

Wilmington, Delaware  
June 5, 2025

**#0061**

**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**, Imperial Dynasty Arts Program has previously received \$1,250 in Community Support/Discretionary Funds from various Councilpersons in Fiscal Year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wilmington City Council 2022-2025 Strategic Plan envisions a “Wilmington for All Ages” that supports positive youth development. City Council Member Yolanda M. McCoy wishes to award a grant to Imperial Dynasty Arts Program in the amount of \$3,750 from the Community Support/Discretionary Funds, which has been allocated to provide sponsorship by various Councilpersons of community initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Imperial Dynasty Arts Program is a learning center and mentoring organization that is “working with inner city children and young adults...and placing them in a positive, structured environment where they partake in a healthy youth development program of music and dance education”; and

**WHEREAS**, Imperial Dynasty Arts Program works closely with Wilmington youth, providing access to instruments for over 100 music arts students who may not have access to those instruments at home or at school; and

**WHEREAS**, these funds will be used to host Drum Jawn, an interactive event bringing the art of music to the community by providing access to more than 150 drums and other instruments for participants from within Wilmington; and

**WHEREAS**, funds will be put towards bringing the Mobile Music Lab to Wilmington from New Jersey, the rental of over 200 musical instruments, food for the participants, and the fee for the instructional leader for that day; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for music education programs in schools has gone down nationwide, while studies show that music education programs lead to increased motivation and self-esteem, more positive peer and adult relationships, improved reading comprehension and language skills, a higher high school graduation rate, and improved social behavior and community involvement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that this Council hereby approves the issuance of a grant to Imperial Dynasty Arts Program in the amount of \$3,750.

**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 for Imperial Dynasty Arts Program from Council Member Yolanda M. McCoy’s Community Support Discretionary Funds totaling \$3,750 for Drum Jawn, a community event bringing music education to Wilmington by providing children access to drums and other musical instruments.