

Wilmington, Delaware  
September 5, 2024

**#0475**

**Sponsor:**

**Council  
Member**

**McCoy**

**Co-Sponsors:**

**Council  
Members**

**Harlee  
Johnson**

**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 within a fiscal year to be approved by resolution of City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Developing Next-Level Achievers, Inc. (DNLA) has previously received \$4,999 in Community Support/ Discretionary Funds from various Councilpersons in Fiscal Year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council Member Yolanda M. McCoy wishes to award a grant to DNLA in the amount of \$3,000 from the Community Support/ Discretionary Funds, which has been allocated to provide sponsorship by various Councilpersons of community initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, DNLA is a 501(c)3 community development corporation that “provides community resources to uplift creatives, entrepreneurs, and innovators through equitable education and resources and create spaces for people to grow, excel, and express themselves freely”; and

**WHEREAS**, these funds will be used to support Small Business Saturdays. This initiative provides small businesses with a marketplace, located on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, where they can showcase handmade crafts, artisanal products, specialty services, and other goods to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Small Business Saturdays are hosted at the Milk and Honey Coffeehouses. The Saturday events provide entrepreneurs with tables, signage, and other necessary supplies; furnish a welcoming space for community members to shop; and engage local performers to attract a wider audience to the site.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that this Council hereby approves the issuance of a grant to Developing Next-Level Achievers, Inc. (DNLA) in the amount of \$3,000.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this grant contribution is in accordance with the 2022-2025 Wilmington City Council Strategic Plan goal of fostering a “Business Friendly Wilmington” that “provides resources for Neighborhood Business Corridors.”

Passed by City Council,

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

**SYNOPSIS:** In alignment with the 2022-2025 Wilmington City Council Strategic Plan goal of fostering a “Business Friendly Wilmington,” this Resolution approves grant funding to Developing Next-Level Achievers, Inc. (DNLA) from City Council Member Yolanda McCoy’s Community Support Discretionary Funds totaling \$3,000 for the Small Business Saturdays initiative that provides small businesses with a marketplace to showcase handmade crafts, artisanal products, specialty services, and other goods. to the community.