



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Co-Chair: Jea P. Street, Tenth District

Co-Chair: Penrose Hollins, Fourth District

November 28, 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/Roll Call

B. Approval of Minutes - 10-24-23

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°23-149: (TO BE VOTED 11/28/23) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE INTEREST INCOME \$5,833.63 AND PROGRAM INCOME \$597,104.77 TO THE FY2023 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING Introduced by: Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°23-150: (TO BE VOTED 11/28/23) TO APPROPRIATE \$150,000 IN THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOUSING TRUST FUND TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES Introduced by: Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°23-160: (TO BE VOTED 11/28/23) TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2 ("ADMINISTRATION"), ARTICLE 5 ("DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES") TO CREATE THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION Introduced by: Ms. Durham, Ms. George, Mr. Tackett, Mr. Street, Mr. Cartier, Mr. Carter, Ms. Hartley-Nagle, Mr. Toole, Ms. Kilpatrick

°23-162: (TO BE VOTED 12/12/23) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE ANTICIPATED FEDERAL FUNDS OF \$16,425,000 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO THE SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS – 2024 GRANT, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING Introduced by: Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

E. Presentations

Public Arts Commission

Housing Choice Voucher Program Budget – Calendar Year 2024

- F. Other
- G. Public Comment
- H. Adjournment

AGENDA POSTED: 11/21/23

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ORDINANCE NO. 23-149

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE INTEREST INCOME \$5,833.63 AND PROGRAM INCOME \$597,104.77
TO THE FY2023 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) GRANT,
WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES,
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING**

1 **WHEREAS**, the original allocated funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and
2 Urban Development (HUD) of \$1,013,204 and estimated program income of \$100,000 was
3 previously approved by the County Council and appropriated to the FY2023 Home Investment
4 Partnership Program (HOME) Grant; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, HOME programs are funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
7 Development (HUD), and program income from the rehabilitation and acquisition of housing
8 and the administration of the program; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, the families served by HOME programs are low to moderate-income
11 households in New Castle County – outside the cities of Wilmington and Newark; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, authorization is being sought for the appropriation of \$5,833.63 in interest
14 income and \$597,104.77 in program income to the FY2023 HOME Grant to be used for future
15 sub-grantee projects; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, interest and program income received is sufficient to cover the increase in
18 the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and

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

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

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

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31 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
32 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.* §
33 1156.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

Karen Hartley-Nagle
President of County Council
of New Castle County

Approved on:

Matthew Meyer
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$5,833.63 in interest income and \$597,104.77 in program income to the FY2023 Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Grant, which is administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Development and Housing. These funds will be used for future sub-grantee projects.

HOME programs are funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and program income for the rehabilitation and acquisition of housing and the administration of the program. Families served are low to moderate-income households in New Castle County – outside the cities of Wilmington and Newark.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$5,833.63 in interest income and \$597,104.77 in program income to the FY2023 Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Grant.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$602,938.40 for FY2023. This increase will affect FY2023 through FY2028, since the targeted program completion date for this grant is June 30, 2028. There is no discernible fiscal impact on the current operating budget.

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

GRANT TITLE: HOME Program FY23

PROGRAM TITLE: HOME Administration

EXHIBIT: "A"

Ordinance No. 23-149

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 68,444.19	\$ -	\$ 68,444.19
Benefits	\$ 39,574.81	\$ -	\$ 39,574.81
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ 42.00	\$ -	\$ 42.00
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ 1,650.00	\$ -	\$ 1,650.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 112,211.00	\$ -	\$ 112,211.00

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ 112,211.00	\$ -	\$ 112,211.00
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 112,211.00	\$ -	\$ 112,211.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 7/1/2022 **Estimated Program Completion:** 6/30/2028

The Local Match: **Found in (ORG):**

Ordinance 22-048, 22-094 **Date Revised:** 4/26/2022, 6/28/2022

Passed:

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

HOME Programs are funded from HUD for housing rehabilitation and acquisition, and administration of the program. Families served are low to moderate income households in New Castle County - outside the cities of Wilmington or Newark. The current budget is to rehabilitate homes to meet code and for subgrantee programs that support housing.

