

Wilmington, Delaware
December 1, 2022

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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Oliver**

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 (the "Department"), has submitted a FY22 Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration Initiative grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance in the total amount of \$686,433.00 for a three (3) year period; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant funding would be used to support a collaboration over the course of the three (3) year term of the grant between the Department, the Delaware Department of Justice, and the Police Executive Research Forum to expand the Department's existing Crime Gun Intelligence Center, which involves a strong and long-standing partnership with the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to assist in the investigation of gun violence and firearm offenses in the City of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding would allow the Department to hire a contractual forensic firearms examiner and purchase necessary equipment to expand its Forensics Laboratory to allow for the full examination of firearm and ballistic evidence, which will significantly enhance the efficiency of City gun investigations and alleviate the current need to rely on outside agencies to complete these examinations; and

WHEREAS, this funding will strengthen the Department’s efforts to address firearm crimes and gun violence in the City of Wilmington, and will build on evidence-based strategies that have brought about notable reductions in gun crime; and

WHEREAS, in applying for this grant funding, the Department seeks to continue its efforts to engage in innovative, evidence-based approaches to crime reduction without increasing the financial burden to resident taxpayers; 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 FY22 Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration Initiative grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance in the total amount of \$686,433.00 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police, or their 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 FY22 Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration Initiative grant application to

the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance in the total amount of \$686,433.00. The proposed grant funds would be used over a three (3) year period to expand the Department's existing Crime Gun Intelligence Center by hiring a forensic firearms examiner and purchasing necessary equipment to expand the Department's Forensics Laboratory to allow for the full examination of firearm and ballistic evidence. 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.