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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”), is submitting a grant application to the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), for funding to support implementation of a body-worn camera program; and

WHEREAS, the three-year grant requires a 50% local match, and personnel costs are not eligible for grant funding. The WPD intends to apply for funding to cover half of the cost of the body-worn camera program, excluding personnel costs – resulting in potential funding of up to \$2,000 per camera for a total of up to \$630,000; and

WHEREAS, the final amount of funding that could be provided through this grant, if the WPD is awarded funds, will be determined by the BJA and could be based upon the competitiveness of the grant application process and the availability of federal funding; and

WHEREAS, in applying for this grant, the Wilmington Police Department seeks to secure outside funding to help defray the significant costs of implementing a body-worn camera program, and to mitigate the impact on the City budget and the tax burden on residents of Wilmington; 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 United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for funding to support implementation of a body-worn camera program 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 application to the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for funding to support implementation of a body-worn camera program. The grant requires a 50% local match.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: Depending upon the availability of federal funds and the competitiveness of this application process, it is anticipated that the City would be required to fund at least half of the cost of implementing a body-worn camera program in the first three years of the program, the full cost in subsequent years, and personnel costs for a sergeant and three police officers to administer the program, which are not eligible for funding under this grant.