

Wilmington, Delaware  
April \_\_, 2024

#                   **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, City Council deemed it  
**Sponsor:**           necessary and proper to specify the requirements for review and approval of City-sponsored  
**Council**           grant applications and proposals, including authorization for expedited grant applications when  
**Member**           necessary prior to Council’s approval by resolution; and  
**McCoy**

**WHEREAS**, the Wilmington Police Department has submitted a grant application to  
the State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund in the amount of \$40,000;  
and

**WHEREAS**, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$9,000 would allow for the  
purchase of a generator to support the Department’s Crisis Management Hostage Negotiations  
Team vehicle. The current generator is not functional for more than ten minutes, which can  
risk interruptions in communications established with suspects and victims involved in critical  
incidents; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$6,000 would allow for the  
purchase of an advanced computer and accessories capable of storing and preserving electronic  
forensic evidence. The current computer used by the Criminal Investigations Division has  
extensive data processing times and has led to delays, while this new equipment will be able  
to process data in minutes rather than hours; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$25,000 would allow for the  
purchase of two (2) unmanned aerial vehicles (drones), to include batteries, warranties, and  
accessories. These aircraft are used to support public safety during events and other incidents,  
and the aircraft these drones would replace have become outdated; and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 total amount of \$40,000 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 \$40,000. The proposed grant funds would be used to purchase: (i) a generator to support the Department's Crisis Management Hostage Negotiation Team vehicle; (ii) a Velox computer to store and preserve digital forensic evidence; and (iii) two (2) unmanned aerial vehicles to replace outdated equipment. 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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