

Wilmington, Delaware
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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Oliver**

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 Department of Public Works has submitted six Fiscal Year 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending Request Applications in the total amount of Ninety-Two Million Dollars (\$92,000,000.00) (collectively, the “Grant Applications”); and

WHEREAS, the City intends to use the proposed grant funding requested in the Grant Applications to: (i) construct an Eleventh Street sewage pump station replacement and upgrade that will provide significant operational benefits while also enabling future rehabilitation or replacement of the existing pump station; (ii) construct a pump station, relief sewers, and a stormwater attenuation tank in South Wilmington; (iii) add an additional 1MW biogas fueled combined heat and power engine to the City’s Water Pollution Control Facility; (iv) replace small water mains throughout the City to eliminate any exposure that potable water may have with lead material in the distribution system and renew all services lines and fire hydrants; (v) upgrade the electrical reliability and energy reduction components for the City’s water plants and work on reduction of PFAS at such plants; and (vi) expand the South Wilmington sewer separation project to B and C Streets; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Applications contain no formal match requirement;

WHEREAS, despite no formal match requirement, the City would pay for a portion of each of the proposed projects out of already budgeted capital funds; and

WHEREAS, City Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the City's Grant Applications, for the aforesaid purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Grant Applications in the total amount of Ninety-Two Million Dollars (\$92,000,000.00) are hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioner of Public Works, or her designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept any and all funds associated with the Grant Applications and to fulfill the requirements of the grants.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution authorizes the Department of Public Works' six grant applications to the federal government in the total amount of Ninety-Two Million Dollars (\$92,000,000.00). The grant funds will be used to perform numerous water and wastewater infrastructure projects.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no negative fiscal impact to the City. There is no formal match requirement, and although the City will pay for a portion of the proposed projects itself, such payments will be sourced from previously budgeted capital funds.

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