

Wilmington, Delaware
October 21, 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 State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund in the total amount of \$60,000.00; and

WHEREAS, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$18,000.00 would allow for the upgrade of the Police Department's existing Crash Data Recorder equipment, which is utilized to collect crash data from vehicles when investigating accidents that have resulted in serious injury or death. The current equipment owned by the Police Department does not allow for the download of data from vehicles manufactured after 2019; and

WHEREAS, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$25,000.00 would allow for the purchase of twenty (20) new police package bicycles for use by patrol officers with the Police Department's Special Operations Division, which would replace an aging fleet of bicycles that are more than ten years old and require significant ongoing maintenance; and

WHEREAS, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$17,000.00 would allow for the upgrade of mobile forensic equipment to enhance investigative capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant funds would cover expenses that would otherwise have to be covered by the Police Department's annual budget, continuing the Police Department's efforts to identify funding opportunities to offset increases to the City budget; 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 State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund in the total amount of \$60,000.00 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 State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Program for \$60,000.00 in grant funding. The proposed grant funds would be used to upgrade the Police Department's existing Crash Data Recorder equipment, purchase twenty (20) new bicycles to be used by patrol officers, and upgrade mobile forensic equipment to enhance investigative capabilities. 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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