6/8/2022 11/14/2023

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

EXHIBIT: "B"

GRANT TITLE: HOME Program FY23

Ordinance No. 23-149

PROGRAM TITLE: HOME Investment Partnership Program
Subgrantees and Home Rehab

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 47,706.00	\$ -	\$ 47,706.00
Benefits	\$ 28,191.00	\$ -	\$ 28,191.00
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ 115,685.00	\$ -	\$ 115,685.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ 918,317.00	<u>\$ 602,938.40</u>	<u>\$ 1,521,255.40</u>
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	<u>\$ 1,109,899.00</u>	<u>\$ 602,938.40</u>	<u>\$ 1,712,837.40</u>

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ 1,009,899.00	\$ -	\$ 1,009,899.00
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	<u>\$ 100,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 597,104.77</u>	<u>\$ 697,104.77</u>
Other	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,833.63</u>	<u>\$ 5,833.63</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,109,899.00</u>	<u>\$ 602,938.40</u>	<u>\$ 1,712,837.40</u>

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6/8/2022 11/14/2023

ORDINANCE NO. 23-150

**TO APPROPRIATE \$150,000 IN THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOUSING TRUST FUND
TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

1 **WHEREAS**, the New Castle County Housing Trust Fund was created with the support of
2 the County Council for the “purpose of dedicating public funds and revenues from other sources
3 to address the housing needs of very low-income households earning less than 50% of median
4 income, low-income households earning 50 to 80% of median income, and moderate-income
5 households earning 80% to 120% of median income” (see Resolution No. 07-176 as amended
6 by Amendment No. 1); and
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8 **WHEREAS**, the Housing Trust Fund will be used to promote the preservation and
9 development of affordable housing within New Castle County with priorities recommended by
10 the Housing Advisory Board; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, the Housing Trust Fund has a balance of \$1,792,705.59 as of October 31,
13 2023, and the appropriation of \$150,000 will be used for Good Neighbors to assist with providing
14 free home repairs for thirty (30) owner-occupied residential properties within New Castle County;
15 and
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17 **WHEREAS**, to qualify for the services, homeowners must be at or below 80% Area
18 Median Income (AMI) within New Castle County; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, the Housing Trust Fund is a separate fund from the Affordable Housing
21 Fund, and the Housing Trust Fund can only be expended for projects within unincorporated
22 areas of New Castle County and there are no Affordable Housing Funds included in the funding
23 of this Ordinance; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, the revenue measures heretofore adopted by County Council are necessary
26 to preserve and develop affordable housing within New Castle County; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, each contract or purchase order funded through this Housing Trust Fund
29 appropriation will be submitted on a Resolution for Council’s consideration as required by *New*
30 *Castle County Code* § 2.02.004.
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32 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
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34 Section 1. To promote the preservation and development of affordable housing within
35 New Castle County, \$150,000 in the New Castle County Housing Trust Fund is hereby
36 appropriated to be administered by the Department of Community Services.
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38 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the
39 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided in 9 *Del. C.* §
40 1156.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

Karen Hartley-Nagle
President of County Council
of New Castle County

Approved on:

Matthew Meyer
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, appropriates \$150,000 in the New Castle County Housing Trust Fund for Good Neighbors to assist with providing free home repairs for thirty (30) owner-occupied residential properties within New Castle County. 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 \$150,000 in the New Castle County Housing Trust Fund for Good Neighbors to assist with providing free home repairs for thirty (30) owner-occupied residential properties within New Castle County. There is no discernible impact on the Operating Budget since this is an appropriation in the Housing Trust Fund. The intent is to appropriate funds in the Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item.

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham, Ms. George
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett, Mr. Street,
Mr. Cartier, Mr. Carter,
Ms. Hartley-Nagle,
Mr. Toole, Ms. Kilpatrick
Date of introduction: November 14, 2023

ORDINANCE NO. 23-160

TO AMEND *NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE* CHAPTER 2 (“ADMINISTRATION”), ARTICLE 5 (“DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES”) TO CREATE THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

1 **WHEREAS**, promoting the arts is vital to fostering a vibrant and inclusive community
2 in New Castle County; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, the arts serve as an economic driver, creating jobs and generating tax
5 revenue and is an economic asset that stimulates business activity, and expands an area’s
6 work force and tax base; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, the arts attract tourism to New Castle County: According to the Delaware
9 State Tourism Office’s [2021 Value of Tourism Report](#), 39% of overnight visitors to New
10 Castle County engaged in cultural activities, and 59% engaged in entertainment activities.
11 Visitors spent a total of \$2.52 billion, and Delaware’s economy was able to keep 66 cents of
12 each tourism dollar spent in the state; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, the arts serve as a civic catalyst, creating a welcoming sense of place
15 and a desirable quality of life; it makes communities vibrant, welcoming and desirable.
16 Creative placemaking positively impacts local economies and quality of life; creates jobs,
17 and stimulates commercial traffic, all of which leverage neighborhood revitalization, give
18 representation to diverse populations, and strengthen communities; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, contemporary art installations, exhibitions, interventions, and
21 celebrations can create important opportunities to address social and economic inequalities
22 in our communities and provide forums for safe dialog to heal these historic fractures, and
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24 **WHEREAS**, a Public Arts Commission will provide an opportunity for all community
25 members, especially underserved populations, to actively and equitably engage in the
26 development and promotion of public art activities; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, the establishment of a New Castle County Public Arts Commission
29 (“Commission”) will support local visual artists, enhance public spaces, increase tourism,
30 and celebrate the County’s cultural diversity; and
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32 **WHEREAS**, the goals of a County Public Arts Commission are aligned with the goals
33 of the Delaware Arts Alliance’s “Creative Economy and Cultural Tourism Recovery and
34 Growth Plan” currently under development; and
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36 **WHEREAS**, the Public Arts Commission will encourage equitable public participation
37 and collaboration in public arts-related initiatives; and
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39 **WHEREAS**, the Public Arts Commission will play a significant role in shaping policies
40 and strategies to integrate the arts into County community spaces and development
41 projects; and

