

Wilmington, Delaware
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Sponsor:

Council
Member
Harlee

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 Department of Parks and Recreation submitted an Outdoor Recreation, Parks & Trails ("ORPT") Grant Program 2020 application to the State of Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control in the amount of \$100,000.00 to support improvements to Cool Spring Park; and

WHEREAS, the ORPT Program, formerly known as the Delaware Land & Water Conservation Trust Fund, is a matching grant program assisting with public park land acquisition and outdoor recreation facility development in Delaware, and has provided over \$28 million in matching grant assistance to eligible local, county, and state governments throughout Delaware since 1986; and

WHEREAS, the Department intends to use the grant funds to make improvements to Cool Spring Park, including the construction of a new playground with new equipment, which will be utilized by children attending the William Lewis Elementary School as well as residents throughout the surrounding neighborhoods, new park benches, and expanded pathways, which will encourage exercise and outdoor exploration (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the Project will be \$500,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to provide an eighty percent (80%) match of the total Project cost, which amounts to \$400,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City will fund this match requirement through bonds that the City has already sold; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems it necessary and appropriate to authorize the grant application for the aforesaid purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Department of Park and Recreation's grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control in the amount of \$100,000 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Department, 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 Department of Parks and Recreation's grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control for funds allocated pursuant to the 2020 Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Trails Grant Program in the amount of \$100,000.00. The funds will be used for improvements to Cool Spring Park. An eighty percent (80%) match of the total project cost is required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no negative fiscal impact to the City. Although the grant requires an eighty percent (80%) match of the total project cost, which amounts to \$400,000.00, such funds will be provided by the Department through bonds the City has already sold.