

Wilmington, Delaware
February 3, 2022

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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Oliver**

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 U.S. Department of Transportation established the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity program in 2009 to award federal grants on a national competitive basis for surface transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant local or regional impact; and

WHEREAS, the State of Delaware, the Delaware Department of Transportation, and the Riverfront Development Corporation have committed funds for a multifaceted transportation infrastructure project along South Market Street which includes a system of new connections and improvements that will expand the network of streets on site and add eight new City blocks to Wilmington’s grid system; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Economic Development has submitted a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity discretionary grants program in the amount of Seventeen Million Dollars (\$17,000,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the City intends to use the proposed grant funding to construct a new, expanded network of roads branching from South Market Street that will extend the Wilmington grid system for pedestrian and cyclist accommodations on roadways; and

WHEREAS, there is a non-Federal match requirement of twenty percent (20%) of the grant award, which will be satisfied by the State of Delaware, the Delaware Department of Transportation, and the Riverfront Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the City's grant application, 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 application to U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant program in the amount of Seventeen Million Dollars (\$17,000,000.00) 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 grant and to fulfill the requirements of the grant.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution authorizes the Office of Economic Development's grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant program in the amount of Seventeen Million Dollars (\$17,000,000.00). The funds will be used to construct a new, expanded network of roads branching from South Market Street that will extend the Wilmington grid system for pedestrian and cyclist accommodations on roadways.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no negative fiscal impact to the City because the local match requirement will be satisfied by the State of Delaware, the Delaware Department of Transportation, and the Riverfront Development Corporation.

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