



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

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

April 22, 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 Minutes Community Services Committee meeting 3-25-2025

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°25-035: (TO BE VOTED 4/22/25) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$39,201.00 IN PROGRAM INCOME TO THE SENIOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM GRANT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

°25-036: (TO BE VOTED 4/22/25) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$216,910.42 IN PROGRAM INCOME TO THE DOWN PAYMENT REVOLVING LOANS (DPS) GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

°25-037: (TO BE VOTED 4/22/25) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$11,181.00 IN PROGRAM INCOME TO THE ABSALOM JONES SENIOR CENTER RECREATION GRANT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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

°25-038: (TO BE VOTED 4/22/25) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$70,780.00 FROM THE DELAWARE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO THE SPECIAL EVENTS FUND GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

°25-043: (TO BE VOTED 5/13/25) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$70,786.42 IN ACTUAL PROGRAM INCOME TO THE INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENT

EMPOWERMENT AREA (IDEA) HOMEBUYER/HOMEOWNER REHAB GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street

E. Presentations

New Castle County Library Division-Diana Brown, Community Services Manager, Division of Libraries

F. Other

G. Public Comment

H. Adjournment

AGENDA POSTED: APRIL 15, 2025

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Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Requested by: Community Services
Date of introduction: April 8, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-035

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:

**APPROPRIATE \$39,201.00 IN PROGRAM INCOME TO THE SENIOR HOME REPAIR
PROGRAM GRANT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Senior Home Repair Program Grant is designed to provide minor
2 housing repair assistance to eligible senior homeowners age 60 and older with a maximum grant
3 amount of \$2,500.00; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the home must be located in New Castle County, outside the boundaries of
6 Wilmington and Newark; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, there are currently over 116 seniors on the waiting list for this program; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that the revenue to be appropriated
11 shall be sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; 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 underscored and deleting the material bracketed and stricken on the
22 attached "Exhibit A."
23

24 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
25 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.* §
26 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 \$39,201.00 in program income to the Senior Home Repair Program Grant, which will be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Development and Housing.

The Senior Home Repair Program Grant is designed to provide minor housing repair assistance to eligible senior homeowners age 60 and older, who own and reside in their home as their primary residence, have assets under the asset limit and have homeowners insurance. The maximum grant amount is \$2,500. The home must be located in New Castle County, outside the boundaries of Wilmington and Newark. There are currently over 116 seniors on the waiting list for this program.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$39,201.00 in program income to the Senior Home Repair Program Grant, which is administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Development and Housing.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$39,201.00 for FY2025. This increase will affect FY2025 and beyond since this program is ongoing, without an expiration date, until all funds have been expended. The Program Income balance after this appropriation will be \$0.00.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer March 21, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Senior Home Repair Program	Ordinance No.	25-035
PROGRAM TITLE:	Senior Home Repair Program		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ 582,334.46		\$ 582,334.46
Program Income	<u>\$ 69,235.05</u>	<u>\$ 39,201.00</u>	<u>\$ 108,436.05</u>
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	<u>\$ 651,569.51</u>	<u>\$ 39,201.00</u>	<u>\$ 690,770.51</u>

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ 60,205.50	\$ -	\$ 60,205.50
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	<u>\$ 591,364.01</u>	<u>\$ 39,201.00</u>	<u>\$ 630,565.01</u>
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	<u>\$ 651,569.51</u>	<u>\$ 39,201.00</u>	<u>\$ 690,770.51</u>

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 7/1/2012

Estimated Program Completion: ongoing

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

Ordinance Passed/Date Revised:			
12-043	4/24/2012	21-106	9/30/2021
18-072	7/16/2018	22-068	5/24/2022
19-065	7/3/2019	23-064	5/23/2023
20-060	6/9/2020	24-090 Sub 1	6/11/2024
21-075 Floor Amend 1	6/16/2021	<u>24-119</u>	<u>7/9/2024</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Senior Home Repair Program is designed to provide minor housing repair assistance to eligible senior homeowners age 60 and older, who own and reside in their home as their primary residence, have assets under the asset limit and have homeowners insurance. The maximum grant amount is \$2,500. The home must be located in New Castle County, outside the boundaries of Wilmington and Newark. There are currently over 116 seniors on the waiting list for this program. Funding for the program is from the Sheriff's Office, Program Income and the General Fund.

7/9/2024

4/8/2025

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Requested by: Community Services
Date of introduction: April 8, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-036

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE \$216,910.42 IN PROGRAM INCOME TO THE DOWN PAYMENT
REVOLVING LOANS (DPS) GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING**

1 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Down Payment Revolving Loans grant is to provide aid
2 with housing settlements; and
3

4 **WHEREAS**, authorization is being sought for the appropriation of \$216,910.42 in program
5 income funds to the Down Payment Revolving Loans (DPS) Grant; and
6

7 **WHEREAS**, program income received is sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants
8 Budget as hereinafter amended; and
9

10 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance substantially
11 advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government interests (i.e.,
12 promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity and/or welfare of the
13 present and future inhabitants of this State).
14

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
16

17 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby amended
18 by adding the material on the attached Exhibits "A", which shall be considered underscored in
19 their entirety.
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21 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
22 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 Del. C. §
23 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 program income funds of \$216,910.42 to the Down Payment Revolving Loans (DPS) Grant. The program income will be used to provide aid to housing settlements.

