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 Department of Safety and Homeland Security Fund to Combat Violent Crimes; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department is eligible for $368,085.01 in grant funding, which will be used to cover overtime costs as part of overall violent crime reduction efforts; and

WHEREAS, this funding will allow the Police Department to deploy additional police officers to neighborhoods following major crimes, shooting incidents, and crime trends. Deployment of these officers is done in connection with the Department's CompStat methodology, which helps ensure these resources are sent to areas most in need; 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 Department of Safety and Homeland Security Fund to Combat Violent Crimes in

the amount of $368,085.01, or such other amount that the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security 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 Department of Safety and Homeland Security Fund to Combat Violent Crimes in the amount of $368,085.01, or such other amount that the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security awards. The grant funds will be used to cover overtime costs as part of overall violent crime reduction efforts. 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 Department of Safety and Homeland Security Fund to Combat Violent Crimes in the amount of $368,085.01, or such other amount as the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security awards, which will be used to cover overtime costs as part of overall violent crime reduction efforts.

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.