



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

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

January 28, 2025
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 Community Services Committee Minutes 11-26-2024

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°25-010: (TO BE VOTED on 01/28/25) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: FOR FY2025, APPROPRIATE \$51,001.12 IN REVENUE DERIVED FROM PRIVATE DONATIONS TO THE ROCKWOOD MUSEUM GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°25-011: (TO BE VOTED on 01/28/25) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$13,188.85 IN ACTUAL PROGRAM INCOME TO THE NCC FARMER'S MARKET GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°25-012: (TO BE VOTED on 01/28/25) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$1,000,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO THE NO LEAD PROGRAM GRANT, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

°25-015: (TO BE VOTED on 2/11/25) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE ANTICIPATED PROGRAM INCOME OF \$600,000 TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM II GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

E. Presentations

- 2025-2029 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Consolidated Plan
- No Lead and Healthy Homes Program

F. Other

- Statewide Housing Choice Voucher Program Waiting List Opening announcement

G. Public Comment**H. Adjournment****AGENDA POSTED: JANUARY 21, 2025**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Requested by: Community Services
Date of introduction: January 14, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-010

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
FOR FY2025, APPROPRIATE \$51,001.12 IN REVENUE DERIVED FROM PRIVATE
DONATIONS TO THE ROCKWOOD MUSEUM GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY
RESOURCES**

1 **WHEREAS**, original funding has been provided over the years by donations and
2 fees; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, authorization is being sought for the appropriation of \$51,001.12 in
5 donations received to the Rockwood Museum Grant; and

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

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

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

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17 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby
18 amended by adding the material on the attached Exhibits "A", which shall be considered
19 underscored in their entirety.

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

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

Monique Williams-Johns
President of County Council
of New Castle County

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$51,001.12 in private donations to the Rockwood Museum Grant, which is administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Resources.

The Rockwood Museum was originally created to allow for the collection and appropriation of private donations.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$51,001.12 in private donations available to be appropriated to the Rockwood Museum Grant, which is administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Resources.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$51,001.12 for FY2025. This is an ongoing grant and there is no discernible fiscal impact on the current operating budget.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Rockwood Museum Grant	Ordinance No.	25-010
PROGRAM TITLE:	Rockwood Museum Grant		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ <u>237,156.27</u>	\$ <u>51,001.12</u>	\$ <u>288,157.39</u>
Total	\$ 237,156.27	\$ 51,001.12	\$ 288,157.39

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 910.00	\$ -	\$ 910.00
Benefits	\$ 90.00	\$ -	\$ 90.00
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ <u>19,481.93</u>	\$ <u>750.00</u>	\$ <u>20,231.93</u>
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ 87,375.00	\$ -	\$ 87,375.00
Contractual Services	\$ <u>97,500.00</u>	\$ <u>50,251.12</u>	\$ <u>147,751.12</u>
Equipment	\$ 31,799.34	\$ -	\$ 31,799.34
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ <u>237,156.27</u>	\$ <u>51,001.12</u>	\$ <u>288,157.39</u>

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	3/1/1999
Estimated Program Completion:	ongoing
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed: <u>22-059</u>	Date Revised: <u>5/10/2022</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Rockwood Museum grant was originally established to accept donations to be used for the Museum indefinitely.

5/10/2022

1/14/2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-011

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE \$13,188.85 IN ACTUAL PROGRAM INCOME TO THE NCC
FARMER'S MARKET GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

1 **WHEREAS**, the NCC Farmer's Market was established in 2014 as part of the
2 County initiative to provide convenient access to fresh local produce, meats, honey,
3 spices, and other hand-crafted local items. The NCC Farmer's Market Grant was
4 established beginning in May 2014 to provide the Department of Community Services the
5 means to use program income obtained from vendor fees charged to participate in the
6 NCC Farmers Markets to cover the cost banking fees, supplies, contractual services, and
7 equipment specifically needed for the Farmer's Markets; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the actual program income collected from vendor fees, food
10 concessions, donations and raffle tickets at the NCC Farmer's Market will be appropriated
11 as needed for the cost of supplies, contractual services and equipment specifically
12 needed for the operation of each of the Farmer's Market; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that funds received are
15 sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance
18 substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate
19 government interests (i.e., promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order
20 prosperity and/or welfare of the present and future inhabitants of this State).
21

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
23

24 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby
25 amended by adding the material on the attached "Exhibit A."
26

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

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

Williams-Johns

Monique
President of County Council
of New Castle County

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$13,188.85 in actual program income to the NCC Farmer's Market Grant. This funding will be used for supplies, contractual workers and advertising for the Glasgow Park, Carousel Park and Bellevue Community Center Farmer's Markets.

