



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Co-Chair: J. William Bell, Twelfth District
Co-Chair: Karen Hartley-Nagle, President

October 10, 2023
3:00 PM

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

AGENDA

A. Meeting Call to Order

B. Approval of Minutes - September 12, 2023

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°23-125: (TO BE VOTED 10/10/23) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$50,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO THE FY2024 COLD CASE DNA GRANT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Ms. Hartley-Nagle

°23-135: (TO BE VOTED 10/24/23) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$160,000 FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE FY2024 GRANT-IN-AID BILL TO THE FY2024 POLICE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH GRANT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Ms. Hartley-Nagle

°23-136: (TO BE VOTED 10/24/23) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$506,147.12 FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO THE FY2024 FUNDS TO COMBAT VIOLENT CRIME GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Ms. Hartley-Nagle

E. Presentations

- Path Forward of Boyds Corner Road Paramedic Station Construction - Councilman Bell/Public Works

Body Cameras and Releasing Videos - Councilman Street/NCCPD

F. Other

G. Public Comment**H. Adjournment****AGENDA POSTED: October 3, 2023**

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ORDINANCE NO. 23-125

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:

APPROPRIATE \$50,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO THE FY2024 COLD CASE DNA GRANT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety, Division of Police has been awarded \$50,000 in funding from the State of Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security for the FY2024 Cold Case DNA Grant; and

WHEREAS, the funding will be used to assist with DNA testing and related expenses in the investigation of open cold cases; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has determined that grants anticipated to be received from the State of Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security are 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 bracketed and 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.

Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to July 1, 2023.

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 \$50,000 in funding from the State of Delaware, Department of Safety and Homeland Security to the FY2024 Cold Case DNA Grant. Funding will be used by the Department of Public Safety, Division of Police for DNA testing and related expenses in the investigation of open cold cases.

It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to July 1, 2023.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$50,000 in funding from the State of Delaware, Department of Safety and Homeland Security to the FY2024 Cold Case DNA Grant.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget in the amount of \$50,000. This increase will affect FY2024 only since the targeted program completion date is June 30, 2024. There is no anticipated fiscal impact on the Operating Budget.

DEPARTMENT:

Public Safety

GRANT TITLE:

FY2024 Cold Case DNA Grant

PROGRAM TITLE:

FY2024 Cold Case DNA Grant

EXHIBIT:

"A"

Ordinance No.

23-125

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:

7/1/2023

Estimated Program Completion:

6/30/2024

The Local Match:

Found in (ORG):

Ordinance Passed:

Date Revised:

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

New Castle County Department of Public Safety, Division of Police will use the Cold Case funding received for expenses related to open cold cases for DNA testing and related expenses.

Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Ms. Hartley-Nagle

Date of introduction: October 10, 2023

ORDINANCE NO. 23-135

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE \$160,000 FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE FY2024
GRANT-IN-AID BILL TO THE FY2024 POLICE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH GRANT TO
BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY,
DIVISION OF POLICE**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety, Division of Police has been awarded \$160,000 in funding from the State of Delaware FY2024 Grant in Aid Bill; and

WHEREAS, the funding will be used to continue to support the mental health team, enhancing the level of service to those suffering from mental illness by providing additional hours of coverage during the week and expanding into the weekend; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has determined that grants received will be 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 on the attached Exhibits "A" which shall be considered underscored in their entirety.

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

Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to July 1, 2023.

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: Appropriate \$160,000 in State of Delaware FY2024 Grant in Aid Bill funds to the FY2024 Police Behavioral Health Grant to continue to support the mental health team, enhancing the level of service to those suffering from mental illness by providing additional hours of coverage during the week and expanding into the weekend. This is the fifth year of funding for this grant.

