

Wilmington, Delaware
December 4, 2025

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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Bracy**

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

WHEREAS, with the approval of City Council via Resolution 19-054, the Department of Parks and Recreation submitted an Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Trails Grant Program (the "ORPT Program") application to the State of Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control ("DNREC") in the amount of \$100,000.00 for improvements to Eastlake Park; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation has submitted a 2025 ORPT Program amended application to DNREC in the amount of \$190,000.00 for improvements to Eastlake Park; and

WHEREAS, the ORPT Program, formerly known as the Delaware Land and Water Conservation Trust Fund, is a matching grant program assisting with public park land acquisition and outdoor recreation facility development in Delaware, and has provided over \$32 million in matching grant assistance to eligible local, county, and state governments throughout Delaware since 1988; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to provide a local match of one quarter (1/4) of grant award, which will be \$47,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the City will fund its match through amounts already budgeted for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, City Council deems it necessary and appropriate to authorize the grant application for the aforesaid purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Department of Parks and Recreation's grant application to DNREC in the amount of \$190,000.00 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or her 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 Department of Parks and Recreation's amended grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control for funds allocated pursuant to the 2025 Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Trails Grant Program in the amount of \$190,000.00. The funds will be used for improvements to Eastlake Park. A local match of one quarter (1/4) of the grant award is required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no negative fiscal impact to the City. Although the grant requires a local match of one quarter (1/4) of the grant award, which will be \$47,500.00, sufficient funds have already been budgeted for this purpose.

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