

Wilmington, Delaware
November 21, 2024

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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Congo**

WHEREAS, Section 2-369 of the City Code requires grants awarded by the Mayor, City Council, or the City Treasurer in the amount of \$5,000 or more within a fiscal year to be approved by resolution of City Council; and

WHEREAS, Cool Shoes Inc. has previously received \$4,750 in Community Support/ Discretionary Funds from various Councilpersons in Fiscal Year 2025; and

WHEREAS, City Council President Ernest “Trippi” Congo, II wishes to award a grant to Cool Shoes Inc., by way of their fiduciary agent, Christian Growth Ministries CDC, in the amount of \$2,500 from the Community Support/ Discretionary Funds, which has been allocated to provide sponsorship by various Councilpersons of community initiatives; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of LaDaye "Cooley" Johnson, Cool Shoes Inc. has served the Wilmington community for 14 years. This non-profit organization, which focuses primarily on youth, offers support to children and families by helping provide resources to families in need. Cool Shoes Inc. has led Thanksgiving food giveaways and Easter egg hunts, distributed backpacks and laptops to underserved communities, and supported summer camps to meet the needs of local youth; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to support Cool Shoes Inc.’s 14th annual Christmas toy drive, which aims to purchase 200 bikes for local children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that this Council hereby approves the issuance of a grant Cool Shoes Inc. in the amount of \$2,500.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this grant contribution is in alignment with the 2022-2025 Wilmington City Council Strategic Plan goal of fostering a “Wilmington for All Ages” that supports positive youth and family development activities.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: In alignment with the 2022-2025 Wilmington City Council Strategic Plan goal of supporting a “Wilmington for All Ages,” this Resolution approves grant funding to New Shoes Inc. from City Council President Ernest “Trippi” Congo, II’s Community Support Discretionary Funds totaling \$2,500 for the Cool Shoes Inc. 14th annual Christmas toy drive.