

Wilmington, Delaware  
September 15, 2022

**#0228**

**Sponsor:**

**Council  
Member  
Walsh**

**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 Wilmington Police Department, has submitted a grant application to the State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund in the amount of \$97,600.00; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$14,500.00 would allow for the purchase of water rescue dry suits and accessories and an equipment trailer to support the department's Marine Unit operations and to support officers who are part of the Marine Unit when responding to calls for service and conducting water rescues or searches; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 would allow for the replacement of a trailer used to transport bicycles and other equipment for special operations. The department's current trailer is more than 12 years old and is in disrepair; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$69,500.00 would allow for the replacement of two Unmanned Aerial Vehicles – including batteries, accessories and warranties – as well as communication headsets, to be utilized by the Forensic Services Unit in connection with investigations and special events; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$3,600.00 would be used to purchase electronic hearing protection equipment with enhanced noise reduction capabilities

for use by officers while completing State-mandated training and firearms qualifications at the department's range; and

**WHEREAS**, this grant funding would cover expenses that would otherwise have to be absorbed by the Police Department's annual budget, continuing the Police Department's efforts to identify funding opportunities to offset increases to the City budget; and

**WHEREAS**, no 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 in the total amount of \$97,600.00 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 in the amount of \$97,600.00. The proposed grant funds would be used to purchase Marine Unit equipment, replace an equipment trailer, replace two Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and purchase related accessories and communication headsets, and purchase electronic hearing protection equipment. 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.