

Wilmington, Delaware
November 18, 2021

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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

WHEREAS, the City, through the Wilmington Police Department, has submitted a grant application to the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Fiscal Year 2021 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program in the total amount of \$800,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant funding would be used over the course of a three-year period to support a broad, cross-sector partnership that would be administered by the Police Department and the Police Executive Research Forum and Social Contract, a Wilmington-based community organization; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant funding would allow the Police Department to hire two (2) additional personnel, a Deputy Victim Services Coordinator and a Victim Services Specialist, to support the Department's Victim Services Unit. It is anticipated that the grant funding that currently supports one member of this unit will be eliminated in early 2022; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant funding would also support local efforts around violence reduction, including those involving the Police Department and criminal justice partners, as well as those undertaken by Community Violence Intervention Programs; and

WHEREAS, in applying for this grant funding, the Police Department seeks to continue its efforts to engage in innovative, evidence-based approaches to crime reduction without increasing the financial burden to Wilmington taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, no local 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 application to the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Fiscal Year 2021 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program in the total amount of \$800,000.00 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police, or 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 Fiscal Year 2021 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program for \$800,000.00 in grant funding. The proposed grant funds would be used over a three-year period to hire two (2) additional personnel for the Police Department’s Victim Services Unit, and to support local efforts around violence reduction undertaken by the Police Department, its criminal justice partners, and Community Violence Intervention Programs. No local matching funds are required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no negative fiscal impact to the City because no local matching funds are required by this grant.

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