

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** October 14, 2024

**To:** Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

**From:** Angel Wright-Lanier, Assistant City Manager  
William H. Penn, Jr., Chief of Police

**Council Action Requested:**

Resolution authorizing acceptance of a \$200,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice under the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) program.

**Strategic Focus Area:** Safe and Secure Community

**Strategic Objective:** Improve Public Safety Quality

**Strategic Plan Action Item:** No

**Key Work Item:** No



**Summary of Information:**

The City of Winston-Salem has been awarded a \$200,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for law enforcement and support staff. Grant funding will be used for the salary and fringe benefits of a full-time Police Wellness Advocate who will oversee all aspects of law enforcement wellness programming, as well as a small amount of funding to cover specialized training and travel for relevant wellness training conferences.

**Committee Action:**

<b>Committee</b>	<u>PS- 10/14/2024</u>	<b>Action</b>	<u>Approval</u>
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<b>For</b>	<u>Unanimous</u>	<b>Against</b>	<u></u>
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**Remarks:**

There is no required match for this grant, and there are no requirements in this grant to sustain the grant-funded position after the grant ends.

The grant award must be signed by the City Manager before funds are released and the grant project can be implemented.