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 Fire Department, to the Delaware Prescription Opioid Settlement Distribution Commission ("DOSC") in the amount of $61,160; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used to provide a peer support specialist for the Recovery Engagement After Crisis & Harm initiative that will be dispatched following eligible Wilmington Fire Department overdose encounters, particularly when an individual declines hospital transport, to provide follow-up outreach, harm reduction support, warm handoffs, and connections to treatment and recovery services; 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 behalf of the Wilmington Fire Department, to the DOSC for a grant in the amount of $61,160, or such other amount that DOSC awards, is hereby authorized.

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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 Fire Department, to the Delaware Prescription Opioid Settlement Distribution Commission ("DOSC") for a grant in the amount of $61,160, or such other amount that DOSC awards. The funds will be used to provide a peer support specialist for the Recovery Engagement After Crisis & Harm initiative that will be dispatched following eligible Wilmington Fire Department overdose encounters to provide follow-up outreach, harm reduction support, warm handoffs, and connections to treatment and recovery services. 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 Fire Department, to apply for grant funding from the Delaware Opioid Settlement Commission (DOSC) in the amount of $61,600, or such other amount as the DOSC awards, to provide a contracted peer support specialist for the Wilmington Fire Department's Recovery Engagement After Crisis & Harm initiative.

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.

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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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