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43 **WHEREAS**, the Public Arts Commission will serve as an approval body for the design
44 and location of public art on County property, and acquisition of works of art by the County,
45 as well as review conservation and relocation plans for County-owned sculptures and public
46 works of art, installations, and exhibitions; and

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48 **WHEREAS**, the New Castle County Public Arts Commission will serve as a vital
49 platform to enhance artistic expression, creativity, equitable representation, and cultural
50 enrichment in the public realm.

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

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54 Section 1. *New Castle County Code* Chapter 2 ("Administration"), Article 5
55 ("Departments and Offices") is hereby amended by adding the material that is
56 underscored, as follows.

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58 **Sec. 2.05.516. - New Castle County Public Arts Commission**

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60 A. The New Castle County Public Arts Commission ("Commission") shall consist of nine (9)
61 members including the Chair. The County Council shall appoint five (5) members,
62 including ex officio designees, with the advice and consent of the County Executive.
63 The County Executive shall appoint four (4) members with the advice and consent of
64 County Council. The County Executive, with the advice and consent of County Council,
65 shall appoint one member from the nine nominated members as Chairperson who shall
66 serve at the pleasure of the County Executive. Recommendations for membership will
67 be sought from local visual arts organizations, educational institutions, and community
68 leaders in the visual arts field. Except for certain initial appointments as identified below,
69 all Commission members other than the Chair and ex officio positions shall serve 4 year
70 terms, which may be renewed. Membership of the Commission shall consist of:

- 71 1. At least 1 representative from visual arts organizations, including art museums,
72 that are located or operate within the County;
73 2. At least 2 County residents who are visual artists (including but not limited to a
74 sculptor and painter) or who have a demonstrated involvement in public art;
75 3. At least 1 representative from the faculty or governing body of an
76 educational institution with art or architecture programs;
77 4. At least 1 representative from a non-profit organization engaged in supporting the
78 visual arts;
79 5. At least 1 registered landscape architect;
80 6. The Director of the Delaware Art Museum [ex officio] or their designee; and

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82 B. The Department of Community Services shall provide the administrative and community
83 support required by the Commission in the performance of its official duties. The
84 Department of Public Works shall provide technical and project management support
85 for the public art installations directed by the Commission. The Commission may
86 engage with other County departments in the performance of its official duties.

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88 C. The initial appointments of the members of the Commission shall be 2 or 4 years to
89 stagger the terms so that approximately half the members will be up for reappointment
90 every 2 years.

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92 D. The Commission shall have the authority to develop its own bylaws, with the advice and
93 assistance of the Department of Law and Department of Community Services.
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95 E. Under this Commission, "Public art" shall include works of art commissioned, gifted,
96 transferred, purchased, borrowed, and exhibited for the enhancement of NCC County
97 properties, both exterior and interior public spaces, as permanent or temporary
98 installations. "Public art" can also include works of art owned by NCC Government that
99 are installed on other properties not owned by NCC. The permanent collection of
100 Rockwood Park & Museum, which is managed by a separate collections policy, is
101 excluded.
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103 F. *Duties.* The Commission shall generally advise and keep informed the County Council,
104 the County Executive, and relevant County Departments on matters pertaining to public
105 art in New Castle County. Additionally, the Commission shall:
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- 107 1. Promote and advocate for permanent or semi-permanent public visual arts projects that
108 reflect the cultural, natural, and historical diversity of New Castle County;
- 109 2. Provide advice and oversight on public art acquisition by the County, whether by
110 purchase, gift or otherwise and its proposed location;
- 111 3. Develop and recommend policies to manage County public art collections,
112 exhibitions, commissions, maintenance, conservation, and installations;
- 113 4. Regularly review existing public art inventory, conditions, and maintenance
114 schedule(s), make recommendations for care and maintenance, and ensure
115 compliance with the County Collections policy;
- 116 5. Review and recommend any changes to existing public art owned or managed by
117 the County, including maintenance, conservation, removal, relocation, alteration or
118 deacquisition;
- 119 6. Facilitate public engagement and encourage community participation in public
120 arts related initiatives;
- 121 7. Advise on strategies to integrate public art elements into County construction
122 projects and public spaces;
- 123 8. Support local visual artists and arts organizations through collaboration with the
124 County on potential grant programs and funding opportunities; and
- 125 9. Collaborate with stakeholders to develop a comprehensive public art strategy for
126 New Castle County.
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128 G. To encourage broad community participation in the public art program and to ensure
129 artwork of the highest quality, the Commission may solicit the participation of
130 community representatives and professionals in the visual arts and design fields as
131 part of the artist and art work selection process for particular public art projects in
132 accordance with the size and complexity of the projects. These advisors may assist
133 the Commission in the selection of artists, project oversight, and other related
134 purposes, but shall have no vote on matters coming before the Commission.
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136 H. *Meetings.* The Commission shall meet quarterly, but may meet more frequently if it so
137 chooses. All meetings shall be open to the public and publicly noticed, consistent with
138 the Freedom of Information Act.
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140 I. *Reports.* The Commission shall issue an annual report to the County Executive and
141 County Council by June 30 of each year on its activities, the public arts strategy, and
142 recommendations.

