

Wilmington, Delaware  
November 20, 2025

**#0140**

**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 approved by resolution of City Council; and

**Council  
President  
Congo**

**WHEREAS**, City Council President Ernest “Trippi” Congo, II and Council Members

**Council  
Members  
Owens  
Darby  
Oliver  
Harlee  
Willauer  
McCoy  
Johnson  
Field  
Bracy  
Cabrera  
Hackett  
Spadola**

Coby J. Owens, Shané N. Darby, Michelle Harlee, Christian Willauer, Yolanda M. McCoy, Christofer C. Johnson, Nathan Field, Latisha Bracy, Maria D. Cabrera, and James Spadola wish to award a grant to Duffy’s Hope, Inc. from the Community Support/ Discretionary Funds, which has been allocated to provide sponsorship by various Councilpersons of community initiatives, for the purchase and distribution of up to 2,500 turkeys to Wilmington residents living in high-rises and local community organizations. Council Member Zanthia Oliver also wishes to contribute to Duffy’s Hope, Inc. from funds external to Community Support/Discretionary funds; and

**WHEREAS**, Feeding America’s most recent report estimates that 13% of New Castle County’s population is food insecure. Seniors are particularly vulnerable to hunger due to costs and lack of accessibility to nutritious food; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the City’s largest food drives that traditionally provided as many as 3,000 turkeys to residents during the holiday season has discontinued its activities for the year 2025. This Resolution will provide funds to Duffy’s Hope, Inc. for up to 2,500 turkeys to contribute to filling the void this year for residents of Wilmington’s high-rises and the populations served by various community centers throughout the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the turkey donations will be distributed as part of the “One City, One Council Turkey Drive and Giveaway” presented by EXM GROUP and Wilmington City Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that this Council hereby approves the issuance of a grant to Duffy’s Hope, Inc. to provide up to 2,500 turkeys to residents in high-rises and local community centers for the “One City, One Council Turkey Drive and Giveaway.”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this grant contribution is in alignment with the 2022-2025 Wilmington City Council Strategic Plan goal of fostering a “Healthy Wilmington” that supports senior services.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**SYNOPSIS:** In alignment with the 2022-2025 Wilmington City Council Strategic Plan goal of supporting a “Healthy Wilmington,” this Resolution approves grant funding to Duffy’s Hope, Inc. from City Council President Ernest “Trippi” Congo, II’s Community Support Discretionary Funds to purchase up to 2,500 turkeys that will be distributed to Wilmington’s high-rise residents and local community centers.