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 for funding from the State Aid to Local Law Enforcement (SALLE) grant program in the amount of $58,858.54; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding will be used to cover the cost of providing advanced and specialized training for police officers; and

WHEREAS, the funding will support training on a wide range of topics including mental health and crisis intervention, criminal investigation methods and strategies, and law enforcement best practices; and

WHEREAS, this grant funding will cover expenses that would otherwise have to be paid for out of the Police Department's annual operating budget, thereby continuing the Police Department's efforts to identify funding opportunities to negate increases to the City's annual operating budget; 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 Wilmington Police Department's grant application to the State

of Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security for funding from the State Aid to Local Law Enforcement (SALLE) grant program in the amount of $58,858.54, 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 for funding from the State Aid to Local Law Enforcement (SALLE) grant program in the amount of $58,858.54, or such other amount that the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security awards. The grant funding will be used to cover the cost of advanced and specialized training for police officers. 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, State Aid to Local Law Enforcement (SALLE) program in the amount of $58,858.54, or such other amount as Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security awards, which will be used to cover the cost of providing advanced and specialized training for police officers.

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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