

Wilmington, Delaware
March 6, 2025

#0017

WHEREAS, Section 2-369 of the City Code requires grants awarded by the Mayor, City

Sponsor:

Council, or the City Treasurer in the amount of \$5,000 or more within a fiscal year to be

**Council
Member**

approved by resolution of City Council; and

McCoy

WHEREAS, Developing Next-Level Achievers, Inc. has previously received \$7,999 in Community Support/ Discretionary Funds from various Councilpersons in Fiscal Year 2025; and

WHEREAS, City Council Member Yolanda M. McCoy wishes to award a grant to Developing Next-Level Achievers, Inc. in the amount of \$3,000 from the Community Support/ Discretionary Funds, which has been allocated to provide sponsorship by various Councilpersons of community initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Developing Next-Level Achievers, Inc. is a 501(c)3 community development corporation that “provides community resources to uplift creatives, entrepreneurs, and innovators through equitable education and resources and create spaces for people to grow, excel, and express themselves freely”; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to support the development of a podcast studio, along with AI (artificial intelligence)-related training webinars and initiatives at the Developing Next-Level Achievers (DNA) Cultural Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, DNA has set a goal of providing enhanced services to the community, “fostering creativity, cultural expression, and personal development.” The awarded funds would assist with transforming an existing space at DNA into a fully equipped podcast studio

and offering webinars and training in emerging AI technologies that can facilitate digital content creation that amplifies local voices and stories.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that this Council hereby approves the issuance of a grant to Developing Next-Level Achievers, Inc. in the amount of \$3,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this grant contribution is in accordance with the 2022-2025 Wilmington City Council Strategic Plan goal of fostering a “Business Friendly Wilmington” that “provides resources for Neighborhood Business Corridors.”

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution approves grant funding to Developing Next-Level Achievers, Inc. (DNLA) from City Council Member Yolanda McCoy’s Community Support Discretionary Funds totaling \$3,000 for the development of a podcast studio and AI (artificial intelligence)-related training webinars and initiatives at the Developing Next-Level Achievers (DNLA) Cultural Arts Center.