



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Co-Chair George Smiley, Seventh District
Co-Chair John Cartier, Eighth District

March 28, 2023
4:00 PM

VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING** &
LOUIS L. REDDING CITY/COUNTY BUILDING
1ST FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 N. FRENCH STREET, WILMINGTON, DE 19801

AGENDA

A. Call To Order/Roll Call

B. Approval of Minutes

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

R23-066: SUPPORTING DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL NO. 84 AMENDING THE DELAWARE CODE REGARDING LAWS RELATING TO PROTECTION, CONTROL AND NOISE OF ANIMALS, INCLUDING DOGS Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Carter

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°23-034: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE INTEREST INCOME TO JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) 2019 FOR THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Ms. Hartley-Nagle

E. New Castle County Grant Requests/Community Events

- 3/28/23 Grant Matrix

F. Expense and Revenue Round Table

G. Other

- Telecommuting Agreements
- Budget Update - CFO, Michael Smith
- ARPA Update - Chief of Staff, Aundrea Almond

H. Public Comment

I. Adjournment**AGENDA POSTED: DATE**

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Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Carter
Date of introduction: March 28, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 23-066

**SUPPORTING DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES BILL NO. 84 AMENDING THE DELAWARE CODE
REGARDING LAWS RELATING TO PROTECTION, CONTROL AND
NOISE OF ANIMALS, INCLUDING DOGS**

WHEREAS, New Castle County strives to ensure the highest quality of life for all New Castle County residents and their animals; and

WHEREAS, the continuous barking, squawking, or other persistent noise by an animal has a tendency to significantly and negatively impact residents' quality of life; and

WHEREAS, adding complaints relating to animals to the County police department's high volume of overall calls for service impedes their ability to dedicate their limited resources to more pressing, often life or death, circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Animal Welfare and, where applicable, the Department of Agriculture (collectively, the "Agencies"), in the first instance, are the appropriate enforcement agencies to respond to calls relating to animal control, noises, and protection as the officers of the Agencies are specially trained and have the expertise to address animals making persistent noise, or that may be in distress or in need of immediate attention; and

WHEREAS, the County police shall continue to assist the officers of the Office of Animal Welfare and, where applicable, the Department of Agriculture as occasion requires, which includes dangerous situations or circumstances that could result in harm or injury to officers of the Agencies or the animals, or both, or others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for the County Council of New Castle County that County Council hereby urges the Delaware General Assembly to pass House Bill No. 84 at its earliest convenience to amend the Delaware Code to clarify the law regarding control, noise, and protection of animals, including dogs.

Adopted by County Council
of New Castle County on:

President of County Council
of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no discernible fiscal impact with the adoption of this resolution.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-034

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE INTEREST INCOME TO JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT
(JAG) 2019 FOR THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE**

WHEREAS, original allocated funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance was previously approved by County Council and appropriated to the Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) for 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 via Ordinances 18-082, 18-122, 19-098 and 20-120; and

WHEREAS, investment and program income previously approved by County Council and appropriated to the Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) for 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 via Ordinance 21-072 and 22-136; and

WHEREAS, the JAG program, administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, is the leading source of Federal Justice funding to State and Local jurisdictions and provides New Castle County with critical funding to support a range of programs within the New Castle County Division of Police; and

WHEREAS, authorization is being sought for the appropriation of \$1,079.46 in investment income to the JAG 2019 – Enhanced Crime Prevention and Officer Wellness Initiative Grant to be used to cover purchase of needed supplies for the K9 unit; and

WHEREAS, investment and program income received is sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government interests (i.e., promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity and/or welfare of the present and future inhabitants of this State).

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby amended by adding the material underscored and deleting the material stricken on the attached Exhibit “A.”

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.* § 1156.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

President of County Council
of New Castle County

Approved on:

County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$1,079.46 in investment income to the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2019, which is administered by the Department of Public Safety, Division of Police. These funds will be used to cover purchase of needed supplies for the K9 unit.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$1,079.46 in investment income to the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2019, which is administered by the Department of Public Safety, Division of Police. These funds will be used to cover purchase of needed supplies for the K9 unit.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget totaling \$1,079.46. This increase will affect FY2023 through FY2024 since the targeted program completion date of the most recent grant is September 30, 2023. There is no fiscal impact beyond FY2024 as a result of these grant awards.

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

EXHIBIT: "A"

PROGRAM TITLE: JAG 2019 Enhanced Crime Prevention and Officer Wellness Initiative

Ordinance No. 23-034

Federal \$ 172,058.00

State \$ -

Program Income \$ 7,952.78

Interest \$400.43 \$ 1,479.89

Object Level	Federal		State		County		Program Income		Interest		Total	
	Initial	Revised	Initial	Revised	Initial	Revised	Initial	Revised	Initial	Revised	Initial	Revised
50-Salaries and Wages	\$ 65,572.00						\$ 4,400.00				\$ 69,972.00	\$ -
51-Employee Benefits	\$ 6,479.00						\$ 32.57		\$ 400.43		\$ 6,912.00	\$ -
52-Training/Civic Affairs	\$ 84,818.00						\$ 1,032.00				\$ 85,850.00	\$ -
53-Communication/Utilities											\$ -	\$ -
54-Materials/Supplies	\$ 1,845.00						\$ 846.00		\$ -	\$ 1,079.46	\$ 2,691.00	\$ 3,770.46
55-Contractual Services	\$ 5,400.00										\$ 5,400.00	\$ -
56-Equipment Replacement	\$ 7,944.00						\$ 1,642.21				\$ 9,586.21	\$ -
57-Fixed Charges											\$ -	\$ -
58-Land and Structures											\$ -	\$ -
59-Contingencies											\$ -	\$ -
66-Operating Transfer Charges											\$ -	\$ -
67-Operating Transfer Credits											\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 172,058.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,952.78	\$ -	\$ 400.43	\$ 1,479.89	\$ 180,411.21	\$ 181,490.67

Supplemental Information

Estimated Program Initiation: 10/1/2018

Estimated Program Completion: 9/30/2023

The Local Match:

Found in (ORG):

Operating Budget Match \$ 32,903.00

Found in (ORG): Police 10200305-10200308

Code:

Ordinance Passed: 19-098, 21-072, 22-136

Date Revised: 11/12/2019, 6/16/2021, 12/22/2022

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program provides crucial funding to the New Castle County Division of Police. This grant will support police overtime to reduce crime in identified high crime areas of the County, fund training for police officers and support the purchase of specialized equipment.

11/22/2022

3/14/2023

Grant Matrix

3/28/23

GRANT APPLICANT	AMOUNT REQUESTED / AMOUNT PROPOSED	INTENDED USE OF GRANT	Standard Accounting Practices/ Non- Discriminat ion Policy	PRIOR COUNCIL GRANTS IN CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	COUNCIL MEMBER
Pike Creek Little League (Capital Little League)	\$2500/\$2500	Funds will be used to help replaces the field light s at Catalina Field (210 Greenbank Rd)	Yes/Yes	No	Sheldon
Taylors Bridge Community Center, Inc.	\$2500/\$2500	Funds will be used for repairs to their nationally registered historic building	No/No	No	Carter