

Wilmington, Delaware  
November 19, 2020

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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 Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, a component of the Office of Justice Programs within the United States Department of Justice (collectively, the "DOJ") solicited applications for funding for the Fiscal Year 2020 Delinquency Prevention Program (the "Program"), which furthers the DOJ's mission to reduce crime and promote public safety by providing funding to states, localities, and tribes to implement programs to address juvenile delinquency and improve the juvenile justice system; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Delaware Criminal Justice Council submitted a grant application to the DOJ requesting \$1,000,000.00 from the Program in order to provide funding to the City of Wilmington's Department of Parks and Recreation (the "Department") for its Wilmington Youth Leadership Incubator Program for the next five (5) years commencing in Fiscal Year 2020 (the "Leadership Incubator Program"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Department will be responsible for the planning, analysis, implementation, and assessment process for the Leadership Incubator Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department desires to use the grant funds to reduce juvenile delinquency, particularly juvenile violence in Wilmington by increasing the safety, well-being, and healthy development of youth and families in the City, preventing violence and

promoting victimization healing, reducing youth violence, particularly gang violence and victimization, and increasing youth entrepreneurial and vocational opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department specifically intends to utilize the grant monies to fund the implementation of the conflict resolution LifeSkills Program, monthly leadership training for fifty-five (55) students, the traditional vocational and educational job placement program Pathways, a youth leadership initiative, and a prevention conference in partnership with the University of Delaware; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is not required to provide matching funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council deems it necessary and appropriate to authorize the acceptance of grant funds 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 acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, a component of the Office of Justice Programs within the United States Department of Justice, for the Wilmington Youth Leadership Incubator Program for the next five (5) years commencing in Fiscal Year 2020 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 this grant and to fulfill the grant requirements.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**SYNOPSIS:** This Resolution authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept \$1,000,000.00 in grant funds requested by the State of Delaware Criminal Justice Council from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, a component of the Office of Justice Programs within the United States Department of Justice, in order to provide funding to the Department for its Wilmington Youth Leadership Incubator Program for the next five (5) years commencing in Fiscal Year 2020. No local matching funds are required.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** There is no negative fiscal impact to the City because no matching funds are required.

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