Wilmington, Delaware
October 15, 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 submitted a grant application to the State of Delaware Emergency Illegal Drug Enforcement (EIDE) program; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department is eligible for $32,228.92 in grant funding, which will be used to support specialized drug investigations through covering overtime costs; and

WHEREAS, this grant supports the Department's ability to investigate suspected drug activity and to respond to community concerns around illegal narcotics in their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, no local matching funds are required; and

WHEREAS, in applying for this funding, the Police Department seeks to continue its efforts to secure funding from other entities to help offset the fiscal impact of crime prevention activities on the City's annual operating budget; 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 Wilmington Police Department's grant application to the State of Delaware Emergency Illegal Drug Enforcement (EIDE) program in the amount of $32,228.92, or such other amount that the EIDE program 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 13th day of October, 2026.

Elizabeth D. Powers
Senior Assistant City Solicitor

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution authorizes the Wilmington Police Department's grant application to the State of Delaware Emergency Illegal Drug Enforcement (EIDE) program in the amount of $32,228.92, or such other amount that the EIDE program awards. The grant funds will be used to support specialized drug investigations through covering overtime costs. No local matching funds are required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The Office of Management and Budget has reviewed and analyzed this Resolution, which authorizes the Wilmington Police Department to apply for grant funding from the State of Delaware Emergency Illegal Drug Enforcement (EIDE) program in the amount of $32,228.92, or such other amount as the EIDE program awards, to support specialized drug investigations through covering overtime costs.

This grant does not require City matching funds, and per State law, may not be used to supplant (replace) already budgeted City funds. As such, this grant is expected to have no direct net impact, either positive or negative, on General Fund expenditures. 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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