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NOTICE

Virtual Public Safety Committee Meeting May 11, 2020 5:00 P.M.

Agenda

- A Resolution Authorizing the Wilmington Police Department's Grant Applications to the State of Delaware, Department of Justice to Purchase MorpholDent Fingerprint Scanners and a Multi-Purpose Platform Trailer for Training
- A Resolution Authorizing the Wilmington Police Department's Grant Application to the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance to Support Implementation of a Body-worn Camera Program
- Update by Wilmington Police Department on Status of Police Academy Class

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If public comment is permitted during this committee meeting, any member of the public who wishes to speak during the committee meeting will be limited to three minutes per agenda item. If the public's permission to comment is abused, the Chair may exercise greater discretion in limiting public comment

Wilmington, Delaware
May 28, 2020

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, the 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 City, through the Wilmington Police Department ("WPD"), has submitted grant applications to the State of Delaware, Department of Justice for funding from the Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund ("SLEAF") in the amount of \$37,800; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant funds would be used purchase MorphoDent fingerprint scanners, mobile devices that are used by patrol officers and various other WPD divisions and units to provide instant identity checks on arrestees who are unable to be identified; and

WHEREAS, the outdated devices that are currently being used by personnel are reaching the end of their life span, with some of the devices failing altogether and others experiencing battery or part failure – with limited options for repair due to the age of the devices; and

WHEREAS, the proposed grant funds would also be used to purchase a multi-purpose platform trailer to assist personnel in the course of training initiatives by allowing for the transportation of four motorcycles and the towing of a full-sized SUV; and

WHEREAS, no matching funds are required; and

WHEREAS, the 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 applications to the State of Delaware, Department of Justice in the total amount of \$37,800.00 are hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police, or his 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

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution authorizes the Wilmington Police Department's grant applications to the State of Delaware, Department of Justice in the total amount of \$37,800. The proposed grant funds would be used to purchase MorphoDent fingerprint scanners and a multi-purpose platform trailer for training. No local matching funds are required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: There is no negative fiscal impact to the City as no local matching funds are required by the grants.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, the 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 City, through the Wilmington Police Department (“WPD”), is submitting a grant application to the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), for funding to support implementation of a body-worn camera program; and

WHEREAS, the three-year grant requires a 50% local match, and personnel costs are not eligible for grant funding. The WPD intends to apply for funding to cover half of the cost of the body-worn camera program, excluding personnel costs – resulting in potential funding of up to \$2,000 per camera; and

WHEREAS, the final amount of funding that could be provided through this grant, if the WPD is awarded funds, will be determined by the BJA and could be based upon the competitiveness of the grant application process and the availability of federal funding; and

WHEREAS, in applying for this grant, the Wilmington Police Department seeks to secure outside funding to help defray the significant costs of implementing a body-worn camera program, and to mitigate the impact on the City budget and the tax burden on residents of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, the 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 United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for funding to support implementation of a body-worn camera program is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police, or his 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

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution authorizes the Wilmington Police Department's grant application to the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for funding to support implementation of a body-worn camera program. The grant requires a 50% local match.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT: Depending upon the availability of federal funds and the competitiveness of this application process, it is anticipated that the City would be required to fund at least half of the cost of implementing a body-worn camera program in the first three years of the program, the full cost in subsequent years, and personnel costs for a sergeant and three police officers to administer the program, which are not eligible for funding under this grant.