Wilmington, Delaware
October 15, 2026

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Sponsor:

Council Member Bracy

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 Education (DDOE) in the amount of $525,000; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding will be used to reimburse the City for meals provided in the City's 2026-2027 Child and Adult Care Food Program, which will provide dinners and snacks during the months of October 2026 through mid-June 2027 and September 2027 to children and adults via local community centers, camps, and other organizations; 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 Parks and Recreation's grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) in the total amount of $525,000, or such other amount that the DDOE 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 15th
day of October, 2026.

Elizabeth A. Powers
Senior Assistant City Solicitor

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation's grant application to the State of Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) in the amount of $525,000, or such other amount that the DDOE awards. The grant funds will be used to reimburse the City for meals provided in the City's 2026-2027 Child and Adult Care Food Program, which will provide dinners and snacks during the months of October 2026 through mid-June 2027 and September 2027 to children and adults via local community centers, camps, and other organizations. No local matching funds are required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: The Office of Management and Budget has reviewed and analyzed this Resolution, which authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for and accept grant funding from the State of Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) in the amount of $525,000, or such other amount as the DDOE awards, to reimburse the City for costs associated with providing dinners and snacks through the 2026-2027 Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

This grant does not require City matching funds and is not expected to result in a net additional General Fund cost, provided that program expenses are eligible for reimbursement and do not exceed the final grant award. Because the grant operates on a reimbursement basis, the City may need to initially cover eligible program expenses using available funds before receiving reimbursement from the DDOE. This may create a cash-flow timing difference but is not expected to result in an additional City cost unless expenses are determined to be ineligible or exceed the awarded funding. Any such costs would need to be covered by another authorized funding source.