

Wilmington, Delaware
January 18, 2024

#0382 **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
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WHEREAS, the Wilmington Police Department has submitted a grant application to
the State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund in the amount of \$121,000;
and

WHEREAS, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$56,000 would allow for the
purchase of a laser measuring system used for crime scene reconstruction. This equipment
would be used by the Department’s Forensic Services Unit to gather precise measurements
during the documentation of crime scenes thereby providing evidence to assist investigators;
and

WHEREAS, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$50,000 would allow for the
purchase of a Gator utility vehicle, which would be used by police officers during City-
sponsored events and programs, special events, and various community engagement
initiatives. This equipment would increase the versatility and visibility of patrols, particularly
during special events; and

WHEREAS, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$15,000 would allow for the
purchase of six (6) electric bicycles to be used by the Police Department’s Community
Engagement Unit and Special Operations Division during routine patrols; 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 local 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 \$121,000 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 \$121,000. The proposed grant funds would be used to purchase a laser measuring system used for crime scene reconstruction, a Gator utility vehicle for use during City-sponsored events and programs, special events, and community engagement initiatives, and six (6) electric bicycles for use during patrols by the Police Department's Community Engagement Unit and Special Operations Division. 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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