Wilmington, Delaware
October 1, 2026

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Sponsor:

Council Member Owens

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 Office of Community Safety submitted a grant application, on behalf of the Wilmington Police Department, to the Delaware Prescription Opioid Settlement Distribution Commission ("DOSC") in the amount of $83,200; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used to engage one (1) full-time Community Health Liaison who will be assigned to the established Partners in Care co-responder program in partnership with ChristianaCare to serve as the primary care coordination point for individuals experiencing substance use disorder, overdose risk, behavioral health needs, and housing instability and whose responsibilities will include conducting intake assessments, coordinating treatment and recovery services, providing ongoing follow-up and wellness checks, managing referrals, and working closely with clinicians, treatment providers, family supports, and Wilmington Police Department personnel to ensure continuity of care; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Office of Community Safety's grant application, submitted on

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behalf of the Wilmington Police Department, to the DOSC for a grant in the amount of $83,200, or such other amount that DOSC awards, is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Office of Community Safety, or his 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

Approved as to form this ___
day of October, 2026.

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Senior Assistant City Solicitor

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution authorizes the Office of Community Safety's grant application, submitted on behalf of the Wilmington Police Department, to the Delaware Prescription Opioid Settlement Distribution Commission ("DOSC") for a grant in the amount of $83,200, or such other amount that DOSC awards. The funds will be used to engage one (1) full-time Community Health Liaison who will be assigned to the established Partners in Care co-responder program in partnership with ChristianaCare to serve as the primary care coordination point for individuals experiencing substance use disorder, overdose risk, behavioral health needs, and housing instability. No local matching funds are required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The Office of Management and Budget has reviewed and analyzed this Resolution, which authorizes the Office of Community Safety, on behalf of the Wilmington Police Department, to apply for grant funding from the Delaware Opioid Settlement Commission (DOSC) in the amount of $83,200, or such other amount as the DOSC awards, to fund a contracted Community Health Liaison at ChristianaCare who would be assigned to the existing Partners in Care co-responder program in the Wilmington Police Department.

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This grant does not require City matching funds, and per the Mayor's Office, there is no expectation that the activities funded by this grant will continue post the exhaustion or expiration of grant funds. As such, this grant 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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