The NCC Farmer's Market was established in 2014 as part of the County initiative to provide convenient access to fresh local produce, meats, honey, spices, and other hand-crafted local items. The NCC Farmer's Market Grant was established in June 2014 to provide the means to use program income from vendor fees, food concessions, donations, and raffle tickets to support the expenses directly related to operating the Farmer's Markets.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$13,188.85 in actual program income to the NCC Farmer's Market Grant, which is administered by the Department of Community Services.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$13,188.85. This increase will affect FY2025 and beyond since this is a continuous program. Previous program income funding was authorized in the amount of \$19,670.92. This appropriation will increase the aggregate amount to \$108,263.51. The Program Income balance after this appropriation will be \$0.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	NCC Farmer's Market Grant	Ordinance No.	25-011
PROGRAM TITLE:	NCC Farmer's Market Grant		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ <u>95,074.66</u>	\$ <u>13,188.85</u>	\$ <u>108,263.51</u>
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ <u>95,074.66</u>	\$ <u>13,188.85</u>	\$ <u>108,263.51</u>

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ <u>20,942.58</u>	\$ <u>3,300.00</u>	\$ <u>24,242.58</u>
Contractual Services	\$ <u>70,877.08</u>	\$ <u>7,388.85</u>	\$ <u>78,265.93</u>
Equipment	\$ <u>3,255.00</u>	\$ <u>2,500.00</u>	\$ <u>5,755.00</u>
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ <u>95,074.66</u>	\$ <u>13,188.85</u>	\$ <u>108,263.51</u>

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	5/1/2014
Estimated Program Completion:	ongoing
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:
21-068	4/28/2021
<u>24-010</u>	<u>2/13/2024</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The NCC Farmer's Market grant was established as part of the County initiative to promote convenient access to healthy local foods and had-crafted items and to showcase local farmers.

2/13/2024

1/14/2025

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Requested by: Community Services
Date of introduction: January 14, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-012

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE \$1,000,000 IN FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE,
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC
HEALTH TO THE NO LEAD PROGRAM GRANT, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES,
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING**

1 **WHEREAS**, authorization is being sought for the appropriation of \$1,000,000 in
2 funding from the State of Delaware, Department of Health and Social Services, Division
3 of Public Health to the No Lead Program Grant; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the funding will be used to provide Lead Risk Assessments and Lead
6 Remediation services to qualified households in New Castle County; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that a grant is anticipated to be
9 received and shall be sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter
10 amended; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance
13 substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate
14 government interests (i.e., promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order,
15 prosperity and/or welfare of the present and future inhabitants of this State).
16

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

19 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby
20 amended by adding the material on the attached Exhibit "A" which shall be considered
21 underscored in its entirety.
22

23 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption
24 by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9
25 *Del. C. § 1156*.
26

27 Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance
28 shall be effective retroactive to November 30, 2024.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

Monique Williams-Johns
President of County Council
of New Castle County

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$1,000,000 in funding from the State of Delaware, Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health to the No Lead Program Grant, which will be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Development and Housing.

It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to November 30, 2024.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$1,000,000 in funding from the State of Delaware, Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health to the No Lead Program Grant.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget by \$1,000,000. This increase will affect FY2025 through FY2030 since the targeted program completion date for this grant is November 29, 2029. There is no fiscal impact anticipated beyond FY2029. There is no fiscal impact to the Operating Budget.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	No Lead Program	Ordinance No.	25-012
PROGRAM TITLE:	No Lead Program		

Revenue	Current		Change		Revised
Federal	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
State	\$	1,000,000.00	\$	-	\$ 1,000,000.00
County	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Program Income	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Other	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Total	\$	1,000,000.00	\$	-	\$ 1,000,000.00

Expense	Current		Change		Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Benefits	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$	1,000,000.00	\$	-	\$ 1,000,000.00
Equipment	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Contingency	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Total	\$	1,000,000.00	\$	-	\$ 1,000,000.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 11/30/2024

Estimated Program Completion: 11/29/2029

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

Ordinance Passed: **Date Revised:**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

New Castle County Department of Community Services will use this State funding to provide Lead Risk Assessments and Lead Remediation services to qualified households in New Castle County.