It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to July 1, 2023.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$160,000 in State of Delaware FY2024 Grant in Aid Bill funds to the FY2024 Police Behavioral Health Grant. The funding will be used to continue to support the mental health team by funding a contracted Mental Health Clinician through Christiana Care (previously an Executive Assistant II), overtime when necessary for the assigned police officers and related operating expenses.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$160,000. The increase will affect FY2024 only as the program end date is June 30, 2024. There is no anticipated fiscal impact on the Operating Budget.

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

GRANT TITLE: FY2024 Police Behavioral Health

PROGRAM TITLE: FY2024 Police Behavioral Health

EXHIBIT: "A"

Ordinance No. 23-135

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00
Benefits	\$ 8,823.30	\$ -	\$ 8,823.30
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ 26,000.00	\$ -	\$ 26,000.00
Communication/Utilities	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00
Materials/Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Contractual Services	\$ 83,870.00	\$ -	\$ 83,870.00
Equipment	\$ 6,306.70	\$ -	\$ 6,306.70
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 160,000.00	\$ -	\$ 160,000.00

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ 160,000.00	\$ -	\$ 160,000.00
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 160,000.00	\$ -	\$ 160,000.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 7/1/2023 **Estimated Program Completion:** 6/30/2024

The Local Match: \$ - **Found in (ORG):**

Ordinance Passed: **Date Revised:**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

To continue to provide funding for the Mental Health programs in the Division of Police inclusive of funding a Mental Health Clinician through Christiana Care, overtime when necessary for the assigned police officers and related operating expenses.

10/10/2023

Introduced by: Mr. Bell, Ms. Hartley-Nagle
Date of introduction: October 10, 2023

ORDINANCE NO. 23-136

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE \$506,147.12 FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF
SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO THE FY2024 FUNDS TO COMBAT
VIOLENT CRIME GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY,
DIVISION OF POLICE**

WHEREAS, funding has been awarded from the State of Delaware, Department of Safety and Homeland Security to the FY2024 Funds to Combat Violent Crime Grant; and

WHEREAS, the funding will be used by the New Castle County Department of Public Safety, Division of Police for overtime patrols in high crime areas, specialized training and the purchase of essential police equipment; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has determined that grants received will be 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 on the attached Exhibit "A," which is considered to be underscored in its entirety, attached hereto and made a part thereof.

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

Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to September 12, 2023.

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 \$506,147.12 from the State of Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security to the FY2024 Funds to Combat Violent Crime Grant. The funding will be used by the New Castle County Department of Public Safety, Division of Police for overtime patrols in high crime areas, specialized training and the purchase of essential police equipment.

It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to September 12, 2023.

FISCAL NOTE: The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$506,147.12. This increase will impact FY2024 and FY2025 since the targeted program completion date is September 30, 2024. In addition, New Castle County is providing a cash match within the Department of Public Safety, Division of Police of \$81,174.36 to cover the full costs of employee benefits.

There will be no fiscal impact beyond FY2025 as a result of this grant award.

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

GRANT TITLE: FY2024 Funds to Combat Violent Crime

PROGRAM TITLE: FY2024 Funds to Combat Violent Crime

EXHIBIT: "A"

Ordinance No. 23-136

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 138,000.00	\$ -	\$ 138,000.00
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ 137,147.12	\$ -	\$ 137,147.12
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ 231,000.00	\$ -	\$ 231,000.00
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 506,147.12	\$ -	\$ 506,147.12

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ 506,147.12	\$ -	\$ 506,147.12
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 506,147.12	\$ -	\$ 506,147.12

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	9/12/2023	Estimated Program Completion:	9/30/2024
County Match:	\$ -	Found in (ORG):	
Operating Impact:	\$ 81,174.36	Found in (ORG):	10200304-10200308
Ordinance Passed/ Date Revised:			

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Funds to Combat Violent Crime Grant is funded by the State of Delaware and is distributed by the Department of Safety and Homeland Security for use by local law enforcement agencies in connection with initiatives to combat violent felonies pursuant to Section 4201(c) of Title 11 of the *Delaware State Code*.

10/10/2023