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 United States Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department is eligible for $209,200 in grant funding, which will be used to cover the salary for a civilian cold case investigator and overtime costs as part of overall violent crime reduction efforts; and

WHEREAS, no local matching funds are required; and

WHEREAS, in applying for this funding, the Police Department seeks to continue its efforts to secure funding from other entities to help offset the fiscal impact of crime prevention activities on the City's annual operating budget; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Wilmington Police Department's grant application to the United States Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of $209,200, or such other amount that the United States Department of Justice awards, is hereby authorized.

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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 United States Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of $209,200, or such other amount that the United States Department of Justice awards. The grant funds will be used to cover the salary for a civilian cold case investigator and overtime costs as part of overall violent crime reduction efforts. 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 United States Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of $209,200, or such other amount as the United States Department of Justice awards, to fund salary and benefits for a civilian cold case investigator and associated overtime costs.

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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