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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Johnson**

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, has submitted grant applications for pass-through grant funding from the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms’ (“ATF”) Bit Force Initiative via the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (“HIDTA”) grant program for a total of \$53,572.00; and

WHEREAS, the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program is a federal program administered by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (“ONDCP”), designed to provide resources to federal, state, local, and tribal agencies to coordinate activities to address drug trafficking in specifically designated areas of the country; and

WHEREAS, New Castle County, including the City of Wilmington, has historically been designated as a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant funds would be used to fund overtime for two detectives and their police vehicles to engage with HIDTA law enforcement initiatives developed to identify and disrupt/dismantle drug trafficking and money laundering organizations; reduce drug-related crime and violence; and identify and respond to emerging drug trends; 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 applications to the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms in the total amount of \$53,572.00 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 pass-through grant applications to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (“HIDTA”) grant program in the total amount of \$53,572.00. The proposed grant funds would be used to fund overtime for two detectives and their police vehicles to engage with HIDTA law enforcement initiatives developed to identify and disrupt/dismantle drug trafficking and money laundering organizations; reduce drug-related crime and violence; and identify and respond to emerging drug trends. No local matching funds are required.

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

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