

Wilmington, Delaware
August 27, 2026

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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Harlee**

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 Information Technology submitted a grant application to the Delaware Emergency Management Agency ("DEMA") for a pass-through grant from the federal government pursuant to the State Local Cybersecurity Grant Program ("SLCGP") in the amount of \$196,000; and

WHEREAS, the SLCGP is a federal initiative authorized by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to help state, local, and territorial governments manage and reduce systemic cyber risks; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used to reimburse the City for the Department of Information Technology's initiative to strengthen the City's cybersecurity capabilities by purchasing new hardware and outsourcing Security Operations Center services, which are necessary to provide enhanced, continuous monitoring, threat detection, and response across the City's technology environment; 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.

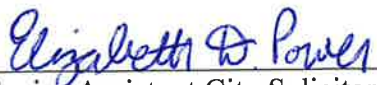
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Department of Information Technology's grant application to DEMA in the amount of \$196,000, or such other amount that DEMA awards, is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Department of Information Technology, 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 27th
day of August, 2026.


Senior Assistant City Solicitor

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution authorizes the Department of Information Technology's (the "IT Department") grant application to the Delaware Emergency Management Agency ("DEMA") for a pass-through grant from the federal government pursuant to the State Local Cybersecurity Grant Program ("SLCGP") in the amount of \$196,000, or such other amount that DEMA awards. The funds will be used to reimburse the City for the IT Department's initiative to strengthen the City's cybersecurity capabilities by purchasing new hardware and outsourcing Security Operations Center services, which are necessary to provide enhanced, continuous monitoring, threat detection, and response across the City's technology environment. No local matching funds are required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) has reviewed this Resolution authorizing the IT Department’s grant application to DEMA for federal pass-through funding under the SLCGP in the amount of \$196,000.

In addition, OMB reviewed documentation provided by DEMA that identifies one approved Fiscal Year 2022 SLCGP subaward to the City in the amount of \$196,000. The grant is reimbursement-based and does not require matching funds from the City. DEMA has identified two City invoices totaling \$197,808 as past expenditures best suited for reimbursement under the approved project and has indicated that the City will be responsible for the \$1,808 amount exceeding the \$196,000 grant award. This amount represents a project cost above the grant ceiling and is not a required grant match.

Receipt of the grant proceeds remains subject to DEMA’s approval of the City’s reimbursement voucher and supporting documentation and the City’s satisfaction of applicable grant requirements. Therefore, the fiscal impact of this Resolution is anticipated to be a reimbursement to the City of up to \$196,000 for eligible cybersecurity expenditures already incurred, with no additional matching-fund requirement. Any project costs exceeding the amount approved for reimbursement will remain the responsibility of the City.

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