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Requested by: Community Services
Date of introduction: January 28, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-015

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE ANTICIPATED PROGRAM INCOME OF \$600,000 TO THE
NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM II GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

1 **WHEREAS**, authorization is being sought for the appropriation of anticipated federal
2 program income funds of \$600,000 within the Neighborhood Stabilization Program II Grant,
3 which is administered by the Department of Community Services; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, this grant provides resources to address the foreclosure problem in New
6 Castle County's hardest hit communities; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, the appropriation of funding will be used for purchase, rehabilitation, and
9 eventual sale of foreclosed and vacant properties in New Castle County; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that funds received from the sale
12 of Neighborhood Stabilization Program II homes is sufficient to cover the rehabilitation and
13 sale expenses within the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, County Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance
16 substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government
17 interests (i.e., promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity and/or
18 welfare of the present and future inhabitants of this State).
19

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
21

22 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby
23 amended by deleting the material bracketed and stricken and by adding the material
24 underscored on the attached Exhibit "A."
25

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

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

Monique Williams-Johns
President of County Council
of New Castle County

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$600,000 in anticipated federal program income funds within the Neighborhood Stabilization Program II (NSP2) Grant, which is administered by the Department of Community Services.

The funding for this program is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Although the federal expenditure deadline for NSP2 was met by the State in February 2013, per HUD regulation, New Castle County can continue to draw 100 percent of the original NSP2 grant award allocated to New Castle County.

This appropriation of funding will be used for the purchase, rehabilitation, and eventual sale of foreclosed and vacant properties in New Castle County.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$600,000 in federal program income funds within the Neighborhood Stabilization Program II (NSP2) Grant, which is administered by the Department of Community Services.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$600,000. This increase will affect FY2025 and beyond since the program is now ongoing, without an expiration date. This grant will continue until the entire grant award, plus program income, has been expended.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer January 15, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Neighborhood Stabilization Program II	Ordinance No.	25-015
PROGRAM TITLE:	Neighborhood Stabilization Program II		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ 1,105,917.72	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 1,705,917.72
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 1,105,917.72	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 1,705,917.72

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ 921.65	\$ -	\$ 921.65
Communication/Utilities	\$ 12,291.46	\$ -	\$ 12,291.46
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ 874,993.33	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 1,474,993.33
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ 217,556.53	\$ -	\$ 217,556.53
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ 154.75	\$ -	\$ 154.75
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 1,105,917.72	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 1,705,917.72

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 2/11/2010

Estimated Program Completion: ongoing

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

Ordinance Passed:		Date Revised:	
10-106	13-084	1/13/2011	11/27/2013
11-090	14-092	10/7/2011	10/7/2014
11-114	16-084	12/15/2011	9/12/2016
12-056	19-031	5/23/2012	3/26/2016
12-011	<u>21-069</u>	11/14/2012	<u>4/26/2021</u>
13-029		5/6/2013	

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The New Castle County Neighborhood Stabilization Program II (NSP2) works with community partners to directly acquire foreclosed and/or vacant properties. New Castle County and/or it's partners resell, rehabilitate and/or develop such properties for homeownership, rental and/or public facility use. Partners reimburse New Castle County with the sale proceeds of the property once the property is successfully reintegrated into the market as an owner occupied or as a rental unit.

4/29/2021

1/28/2025

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DE

Public Meeting for:
2025-2029 Consolidated Plan
2025 Annual Action Plan
Funding Applications
CDBG, HOME & ESG Programs



WHAT IS A
FIVE-YEAR
CONSOLIDATED
PLAN?

