHEREAS, the current ‘throw-phone’ command console, equipment which provides a link between the Negotiation Team and the subject in crisis, has degraded functionality and recently experienced a catastrophic failure; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Police Department seeks to upgrade to a wireless version of the command console which would eliminate issues associated with corded connections; and

WHEREAS, no matching funds are required; 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 Wilmington Police Department's grant application to the Delaware Department of Justice in the amount of \$30,000 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police, 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 Delaware Department of Justice for funding from the Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund in the amount of \$30,000. The funds will be used to purchase equipment upgrades for the Crisis Management Hostage Negotiation Team. No local matching funds are required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no negative fiscal impact on the City, because no local matching funds are required by the grant.