

Wilmington, Delaware  
March 6, 2025

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**Sponsor:**

**Council  
Member  
McCoy**

**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**, 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:** In alignment with the 2022-2025 Wilmington City Council Strategic Plan goal of fostering a “Business Friendly Wilmington,” 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 (DNA) Cultural Arts Center.