

Wilmington, Delaware
May 19, 2022

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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Cabrera**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wilm. C. § 2-363, 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 of Wilmington’s Department of Planning and Development (the “Department”) submitted a grant application to the Delaware Department of State, Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs in the amount of \$16,682.00 to continue the City’s Historic Preservation Planning Program, which has been in existence for over 35 years; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2022, pursuant to § 2-363(b), the Department provided notice to the President of City Council and City Council Members that the Department would be submitting the grant application by the deadline of March 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Interior provides funding to the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs to act as a pass through for this grant; and

WHEREAS, the Department intends to use the grant, as it has in past years, to partially fund the position of Historic Preservation Planner; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Planner supports all City departments in providing essential city functions in historic neighborhoods; performs mandatory reviews for U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development-supported City projects; responds to constituent requests for information on historic properties, federal, state and local incentives for maintenance, and sources of information for best maintenance practices and research; develops history-based outreach projects and contributes to the efforts of other organizations;

and participates in history-based statewide initiatives for planning, commemoration, and public awareness; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires matching funds that equal forty percent (40%) of the minimum total project cost of \$27,803.33, which amounts to \$11,121.33; and

WHEREAS, the matching funds will be provided by already budgeted funds; 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's grant application to the Delaware Department of State, Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs in the amount of \$16,682.00 to support the City's Historic Preservation Planning Program is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Department of Planning and Development, or his designee, is hereby authorized to take all necessary actions to apply for and 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 Planning and Development's grant application to the Delaware Department of State, Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs in the amount of \$16,682.00. The funds will be used to continue the City's Historic Preservation Planning Program, which has been in existence for over 35 years.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no negative fiscal impact to the City by accepting this grant. The grant requires matching funds of forty percent (40%) of the minimum total project cost and the City has included more than sufficient funds in the approved FY 2022

operating budget, which meets the match requirement and completes funding for the full position. The grant will defray some of the fiscal impact of the position.