

Wilmington, Delaware
December 9, 2021

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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Harlee**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, City 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 Economic Development has submitted a grant proposal to The Nature Conservancy in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$753,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the Office of Economic Development has submitted a grant application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in the amount of Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$475,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the Office of Economic Development intends to use the proposed grant funding to (i) purchase approximately ten (10) acres of degraded wetland adjacent to the South Wilmington Wetlands Park, which will be made part of the Wetlands Park and (ii) restore such land to a high functioning freshwater tidal wetland habitat; and

WHEREAS, no matching funds are required for the grant from The Nature Conservancy and Six Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand Dollars (\$672,000.00) in matching funds are required for the grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the City will fund its match through amounts already budgeted for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the City's acceptance of grant funds, for the aforesaid purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Office of Economic Development's grant proposal to The Nature Conservancy in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$753,000.00) is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Office of Economic Development's grant application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in the amount of Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$475,000.00) is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Office of Economic Development, or his designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept any and all funds associated with the grants and to fulfill the requirements of the grants.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution authorizes the Office of Economic Development's grant proposal to The Nature Conservancy in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$753,000) and its grant application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in the amount of Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$475,000.00). The funds will be used to purchase approximately ten (10) acres of degraded wetland adjacent to the South Wilmington Wetlands Park, which will be made part of the Wetlands Park, and to restore such land to a high functioning freshwater tidal wetland habitat.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no negative fiscal impact to the City. Although the grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation requires a local match of Six Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand Dollars (\$672,000.00), sufficient funds have already been budgeted for this purpose, and the grant from The Nature Conservancy does not require any matching funds.