

Wilmington, Delaware
August 31, 2023

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Sponsor:

**Council
President
Congo**

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 Office of Economic Development has submitted an application for a Delaware Humanities Opportunity Grant in the total amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington City Council 2022-2025 Strategic Plan seeks to advance the goal of a “Business Friendly Wilmington” that supports “Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Minority Business Enterprise Development.” This Council, in partnership with the Office of Economic Development and Flux Creative Consulting, will sponsor Wilmington’s inaugural Black Restaurant Week to foster economic recovery and sustainability among restaurant owners of African, African American, and Caribbean descent; to increase these entrepreneurs’ access to information and business resources; and to highlight the rich culinary heritage of our City; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to use the proposed grant funding requested in the grant application to engage the services of Flux Creative Consulting for the planning and implementation of the Black Restaurant Week Pre-Event in partnership with the Christina Cultural Arts Center and The Grand Opera House; and

WHEREAS, the grant application contains a 1:1 formal match requirement, which will be funded from the Office of Economic Development’s current budget; and

WHEREAS, City Council deems it necessary and proper to authorize the grant application, 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 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) are hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Office of Economic Development, or his designee, shall be authorized to take all necessary actions to accept any and all funds associated with the Grant Application and to fulfill the requirements of the grant.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution is being presented by City Council for Council’s review and approval. This Resolution authorizes the Office of Economic Development’s grant application to Delaware Humanities in the total amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). The grant funds will be used to engage the services of Flux Creative Consulting for the planning and implementation of the Black Restaurant Week Pre-Event in partnership with the Christina Cultural Arts Center and The Grand Opera House.