The purpose of the Down Payment Revolving Loans grant is to provide aid with housing settlements.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating program income funds of \$216,910.42 in the Down Payment Revolving Loans (DPS) Grant, which is administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Development and Housing.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$216,910.42. This increase will affect FY2025 and beyond, since this is a continuous program. The Program Income balance after this appropriation will be \$0.00.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer March 21, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Down Payment Revolving Loans Grant	Ordinance No.	25-036
PROGRAM TITLE:	Down Payment Revolving Loans Grant		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ <u>639,646.74</u>	\$ <u>216,910.42</u>	\$ <u>856,557.16</u>
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ <u>639,646.74</u>	\$ <u>216,910.42</u>	\$ <u>856,557.16</u>

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ <u>4,725.50</u>	\$ <u>10,000.00</u>	\$ <u>14,725.50</u>
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ <u>634,921.24</u>	\$ <u>206,910.42</u>	\$ <u>841,831.66</u>
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ <u>639,646.74</u>	\$ <u>216,910.42</u>	\$ <u>856,557.16</u>

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 6/16/1991

Estimated Program Completion: ongoing

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

Ordinance Passed/Date Revised:

03-038	4/10/2003	11-046	3/30/2011
04-052	4/19/2004	12-053	3/28/2012
05-044	4/7/2005	14-123	10/21/2014
06-055	4/21/2006	16-033	3/22/2016
07-059	4/20/2007	17-008	1/20/2017
09-021	3/23/2009	18-006	1/11/2018
10-048	4/20/2010	<u>22-118</u>	<u>9/7/2022</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of the Down Payment Revolving Loans grant is to provide aid with housing settlements.

9/7/2022

4/8/2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-037

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE \$11,181.00 IN PROGRAM INCOME TO THE ABSALOM JONES
SENIOR CENTER RECREATION GRANT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Absalom Jones Senior Center Recreation grant was originally set up
2 to record revenue and expenses for the programs run by New Castle County employees at
3 the State-owned Absalom Jones Recreation Center; and

4
5 **WHEREAS**, authorization is being sought for the appropriation of an additional
6 \$11,181.00 in program income to the Absalom Jones Senior Center Recreation grant; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the Absalom Jones Senior Center provides a variety of services for the
9 elderly in the surrounding community including transportation to the center, adult programs,
10 activities, and social services; and

11
12 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that the revenue to be appropriated
13 shall be sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and

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

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

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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."

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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. C.*
28 § 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 \$11,181.00 in program income to the Absalom Jones Senior Center Recreation Grant, which will be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Resources.

The Absalom Jones Senior Center provides a variety of services for the elderly in the surrounding community including transportation to the center, adult programs, activities, and social services. The revenue appropriation on this request, if approved, will be used for Tour transportation costs.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$11,181.00 in program income funds to the Absalom Jones Senior Center Recreation Grant to be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Resources. The revenue appropriation on this request, if approved, will be used for the cost of tour transportation.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$11,181.00 for FY2025. This increase will affect FY2025 and beyond since this is a continuous program. The Program Income balance after this appropriation will be \$0.00.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer March 21, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Absalom Jones Senior Center Recreation	Ordinance No.	25-037
PROGRAM TITLE:	Absalom Jones Senior Center Recreation		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ 296,219.08	\$ 11,181.00	\$ 307,400.08
Total	\$ 296,219.08	\$ 11,181.00	\$ 307,400.08

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ 632.05	\$ -	\$ 632.05
Communication/Utilities	\$ 468.33	\$ -	\$ 468.33
Materials/Supplies	\$ 33,217.64	\$ -	\$ 33,217.64
Contractual Services	\$ 258,801.06	\$ 11,181.00	\$ 269,982.06
Equipment	\$ 3,100.00	\$ -	\$ 3,100.00
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 296,219.08	\$ 11,181.00	\$ 307,400.08

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 10/1/1989

Estimated Program Completion: ongoing

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

Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:
22-065	5/24/2022
23-014	1/24/2023
23-099	7/25/2023
24-011	2/13/2024
<u>24-162</u>	<u>11/19/2024</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Absalom Jones Senior Center Recreation grant assists in providing a variety of services to the elderly population in the neighboring community including transportation to the center, adult programs, activities and social services. Major source of revenue is program income with additional revenue from donations and interest income.

