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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Walsh**

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 Emergency Management (the “Office”) submitted a grant application for the 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant (“EMPG”), Supplemental American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”), a pass-through grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to the Delaware Emergency Management Agency, supplemented with funding provided by the ARPA, in the amount of \$36,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the EMPG program is to provide federal funding to assist state and local governments in preparing for all hazards by implementing the national preparedness system and the national preparedness goal of a secure and resilient nation; and

WHEREAS, the Office intends to use the grant monies to support the administration and operation of the Office, including personnel salaries and benefits, supplies, equipment, services, maintenance and upkeep of the Emergency Operations Center, and expenses incurred during the activation of the Emergency Operations Center; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to provide matching funds of fifty percent (50%) of the total cost of the project which will not exceed \$72,000.00, thereby creating a local match requirement of up to \$36,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City will fund this match requirement with amounts already budgeted for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, City Council deems it necessary and appropriate to authorize the grant application for the aforesaid purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Office of Emergency Management's grant application to the Delaware Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$36,000.00 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Office of Emergency Management, or his 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 Office of Emergency Management's grant application to the Delaware Emergency Management Agency for 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant, Supplemental American Rescue Plan Act funds in the amount of \$36,000.00. The funds will be used to support the operation of the Office of Emergency Management and the Emergency Operations Center.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no negative fiscal impact to the City. Although the grant requires a fifty percent (50%) local match of the total cost of the project up to a maximum match of \$36,000.00, sufficient funds have already been budgeted within the Office of Emergency Management for this purpose.