Required for all HUD Funding

Covers the Period: July 1, 2025, thru June 30, 2030

Components:

- Stakeholder Consultation (Public Agencies, Nonprofit Service Organizations, Residents, Homeless Assistance Organizations, Public Housing Authority, etc.)
- Housing and Homeless Needs Assessment
- Housing Market Analysis
- Strategic Plan – Identifies Local Priorities
- Annual Action Plan – Proposed Activities for PY 2025: (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES



Housing
Rehabilitation



Homeownership
Assistance



Public Facilities
and
Improvements



Blight Removal
Demolition/Site
Preparation



Code
Enforcement



Economic
Development



Acquisition /
Disposition of
Real Property



Public Services

CDBG PUBLIC SERVICES

Limited to 15% of CDBG Grant Amount

Employment Training

Mental Health

Childcare

Health Care

Transportation

Fair Housing Counseling

Substance Abuse Counseling

Literacy Training

Recreation Programs

Broadband Access

MEETING NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Each activity must meet one of the
THREE NATIONAL OBJECTIVES:



Benefit Low- and
Moderate-Income
Persons
(at least 70% of
grant amount)



Prevent or Eliminate
Blight
(not more than
30% of grant
amount)



Urgent Needs
when health and
welfare are
threatened

DEFINITION OF
LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME
NEW CASTLE COUNTY
EFFECTIVE 4/1/24

Household Size	Maximum Income (80% Area Median Income)
1 person	\$64,250
2 person	\$73,400
3 person	\$82,600
4 person	\$91,750
5 person	\$99,100
6 person	\$106,540
7 person	\$113,800
8 person	\$121,150

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS (HOME) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES



Housing
Rehabilitation



Homeownership
Assistance



New Construction of
Affordable Housing



Tenant Based Rental
Assistance

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES



Street
Outreach



Homeless
Prevention



Emergency
Shelter



Rapid
Re-Housing
Assistance



HMIS



Administrative
Activities

- HUD has not yet released 2025 allocations
- Funding estimates based on 2024 grants:
 - CDBG \$2,452,724
 - HOME \$964,060
 - ESG \$209,446



PY 2025
FUNDING
ANTICIPATED

PY 2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NEW CASTLE COUNTY INVESTED \$5.1M OF HUD FUNDS TO ASSIST OVER 45,000 PEOPLE

- Housing rehabilitation
- First-time homebuyer downpayment and settlement loans
- Sidewalk improvements
- Community policing
- Homelessness prevention
- Domestic violence prevention
- ADA improvements
- Neighborhood cleanups
- Employment & training programs
- Tenant based rental assistance
- Emergency shelter operations
- Rapid re-housing
- HMIS

NEXT STEPS

- **Complete our survey:** [SurveyMonkey.com/r/DE-2025](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DE-2025) by February 7
- **Attend a Stakeholder Workshop:** January 28 - 30 at 10AM & 1PM each day
- **February 14:** Project applications due to the County
- **March:** Finish drafting the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan
- **April 1 - May 1:** 30-Day Public Display/Comment Period
- **Second Public Hearing held during display period**
- **May 13:** County Council approves the Plan at their regularly scheduled meeting
- **May 15:** Consolidated Plan submitted to HUD

STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

Tuesday January 28th | 10:00am-11:00am | [Affordable Housing](#)

Tuesday January 28th | 1:00pm-2:00pm | [Workforce & Economic Development](#)

Wednesday January 29th | 10:00am-11:00am | [Non-Housing Community Development](#)

Wednesday January 29th | 1:00pm-2:00pm | [Housing for Special Needs, Persons Experiencing Homelessness & At-Risk of Homelessness](#)

Thursday January 30th | 10:00am-11:00am | [Public Services](#)

Tuesday January 30th | 1:00pm-2:00pm | [All Community Needs](#)

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What are the most urgent needs in New Castle County?

- Housing?
- Infrastructure?
- Facilities (Community Centers, Neighborhood Centers, Libraries, etc.)?
- Services (Job Training, Youth Programs, Childcare, etc.)?
- Economic Development?
- Other?



FOR MORE
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County Executive

**LEAD REDUCTION & HEALTHY HOMES GRANT
PRESENTATION**

As of November 2023



Grant Authorizing Official
Carrie Casey, General Manager –
Community Services

Project Director
Franchon D. Dickinson



NCC LEAD AND HEALTHY HOMES GRANT PROGRAM HISTORY AND SUMMARY

New Castle County's Department of Community Services received its first HUD Lead Hazard Reduction & Healthy Homes grant for \$3.3 million 2019. The 2019 grant was successfully completed and closed June 2024.