~~11/19/2024~~

4/8/2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-038

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE \$70,780.00 FROM THE DELAWARE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
TO THE SPECIAL EVENTS FUND GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

1 **WHEREAS**, original allocated funding in the amount of \$80,000.00 from the
2 Delaware Community Foundation was previously approved by County Council and
3 appropriated to the Special Events Fund Grant via Ordinance 20-009; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, authorization is sought for the appropriation of \$70,780.00 awarded
6 from the fundraising efforts of the Delaware Community Foundation to the Special Events
7 Fund Grant to be used to help offset the costs of New Castle County's Special Events
8 and programs; and
9

10 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that grants received from
11 Delaware Community Foundation are sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget
12 as hereinafter amended; and
13

14 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance
15 substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate
16 government interests (i.e., promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order,
17 prosperity and/or welfare of the present and future inhabitants of this State).
18

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

21 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby
22 amended by adding the material on the attached Exhibit "A," which shall be considered
23 underscored in its entirety.
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25 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption
26 by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9
27 *Del. C. § 1156.*

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

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if adopted, will appropriate \$70,780.00 awarded from the fundraising efforts of the Delaware Community Foundation to the Special Events Fund Grant. These funds will be used to assist with the expenses incurred for New Castle County sponsored special events and programs.

FISCAL NOTE: The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget by \$70,780.00. The increase will affect FY2025 and beyond, since this is a continuous program. There is no discernible fiscal impact on the current operating budget.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer March 21, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Special Events Fund Grant	Ordinance No.	25-038
PROGRAM TITLE:	Special Events Fund Grant		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ <u>153,500.00</u>	\$ <u>70,780.00</u>	\$ <u>224,280.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>153,500.00</u>	\$ <u>70,780.00</u>	\$ <u>224,280.00</u>

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ <u>882.69</u>	\$ <u>1,832.92</u>	\$ <u>2,715.61</u>
Benefits	\$ <u>519.21</u>	\$ <u>1,028.84</u>	\$ <u>1,548.05</u>
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ <u>152,098.10</u>	\$ <u>67,918.24</u>	\$ <u>220,016.34</u>
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ <u>153,500.00</u>	\$ <u>70,780.00</u>	\$ <u>224,280.00</u>

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	12/1/2019
Estimated Program Completion:	ongoing
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed/Date Revised:	
20-009	2/18/2020
<u>24-004</u>	<u>1/9/2024</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Special Events Fund grant will be used to assist with the expenses incurred for New Castle County sponsored special events and programs.

1/9/2024

4/22/2025

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Requested by: Community Services
Date of introduction: April 22, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-043

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE \$70,786.42 IN ACTUAL PROGRAM INCOME TO THE
INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENT EMPOWERMENT AREA (IDEA)
HOMEBUYER/HOMEOWNER REHAB GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AND HOUSING**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Innovative Development Empowerment Area (IDEA)
2 Homebuyer/Homeowner Rehab Grant was established in 2015 as part of the County initiative to
3 provide intervention strategies in twenty census tracks within New Castle County identified as
4 “distressed market types” based on a comprehensive Market Value Analysis published in
5 September 2014 and original funding of \$500,000 was provided through the General Fund Tax
6 Stabilization Reserve; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, the actual program income is generated from the interest on the repayment
9 of loans; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that funds received are sufficient to
12 cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and
13

14 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance substantially
15 advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government interests (i.e.,
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Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$70,786.42 in actual program income to the IDEA Homebuyer/Homeowner Rehab Grant. This funding will be used for housing loans, settlement help and rehab grants to homeowners as stipulated in the grant.

The IDEA Homebuyer/Homeowner Rehab Grant was created in 2015 with the General Fund Tax Stabilization Reserves as part of the County initiative to offer rehab loans and settlement help within the twenty “distressed market type” census tracts identified in the Market Value Analysis (MVA) published within the Delaware State Housing Needs Assessment 2015-2020.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$70,786.42 in actual program income to the IDEA Homebuyer/Homeowner Rehab Grant, which is administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Development and Housing.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$70,786.42. This increase will affect FY2025 and beyond since this is a continuous program. This appropriation will increase the aggregate amount of program income to \$245,086.82.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer April 10, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	IDEA Homebuyer/Homeowner Rehab Grant	Ordinance No.	25-043
PROGRAM TITLE:	IDEA Homebuyer/Homeowner Rehab Grant		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ 174,300.40	\$ 70,786.42	\$ 245,086.82
Other	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00
Total	\$ 674,300.40	\$ 70,786.42	\$ 745,086.82

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ 21,955.00	\$ -	\$ 21,955.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ 652,300.40	\$ 70,786.42	\$ 723,086.82
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ 45.00	\$ -	\$ 45.00
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 674,300.40	\$ 70,786.42	\$ 745,086.82

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	4/1/2015
Estimated Program Completion:	ongoing
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:
15-012	4/28/2015
21-085	7/13/2021
<u>23-113</u>	<u>8/29/2023</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The IDEA Homebuyer/Homeowner Rehab Grant was established as part of the County initiative to create conditions in the twenty census tract area identified as "distressed market types" for a housing market rebound within the communities.

8/29/2023

4/22/2025