



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Co-Chair: Penrose Hollins, Fourth District
Co-Chair: Jea P. Street, Tenth District

October 24, 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 Community Services Committee Meeting 8/29/2023
- C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)
- D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)
°23-146: TO APPROPRIATE \$50,000 IN THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOUSING TRUST FUND TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES (To Be Voted on 11/14/2023) Introduced by: Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
- E. Presentations
Community Outreach Update
Hope Center Housing Locator Ordinance
- F. Other
Resolution in honor of the Edgemoor Gardens Track Team
- G. Public Comment
- H. Adjournment

AGENDA POSTED: 10/17/2023

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Finally, if you would like to submit comments or questions on legislation that will be considered during the meeting, please send them to: NiQue.Traylor@newcastlede.gov. All comments should be given by 2:30 p.m. on 10/17/2023.

Introduced by: Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Date of introduction: October 24, 2023

ORDINANCE NO. 23-146

**TO APPROPRIATE \$50,000 IN THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOUSING TRUST FUND
TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the New Castle County Housing Trust Fund was created with the support of County Council for the “purpose of dedicating public funds and revenues from other sources to address the housing needs of very low income households earning less than 50% of median income, low income households earning 50 to 80% of median income, and moderate income households earning 80% to 120% of median income” (see Resolution No. 07-176 as amended by Amendment No. 1); and

WHEREAS, the Housing Trust Fund will be used to promote the preservation and development of affordable housing within New Castle County with priorities recommended by the Housing Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Trust Fund has a balance of \$1,773,009.03 as of September 30, 2023 and the appropriation of \$50,000 will be used for Housing Locator Case Management services and landlord incentives to increase permanent housing opportunities for residents residing at the HOPE Center; and

WHEREAS, \$25,000 will be used to pay the Housing Locator Case Management Team (MattieSon LLC) for their services in helping residents at the HOPE Center find permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, \$25,000 will be used by the team to offer landlord incentives to increase housing opportunities for the HOPE Center residents such as assistance with judgements and outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Trust Fund is a separate fund from the Affordable Housing Fund, and the Housing Trust Fund can only be expended for projects within unincorporated areas of New Castle County and there are no Affordable Housing Funds included in the funding of this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the revenue measures heretofore adopted by County Council are necessary to preserve and development affordable housing within New Castle County; and

WHEREAS, each contract or purchase order funded through this Housing Trust Fund appropriation will be submitted on a Resolution for Council’s consideration as required by *New Castle County Code* § 2.02.004.

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

Section 1. To promote the preservation and development of affordable housing within New Castle County, \$50,000 in the New Castle County Housing Trust Fund is hereby appropriated to be administered by the Department of Community Services.

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.

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, appropriates \$50,000 in the New Castle County Housing Trust Fund for Housing Locator Case Management services and landlord incentives to increase permanent housing opportunities for residents residing at the HOPE Center. There are no Affordable Housing Funds included in the funding of this Ordinance. The funds will be administered by the Department of Community Services to fund housing projects in New Castle County.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$50,000 in the New Castle County Housing Trust Fund for Housing Locator Case Management services and landlord incentives to increase permanent housing opportunities for residents residing at the HOPE Center. After January 2024, the Housing Locator Case Management services will be paid with Grant Funds. There is no discernible impact to the Operating Budget since this is an appropriation in the Housing Trust Fund. The intent is to appropriate funds in the Contractual Services Budget Line Item.