

Wilmington, Delaware
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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Walsh**

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, 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 \$65,000.00; and

WHEREAS, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$30,000.00 would allow for the purchase of three (3) Ballistic Blanket Protective Systems, which are blanket-like equipment containing ballistic material that can withstand gunfire, to replace existing equipment purchased in 2005 that is no longer effective at providing protection. This equipment would be used to help protect members of the public and police officers during rescues from high-risk situations; and

WHEREAS, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$35,000.00 would allow for the purchase of two (2) robotic devices to replace existing devices which are no longer effective at supporting the Crisis Management Tactical Team to establish communication with subjects involved in armed barricade incidents, hostage situations or other high-risk operations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant funding 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.

Further, this equipment supports public safety and officer safety during high-risk operations;
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 \$65,000.00 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 \$65,000.00 in grant funding. The proposed grant funds would be used to replace Ballistic Blanket Protective Systems and robotic devices utilized to enhance public safety and officer safety during high-risk operations involving the Department's Crisis Management Tactical Team. 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.