

Wilmington, Delaware
April 4, 2024

#0413 **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

Co-Sponsors: **WHEREAS**, the Wilmington Police Department has been invited to submit a grant application to the State of Delaware Criminal Justice Council in the amount of \$363,000; and

Council Members B. Fields Johnson Mills

WHEREAS, the proposed grant funding would support the Department’s Partners in Care co-responder program, which pairs mental health clinicians with police officers to respond to calls for service to support individuals experiencing a crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Partners in Care program will consist of a partnership with Christiana Care Health Services, which will provide three contracted employees – two (2) mental health professionals (clinicians) and one (1) community health liaison (case manager); and

WHEREAS, the Department currently has funding to support this program through the end of calendar year 2024. Proposed funding would allow for the continuation of this program and the funding of these positions through the end of calendar year 2025; additionally, the grant funding would support training for program staff, the purchase of equipment, and other expenses related to this program; and

WHEREAS, this grant funding would support the continuation of this much-needed program, which will extend additional resources to residents of the City of Wilmington; 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 Criminal Justice Council in the amount of \$363,000 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 Criminal Justice Council in the amount of \$363,000. The proposed grant funds would be used to support the Department's Partners in Care co-responder program, which pairs mental health clinicians with police officers to respond to calls for service to support individuals experiencing a crisis. Funding would support the continuation of the City's contract with Christiana Care Health Systems, as well as training for program staff, the purchase of equipment, and other expenses related to this program. 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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