

Wilmington, Delaware
February 6, 2020

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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 (“WPD), has submitted grant applications to the State of Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security for funding from the State Law Enforcement Assistant Fund (“SLEAF”) in the amount of \$78,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant funds would be used purchase a Type II Explosive Ordnance Disposal (“EOD”) Robot (Remotec model #F6B); and

WHEREAS, the current Ordnance Disposal Unit utilized by WPD is over 16 years old. It has deteriorated in reliability, and recently experienced a catastrophic failure; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new upgraded unit presents an extra layer of protection to police personnel, as the bomb disposal unit is controlled from a distance and will demonstrate higher reliability, leading to greater safety to WPD Officers operating and supporting the unit, as well as the general public; 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 State of

Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security in the total amount of \$78,000.00 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 grant applications to the State of Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security in the total amount of \$78,000.00. The proposed grant funds would be used to purchase a Type II Explosive Ordnance Disposal (“EOD”) Robot (Remotec model #F6B). 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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