

RESOLUTION NO. 2823

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPENDING GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,054.

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury applied for funds through the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention's (GOCCP) Community Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, GOCCP has awarded the City funds in the amount of \$14,054; and

WHEREAS, these funds shall be used for community center programs and activities designed to improve relationships between police officers and local youth; and

WHEREAS, the City must now enter into a grant agreement with GOCCP defining how these funds must be expended; and

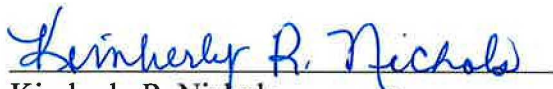
WHEREAS, § 7-29 of the Salisbury City Charter forbids the Mayor from entering into a contract that requires an expenditure not appropriated or authorized by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the awarded Governor's Office Crime Control and Prevention's Community Grant Program grant funds in the amount of \$14,054.00 are accepted and shall be utilized according to the grant agreement for the support of the program to improve relationships between police officers and local youth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND that the Mayor is hereby authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver a grant agreement on behalf of the City of Salisbury.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on the 12th day of March, 2018 and is to become effective immediately.

ATTEST:



Kimberly R. Nichols
CITY CLERK



John R. Heath
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY ME this 13th day of MARCH, 2018.



Jacob R. Day
MAYOR



To: The Mayor & City Council
From: Nancy Talbott
Subject: GOCCP Grant Funds for Community Programs
Date: March 7, 2018

The City of Salisbury has applied for and received grant funding from the Governor's Office for Crime Control and Prevention to conduct after school programs for the City's new community centers. The City received \$14,054 in order to fund the deployment of an SPD beat officer for three hours a week to assist with these programs. Additional funds were awarded for the purchase of sports equipment, tables, and chairs.

While traditional policing does not "solve" the problem of juvenile crime in and of itself, creating positive, pro-social alternatives for local youth will have greater long-term outcomes than juvenile detention would. The SPD is deeply committed to community-oriented policing and employs numerous community policing strategies. Budget and personnel limitations, however, could prevent the SPD from deploying officers to work directly with juveniles at our afterschool programs. With the granted funds, SPD officers will be able to interact with children and parents on a weekly basis, fostering a greater trust between SPD and the community.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.