Wilmington, Delaware
October 1, 2026

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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 Criminal Justice Council for $28,705 through the Fiscal Year 2024 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding will be used to purchase gun locks and biometric gun storage boxes for free distribution to members of the community; and

WHEREAS, over the past several years, the Police Department has seen continued high rates of guns being stolen out of vehicles and residences. This initiative will provide residents with equipment to help prevent a gun from being stolen and subsequently used in a crime; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding will 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 purpose.

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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 Criminal Justice Council for funding from the Fiscal Year 2024 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program in the amount of $28,705, or such other amount that the Delaware Criminal Justice Council awards, 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 Criminal Justice Council for funding from the Fiscal Year 2024 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program in the amount of $28,705, or such other amount that the Criminal Justice Council awards. The grant funds will be used to cover the cost of purchasing gun locks and biometric gun storage boxes for free distribution to the public as part of efforts to prevent firearm theft. No local matching funds are required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The Office of Management and Budget has reviewed and analyzed this Resolution, which authorizes the Wilmington Police Department to apply for and accept grant funding from the State of Delaware Criminal Justice Council, Fiscal Year 2024 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program in the amount of $28,705, or such other amount as the Justice Council awards, to fund the purchase of gun locks and biometric gun storage boxes.

This grant does not require City matching funds and is not expected to result in a net additional General Fund cost, as long as spending under the grant does not exceed the final grant award. Any costs that are later found to be ineligible, exceed the amount awarded, or are otherwise not covered by the grant would need to be paid from another authorized funding source.

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