

Wilmington, Delaware
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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
McCoy**

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, the Wilmington Police Department has submitted a grant application to the State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund in the amount of \$63,000; and

WHEREAS, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$38,000 would allow for the purchase of a new Zodiac Rescue Boat, a small vessel that is easily transported and capable of a rapid response to a water rescue or flooding incident. This would replace the Department's current Zodiac rescue boat, which is more than 25 years old and in need of replacement; and

WHEREAS, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$25,000 would allow for the purchase of a concession trailer and accessories, to be deployed during monthly community resource fairs, weekly community outreach walks, open house and recruitment events, and other community engagement events; and

WHEREAS, this grant funding would cover expenses that would otherwise have to be paid for out of the Police Department's annual operating budget, thereby continuing the Police Department's efforts to identify funding opportunities to negate increases to the City's annual operating budget; and

WHEREAS, no matching funds are required; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Wilmington Police Department's grant application to the State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund in the total amount of \$63,000 is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police, or 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 Wilmington Police Department's grant application to the State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund in the amount of \$63,000. The proposed grant funds would be used to purchase (i) a Zodiac rescue boat to replace the Department's current vessel, which is more than 25 years old and in need of replacement and (ii) a concession trailer that would be used during community engagement and recruitment events. No local matching funds are required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no negative fiscal impact to the City because no local matching funds are required by this grant.

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