

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXPAND ELIGIBLE USES OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANTS MADE BY CITY COUNCIL**

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Sponsor:

Council  
Member  
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**WHEREAS**, each year, the Wilmington City Council appropriates Community Support Funds to non-profit organizations to assist the local community with initiatives primarily in the categories of youth development, education, community, economic development, health awareness, programs for seniors, and support for various parades and festivals; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to traditional Community Support Funds, Council passed Ordinance No. 22-031 creating a temporary City Council special fund (the "Special Fund") for community support grants for entities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Although the primary role of Council is not that of a grant making agency, Council appropriates Community Support Funds to non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations to assist the local community with the top priorities identified during the strategic planning process; and

**WHEREAS**, Council's published Community Support Fund Policy and Guidelines do not currently permit grant awards to be used for capital projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Council has determined that capital projects should be recognized as an appropriate use of community support funds granted by Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1.** "Capital Projects" as used in this Ordinance shall mean acquisition of real property, new construction projects, or improvements, renovations, repairs, replacement, maintenance, or combination projects for a single building.

**SECTION 2.** Community support grant funds awarded by Council, including grants

from the Special Fund, may be awarded to organizations for use in their Capital Projects. All other applicable requirements, including, but not limited to, the requirements of City Code Section 2-368 and Council's published Community Support Fund Policy and Guidelines, shall apply.

**SECTION 3.** Council's published Community Support Fund Policy and Guidelines shall be amended to include Capital Projects as an appropriate use of funds

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage by City Council and approval by the Mayor.

First Reading ..... November 17, 2022  
Second Reading ..... November 17, 2022  
Third Reading .....

Passed by City Council,

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President of City Council

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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Mayor

**SYNOPSIS:** This Ordinance expands the eligible uses of community support funds awarded by Council. This Ordinance permits community support funds to be awarded to non-profit organizations for use in Capital Projects such as the acquisition of real property, new construction projects, or improvements and renovations to existing buildings.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** There is no anticipated fiscal impact as a result of this legislation.