In 2022, received a Healthy Homes Grant in the amount of \$2 million and another LHR/HH grant for \$8.8million.

To date, the program has been awarded \$14.1 million in HUD Federal funding!

Lead and Healthy homes grants primary goal is to make **homes safer for occupants to “stay-in-place” as long as possible.**

- **Available to homeowners, renters and landlords**
- **FREE PROGRAM w/ minimum barriers of entry**
- **Applicants must be income qualified**
- **Average cost per unit is \$20,000**
- **HUD’s unit maximum allowance for lead units is \$30,000 and healthy homes is \$15,000.**

KEY PARTNERS FUNDING & Internal Match SUPPORT:

- ❑ **New Castle County** – Executive Office, Finance, Purchasing, Human Resources
2019 Lead Grant (no longer active) - \$482,332.88 in match
2022 Lead Grant expected grant commitment - \$721,709.52

- ❑ **City of Wilmington** – Department of Real Estate and Housing & Planning
2019 Lead Grant - Previously provided \$671,000 in match to assist with the lead and healthy homes remediation of 39 Wilmington properties with conditions that exceeded the HUD grant allowance; average cost per unit was \$47,205.

FY 2025-2026 - Lead Grant commitment (pending City Council approval) in the amount of \$450,000

- ❑ **Delaware Division of Public Health - Lead Prevention Office**
2019 Lead Grant – Provided elevated blood level referrals and grant technical assistance.
FY2025+ - Lead Grant – Has dedicated \$1,000,000 dollars to provide lead hazard remediation to elevated blood level households over the next five years or whenever funds are expended (whichever comes first). (Ordinance 25-012).

DHSS/DPH and NCC Lead and Healthy Homes Program Agreement summary

The State of Delaware Health and Social Services Division of Public Health reached out to New Castle Lead and Healthy Homes Program to assist with the remediation of elevated blood level households in New Castle County that are:

1. EBL households referred by DPH
2. EBL households that may not for any of the program's current grants
3. EBL households over the HUD income limits

Benefits of the agreement:

- Establishes a formal agreement between DPH Lead Prevention and NCC Lead and Healthy Homes programs.
- Contractors under this agreement are only required to have RRP (Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting) certification which is more affordable and easier to obtain than the Lead Paint Abatement HUD required certification.
- Earmarks funding specifically for elevated blood level households.
- Allows NCC to “fast track” DPH EBL households because it requires far less “red tape” than current HUD funded grants.
- Establishes a formal agreement between DPH Lead Prevention and NCC Lead and Healthy Homes programs.

Estimated remediation cost per property is \$25,000. Therefore, approximately 40 properties will be remediated under this funding agreement.

WE CONTINUE TO:

1. Offer the only “renter-occupied” lead remediation and home repair program in the State.
2. Stimulate work-force and small business development through lead hazard control activities. Grant provides training for community-based individuals as certified lead abatement supervisors and workers.
3. Expand our partnerships with local non-profits. Current non-profit partnerships include:
 - Black Mothers in Power
 - Habitat for Humanity of NCC
 - Cornerstone West CDC

PROGRAM STAFF:

- ❑ **Program Director** – Franchon D. Dickinson
- ❑ **LHR Program Manager** – Myeshia Baker
- ❑ **HHP Program Manager** – Tonya Burbage
- ❑ **REHAB Specialist** – Nicole Valentine
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PRESS RELEASE

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DELAWARE'S FIVE PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCE OPENING OF WAITING LISTS