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

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

Karen Hartley-Nagle
President of County Council
of New Castle County

Approved on:

Matthew Meyer
County Executive
of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This ordinance creates the New Castle County Public Arts Commission.
FISCAL NOTE: There is no anticipated fiscal impact with the adoption of this ordinance.

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Requested by: Community Services
Date of introduction: November 28, 2023

ORDINANCE NO. 23-162

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:

**APPROPRIATE ANTICIPATED FEDERAL FUNDS OF \$16,425,000 FROM THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO THE SECTION 8
HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS – 2024 GRANT, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY
THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING**

1 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is projected
2 to award funding to the Department of Community Services for the Section 8 Housing Choice
3 Vouchers – 2024 Grant; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, this funding will be used by the Department of Community Services, Division
6 of Community Development and Housing for the administrative expenses of the program and
7 rental and utility subsidies for very low-income families in New Castle County; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that revenues anticipated to be
10 received shall be sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended;
11 and
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13 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance substantially
14 advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government interests (i.e.,
15 promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order prosperity, and/or welfare of the
16 present and future inhabitants of this State).
17

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
19

20 Section 1. The Grants Budget, as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173, is hereby amended
21 by adding the material in Exhibit “A,” which is underscored in its entirety, which is attached hereto
22 and made a part hereof.
23

24 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by New
25 Castle County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del.*
26 C. § 1156.
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28 Section 3. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2024.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

Karen Hartley-Nagle
President of County Council
of New Castle County

Approved on:

Matthew Meyer
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate anticipated federal funds of \$16,425,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers – 2024 Grant. This funding will be used for the administrative expenses of the program and rental and utility subsidies for very low-income families in New Castle County. For CY2024 1,861 housing choice vouchers are allocated for this program.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$16,425,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers – 2024 Grant.

This Ordinance is an estimate of the funding to be awarded for Calendar Year 2024. It is anticipated that the award will be announced in the spring of 2024. This appropriation allows the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Development and Housing to provide uninterrupted service until the Federal budget is passed. This grant will be amended if there is any change in funding from HUD upon award.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$16,425,000. This increase will affect FY2024 and FY2025 since the targeted program completion date of the program is December 31, 2024. There will be no fiscal impact beyond FY2025 as a result of the grant award. FY2023 funding was authorized in the amount of \$17,265,000.

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

GRANT TITLE: Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers - 2024

PROGRAM TITLE: Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers - 2024

EXHIBIT: "A"

Ordinance No. 23-162

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 810,000.00	\$ -	\$ 810,000.00
Benefits	\$ 476,459.00	\$ -	\$ 476,459.00
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ 12,110.00	\$ -	\$ 12,110.00
Communication/Utilities	\$ 11,360.00	\$ -	\$ 11,360.00
Materials/Supplies	\$ 6,900.00	\$ -	\$ 6,900.00
Contractual Services	\$ 226,264.00	\$ -	\$ 226,264.00
Equipment	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ 58,100.00	\$ -	\$ 58,100.00
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ 14,822,807.00	\$ -	\$ 14,822,807.00
Total	\$ 16,425,000.00	\$ -	\$ 16,425,000.00

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ 16,425,000.00	\$ -	\$ 16,425,000.00
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 16,425,000.00	\$ -	\$ 16,425,000.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 1/1/2024 **Estimated Program Completion:** 12/31/2024

The Local Match: **Found in (ORG):**

Ordinance Passed: **Date Revised:**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers - Calendar Year 2024 Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for administrative expenses of the program and for rental and utility subsidies for very low-income families in New Castle County.

11/28/2023