

Wilmington, Delaware
October 20, 2022

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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Johnson**

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 Department of Parks and Recreation (the "Department"), submitted a 2022 Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Trails Grant Program (the "ORPT Program") application to the State of Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control ("DNREC") requesting grant assistance in the minimum amount of \$50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, DNREC has discretion to increase the grant award up to \$100,000.00 if it determines that such increase is warranted during its review of the City's grant application; and

WHEREAS, the ORPT Program, formerly known as the Delaware Land and Water Conservation Trust Fund, is a matching grant program assisting with public park land acquisition and outdoor recreation facility development in Delaware, and has provided over \$34 million in matching grant assistance to eligible local, county, and state governments throughout Delaware since 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Department intends to use the grant funds to make improvements to Judy Johnson Park; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to provide a one-third (1/3) match to the grant award; and

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

WHEREAS, the 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 Department of Parks and Recreation's grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control in the minimum amount of \$50,000.00 and maximum amount of \$100,000.00 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, 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 Department of Parks and Recreation's grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control for funds allocated pursuant to the 2022 Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Trails Grant Program in the minimum amount of \$50,000.00 and maximum amount of \$100,000.00. The funds will be used for improvements to Judy Johnson Park. A local match of one-third (1/3) of the grant amount is required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no negative fiscal impact to the City. Although the grant requires a one-third (1/3) local match of the grant award, the matching funds will be sourced from previously budgeted funds.