

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 Labor (DDOL) in the amount of \$190,000; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding will be used to fund wages for youth participating in the Youth Career Development program during summer 2026 and the 2026-2027 school year; 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 to the State of Delaware Department of Labor (DDOL) in the total amount of \$190,000, or such other amount that the DDOL 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 Labor (DDOL) in the amount of \$190,000, or such other amount that the DDOL awards. The grant funds will be used to fund wages for youth participating in the Youth Career Development program during summer 2026 and the 2026-2027 school year. No local matching funds are required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The Office of Management and Budget has reviewed and analyzed this Resolution and supporting documentation from the DDOL. This Resolution authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for and accept grant funding from the DDOL in the amount of \$190,000, or such other amount as the DDOL awards, to fund wages for youth participating in the Youth Career Development program during summer 2026 and the 2026-2027 school year. This grant does not require City matching funds and is not expected to result in a net additional General Fund cost, provided that wage costs are eligible under the DDOL award terms, they do not exceed the final grant award, and they are supported by the documentation required by DDOL. The timing of grant payments may vary based on the applicable DDOL program component. For the summer youth component, the DDOL provides installment payments during the grant period, with any unearned amounts subject to return if participation does not support the payments received. For the year-round component, the DDOL provides an initial payment, with subsequent payments reimbursed monthly after required documentation is received and accepted. As a result, the City may experience General Fund cash-flow timing impacts for some wage costs, but the grant is not expected to create a new City cost unless certain expenses are later determined to be ineligible or in excess of the amount awarded. Any such costs would need to be paid from another authorized funding source.

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