

Wilmington, Delaware
May 28, 2020

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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Walsh**

**Co-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 Justice for funding from the Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (“SLEAF”) in the amount of \$37,800; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant funds would be used purchase MorphoDent fingerprint scanners, mobile devices that are used by patrol officers and various other WPD divisions and units to provide instant identity checks on arrestees who are unable to be identified; and

WHEREAS, the outdated devices that are currently being used by personnel are reaching the end of their life span, with some of the devices failing altogether and others experiencing battery or part failure – with limited options for repair due to the age of the devices; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant funds would also be used to purchase a multi-purpose platform trailer to assist personnel in the course of training initiatives by allowing for the transportation of four motorcycles and the towing of a full-sized SUV; 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 Justice in the total amount of \$37,800.00 are 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 Justice in the total amount of \$37,800. The proposed grant funds would be used to purchase MorphoDent fingerprint scanners and a multi-purpose platform trailer for training. 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.