

Wilmington, Delaware
April 2, 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 Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (SLEAF) in the amount of \$36,900; and

WHEREAS, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$29,900 would allow for the purchase of a forklift that can be utilized to help safely manage and move supplies at the Department's training facility; and

WHEREAS, proposed grant funding in the amount of \$7,000 would allow for the purchase of saws that can be utilized to gain entry into structures during high-risk operations without the need to utilize more serious breaching equipment; and

WHEREAS, this grant funding would 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 purposes.

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 Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (SLEAF) in the total amount of \$36,900, or such other amount that the SLEAF 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

Approved as to form this 2nd
day of April, 2026.


Senior Assistant City Solicitor

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution authorizes the Wilmington Police Department's grant application to the State of Delaware Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (SLEAF) in the amount of \$36,900, or such other amount that the SLEAF awards. The proposed grant funds would be used to purchase (i) a forklift that can be utilized to help safely manage supplies at the Police Department's training facility and (ii) saws that can be utilized to gain entry into structures during high-risk operations. No local matching funds are required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The Office of Management and Budget has reviewed this Resolution, which authorizes the Wilmington Police Department to submit an application for and, if awarded, to accept grant funding from the SLEAF in the total amount of \$36,900, or such other amount as may be awarded. If awarded in full, the grant will provide \$36,900 in

external funding to the City for the purchase of a forklift and saws. No City matching funds are required. Because any ongoing maintenance, fuel, or incidental operating costs associated with the equipment are expected to be de minimis, acceptance of the grant will not require an increase in the Police Department's General Fund operating budget in the short term. However, if grant funding is not available at the time the forklift and saws must be replaced, the replacement costs will need to be covered by an increase to the Police Department's General Fund budget.

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