Waitlist Opens for all Five PHA's Following Consolidation of Lists

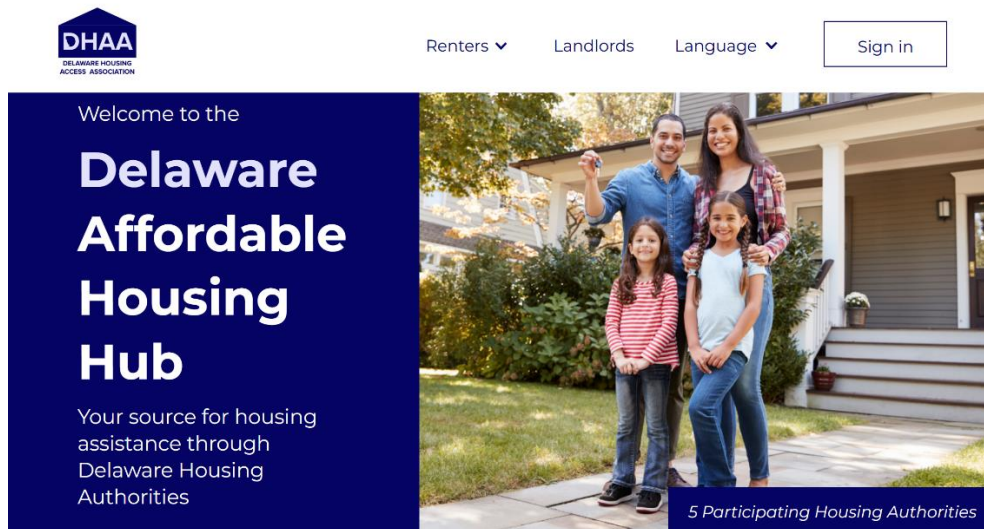
Dover, Del. – January 17, 2025 – Today, Delaware's five public housing authorities announced that they will reopen their waiting lists for Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) programs and low-income public housing which will be accessible at <https://Delaware.AffordableHousing.com> on February 3, 2025. Low-income public housing, which is funded by the federal government and managed locally, aims to provide rental assistance to low-income families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities, ensuring access to safe and suitable housing.

Participating housing authorities include:

1. [Delaware State Housing Authority](#) (DSHA)
2. Dover Housing Authority (DHA)
3. [New Castle County Housing Authority](#) (NCCHA)
4. [Newark Housing Authority](#) (NHA)
5. [Wilmington Housing Authority](#) (WHA)

Beginning in October 2024, letters and emails were dispatched to applicants on the HCV and low-income housing wait lists of all five PHAs, instructing them to update their applications to retain their placement on the waitlists. Applicants were required to log in and revise their household income, family size, and contact information. The deadline for updates was extended to December 31, 2024, after the original deadline of November 22, 2024, saw limited participation. As of January 1, 2025, a 13% response rate has been recorded, leading to a reduction in the number of the waitlist participants.

This statewide initiative introduced a streamlined system allowing applicants to manage updates, submit changes, and review their status using one centralized platform .



“The reopening of the public housing waitlist marks a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to address Delaware’s housing crisis. By making the waitlist available once again, to more Delawareans for the first time in many years, we are reaffirming our commitment to improving the processes for our state’s residents,” said **Cynthia Karnai, Director of DSHA**.

"We are proud to be part of this historic decision to open the waitlists, creating an incredible opportunity to provide safe, affordable housing for families across Delaware. This is a milestone in our mission to build stronger, more inclusive communities." Said **Marene Jordan, Executive Director of the Newark Housing Authority**.

"Being part of this historic moment to open the waiting lists is a tremendous honor. It reflects our commitment to serving the people of Delaware and providing the housing opportunities they deserve."—**Assunta Scarpitti, Administrator New Castle County**

Colleagues at **Delaware 211** said, “This partnership will enhance the delivery of services to Delawareans by utilizing the Delaware 211 Helpline, powered by United Way of Delaware, as a centralized access point for a wide range of additional needs. By serving as a one-stop-shop, Delaware 211 will not only connect individuals for this project’s immediate needs but also address broader social services. This holistic approach ensures that individuals receive comprehensive support, addressing multiple aspects of their well-being in one place. Through this collective impact model, the partners are committed to improving the overall quality of life for Delaware’s residents, creating a stronger, more connected community.”

Any applicant that didn’t update their application that wishes to reinstate their placement via appeal may visit <https://Delaware.AffordableHousing.com> or call toll-free at (855) 301-5920 for more information.

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About Delaware State Housing Authority

The Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA), formed in 1968, is dedicated to providing quality, affordable housing opportunities and appropriate supportive services to low- and moderate-income Delawareans. In addition to its role as the State's Housing Finance Agency, DSHA is unique in that it also serves as a Public Housing Authority and acts as a Community Development Agency. As a Public Housing Authority, DSHA receives funding from HUD to build and operate public housing in Kent and Sussex counties, two of Delaware's three counties. For more information about DSHA, please call (302) 739-4263 or visit destatehousing.com.