

Wilmington, Delaware
July 6, 2023

#0331 **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

Sponsor:

Council Member McCoy

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 \$68,000; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant funding would be used to purchase thirty-five (35) ballistic helmets for the Crisis Management Tactical Team to use during high-risk operations and when rescuing individuals from dangerous situations; and

WHEREAS, the current helmets used by this team have met or exceeded the end of their life cycle, which results in reduced effectiveness and limited protection for officers; and

WHEREAS, this grant funding would cover expenses that would otherwise have to be paid for out of the Police Department's annual operating budget, thereby continuing the Police Department's efforts to identify funding opportunities to negate increases to the City's annual operating budget; and

WHEREAS, no matching funds are required; and

WHEREAS, City 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 \$68,000 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 Fund in the amount of \$68,000. The proposed grant funds would be used to purchase thirty-five ballistic helmets for the Crisis Management Tactical Team to use during high-risk operations and when rescuing individuals from dangerous situations. The current helmets used by this team have met or exceeded the end of their life cycle, which results in reduced effectiveness and limited protection for officers. 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.

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