

Wilmington, Delaware  
June 3, 2021

**#0078**

**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 State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (“SLEAF”) in the total amount of \$123,000; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$80,000 would be used to replace two (2) Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, including batteries, accessories and warranties, to be utilized by the Forensic Services Unit in connection with investigations and special events; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$13,000 would be used to upgrade an existing vehicle in the Police Department’s fleet that would be capable of transporting Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and related supplies and equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$5,500 would be used to upgrade X-Ray equipment used by the Explosive Ordnance Disposal team, in connection with investigations regarding suspicious packages and explosive devices; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$24,500 would be used to replace ten (10) existing radar units used in connection with traffic and speed enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed grant funds would enhance investigative capabilities, support the safety of the public and officers related to suspicious packages and explosives investigations, and support traffic and speed enforcement operations conducted in connection with traffic studies and requests from the community to enhance driver, cyclist, and pedestrian safety; and

**WHEREAS**, these grant funds would cover expenses that would otherwise have to be covered by the Police Department's annual budget, continuing the Wilmington Police Department's efforts to identify funding opportunities to offset increases to the City budget; and

**WHEREAS**, no 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 State of Delaware in the total amount of \$123,000 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 State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Program in the total amount of \$123,000. The proposed grant funds would be used to: (1) replace two (2) Unmanned Aerial Vehicles; (2) upgrade a vehicle in the Police Department's fleet capable of transporting Unmanned Aerial Vehicles; (3) upgrade X-Ray equipment used by the Police Department's Explosive Ordnance Disposal team; and (4) replace existing radar units used in connection with traffic and speed enforcement. 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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