

Wilmington, Delaware
June 18, 2026

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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Hackett**

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 Department of Parks and Recreation has submitted a grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) in the amount of \$463,553.20; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding will be used to reimburse the City for meals provided in the City's 2026 Summer Food Service Program, which will provide breakfasts, lunches, and dinners during the months of June through August 2026 to children via local community centers, camps, and other organizations; 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 Department of Parks and Recreation's grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) in the total amount of \$463,553.20, or such other amount that the DDOE awards, is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or her 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 17th
day of June, 2026.

Elizabeth D. Power
Senior Assistant City Solicitor

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation's grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) in the amount of \$463,553.20, or such other amount that the DDOE awards. The grant funds will be used to reimburse the City for meals provided in the City's 2026 Summer Food Service Program, which will provide breakfasts, lunches, and dinners during the months of June through August 2026 to children via local community centers, camps, and other organizations. No local matching funds are required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The Office of Management and Budget has reviewed and analyzed this Resolution, which authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for and accept grant funding from the DDOE in the amount of \$463,553.20, or such other amount as the DDOE awards, to reimburse the City for meals provided through the City's 2026 Summer Food Service Program. This grant does not require City matching funds and is not expected to result in a net additional General Fund cost, as long as program costs are eligible for reimbursement and do not exceed the final grant award. Because the grant reimburses the City after meals are provided and related costs are paid, the City will need to pay program expenses first using available General Fund cash and then request reimbursement from the grant. This creates a cash-flow timing issue, but not a new City cost, unless costs are later found to be ineligible for reimbursement or exceed the amount awarded. Any such costs would need to be paid from another authorized funding source.

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