

Wilmington, Delaware
October 3, 2024

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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
McCoy**

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

Co-Sponsors:

**Council
Members
Oliver
Mills**

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Police Department has submitted a grant application to the State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund in the amount of \$91,312; and

WHEREAS, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$49,448 would allow for the purchase of a fireworks and ammunition disposal trailer. This piece of equipment would allow for the safe storage and disposal of seized items that are approved for destruction; and

WHEREAS, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$25,332 would support training for the Police Department's Special Operations Division/Traffic Unit and the Forensic Services Unit to attend a FARO training course, which pertains to the hardware and software that Traffic Unit investigators use to investigate and reconstruct major crime and crash scenes; and

WHEREAS, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$16,532 would allow for the purchase of 17 new motorcycle helmets for members of the Motorcycle Unit. The current equipment used by this unit has reached the end of its life cycle, as it is recommended that helmets are replaced every three years; 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 purposes.

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 amount of \$91,312 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 \$91,312. The proposed grant funds would be used to: (i) purchase a fireworks and ammunition disposal trailer; (ii) cover the cost of FARO training for the Police Department's Traffic Unit and Forensic Services Unit to support investigators who use FARO hardware and software to investigate and reconstruct major crime and crash scenes; and (iii) purchase 17 new motorcycle helmets to replace safety equipment that has reached the end of its life cycle and is recommended for replacement. 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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