

Wilmington, Delaware  
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**WHEREAS**, Section 2-369 of the City Code requires grants awarded by the Mayor, City Council or the City Treasurer in the amount of \$5,000 or more to be approved by resolution of City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council wishes to award grants to 16 prominent organizations in the Wilmington community for a total of \$85,000; and

**WHEREAS**, these organizations provide the Wilmington community with vital resources and services; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that we support organizations that provide youth activities, senior services, and community aid; and

**WHEREAS**, when we support our community and the various groups that comprise it, we grow stronger as a City; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council wishes to award the following organizations and grant amounts to total \$85,000:

- Stop the Violence Prayer Chain Foundation \$5,000
- I Am My Sister’s Keeper \$5,000
- Bernice’s Educational School Age Center, Inc. \$5,000
- Reeds’ Refuge \$5,000
- Christina Cultural Arts Center \$5,000
- Grand Opera House \$5,000
- Culture Restoration Project – Beyond Those Bars \$5,000
- Wilmington Senior Center \$10,000

- Leading Youth Through Empowerment \$5,000
- Police Athletic League of Wilmington \$5,000
- Safe United Neighborhoods \$5,000
- TeenSHARP \$5,000
- Neighborhood House (South Wilmington) \$5,000
- Kingswood Community Center \$5,000
- Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center \$5,000
- Wilmington Green Box \$5,000

**WHEREAS**, this cause is closely aligned with the priorities of the City Council Strategic Planning Process, specifically in the pursuit of being safe and secure and a community for all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, Stop the Violence Prayer Chain Foundation is focused on providing for the needs of at-risk youth and their families who have lost loved ones due to gun violence and domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, I Am My Sister’s Keeper provides leadership development and entrepreneurial skills training for young girls that focuses on empowering them and teaching them how to positively impact their community; and

**WHEREAS**, Bernice’s Educational School Age Center is a licensed center that provides child care, academic and enrichment services to children from 6-weeks to 18 years of age and their parents. This Center primarily serves Wilmington’s economically disadvantaged families; and

**WHEREAS,** Reeds' Refuge Center is a community-focused organization that provides children with a safe-haven away from violence, drugs, guns and idle minds by connecting youth with their creative potential; and

**WHEREAS,** the mission of the Christina Cultural Arts Center is to make affordable arts, education, career pathways, gallery and live performance programs accessible to youth and adults in a welcoming environment; and

**WHEREAS,** the Grand Opera House has been providing residents and visitors of Wilmington for over 140 years with diverse live performances and a wide variety of community engagement programs for children, adults and adults in the region; and

**WHEREAS,** the Culture Restoration Project's Beyond Those Bars program confronts the challenges that our youth face with literacy. This program utilizes interactive and unique hip-hop based workshops to develop reading, writing and critical thinking skills that drive participants to be purposeful contributors to the community; and

**WHEREAS,** Wilmington Senior Center provides programs that respond to critical community needs and helps seniors experience healthy and independent aging, manage chronic disease effectively and reduce economic insecurity; and

**WHEREAS,** the organization Leading Youth Through Empowerment focuses on increasing access for low-income middle school students to top performing Delaware high schools through personal mentoring, rigorous teaching and leadership; and

**WHEREAS,** the Police Athletic League of Wilmington provides youth with a safe haven to go to after school and channels their energies in positive directions to promote self-esteem, good life choices and healthy lifestyles; and

**WHEREAS**, Safe United Neighborhoods is a nonprofit organization created to promote clean and safe environments by working to reduce crime with the Wilmington Police Department and providing youth activities; and

**WHEREAS**, TeenSHARP provides low-income, black and Latino youth access to premier leadership opportunities, trains them to be ambassadors of higher education in their communities, and prepares them for success at selective colleges and universities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Neighborhood House in South Wilmington provides programs that educate, enlighten and empower people to improve their lives through various comprehensive services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kingswood Community Center offers programs for children and adults with a mission of enabling people in Northeast Wilmington and surrounding communities to achieve their potential for economic, social and personal well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center's primary purpose is to provide supplemental educational activities for youth in the Hilltop area of the City of Wilmington so they are able to effectively compete academically and socially for career opportunities and higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, Wilmington Green Box is a non-profit project that provides youth with entrepreneur jobs while supplying urban city communities with direct access to produce and delicious healthy goods.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON**, that City Council states its intent to award 16 organizations in the Wilmington community with grants to total \$85,000.

Passed by City Council,

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**SYNOPSIS:** This Resolution states the Wilmington City Council's intent to award 16 organizations in the Wilmington community with grants to total \$85,000. All of the organizations to be awarded provide important services and activities to the Wilmington community.