



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

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

May 27, 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 04-22-2025

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°25-055: (TO BE CONSIDERED 5/27/25) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$13,853.99 IN ACTUAL PROGRAM INCOME TO THE REMEDIATING VACANCIES, MAKING PROGRESS (ReVaMP) GRANT WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

°25-056: (TO BE CONSIDERED 5/27/25) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: REALIGN \$317,256.47 IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FY2024, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

°25-057: (TO BE CONSIDERED 5/27/25) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: REALIGN \$139,000.00 IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FY2025, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

°25-058: (TO BE CONSIDERED 5/27/25) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING ANTICIPATED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE DELAWARE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD TO THE 2025/2026 STATE YEAR ROUND YOUTH-EMPLOYMENT GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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

°25-059: (TO BE CONSIDERED 5/27/25) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING ANTICIPATED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE DELAWARE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD TO THE 2025 STATE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT GRANT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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

°25-060: (TO BE CONSIDERED 5/27/25) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS OF \$450,000 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT PASSED THROUGH FROM THE CITY OF WILMINGTON FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT TO THE LEAD BASED PAINT HAZARD REDUCTION - CITY OF WILMINGTON GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

°25-061: (TO BE CONSIDERED 5/27/25) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: REALIGN \$141,310.49 IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FY2022, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

°25-065: (TO BE CONSIDERED 6/10/25) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: REALIGN \$750,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

°25-068: (TO BE CONSIDERED 6/10/25) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2025 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE SENIOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

°25-070: (TO BE CONSIDERED 6/10/25) AMEND THE FY2025 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: REDUCE THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY GRANTS

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

E. Presentations

- Youth Workforce Development Program presentation: Carly Thompson, Acting Division Manager of Community Resources

- FY2026 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Federal Budget

F. Other

G. Public Comment

H. Adjournment

AGENDA POSTED: MAY 20, 2025

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Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Requested by: Community Services
Date of introduction: May 13, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-055

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE \$13,853.99 IN ACTUAL PROGRAM INCOME TO THE REMEDIATING
VACANCIES, MAKING PROGRESS (ReVaMP) GRANT
WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES,
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Remediating Vacancies, Making Progress (ReVaMP) Grant was
2 established in 2016 to provide forgivable down payment and settlement assistance to qualified
3 homebuyers who are purchasing a vacant home in identified areas of New Castle County; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the actual program income is generated from the interest on the repayment
6 of loans; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that funds received are sufficient to
9 cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance substantially
12 advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government interests (i.e.,
13 promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order prosperity and/or welfare of the present
14 and future inhabitants of this State).
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16 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
17

18 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby
19 amended by deleting the material stricken and by adding the material underscored on the
20 attached Exhibit "A."
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22 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
23 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C. §*
24 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 \$13,853.99 in actual program income to Remediating Vacancies, Making Progress (ReVaMP) Grant. This funding will be used for housing settlements and legal fees as stipulated in the grant.

The Remediating Vacancies, Making Progress (ReVaMP) Grant was established in 2016 to provide forgivable down payment and settlement assistance to qualified homebuyers who are purchasing a vacant home in identified areas of New Castle County.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$13,853.99 in actual program income to the Remediating Vacancies, Making Progress (ReVaMP) 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 \$13,853.99. This increase will affect FY2025 and beyond since this is a continuous program. This appropriation will increase the aggregate amount of program income to \$164,853.99.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer April 30, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Remediating Vacancies	Ordinance No.	25-055
PROGRAM TITLE:	Remediating Vacancies		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ 151,000.00	\$ -	\$ 151,000.00
Program Income	\$	\$ 13,853.99	\$ 13,853.99
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 151,000.00	\$ 13,853.99	\$ 164,853.99

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ 146,000.00	\$ 11,853.99	\$ 157,853.99
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 151,000.00	\$ 13,853.99	\$ 164,853.99

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 10/15/2016

Estimated Program Completion: ongoing

The Local Match: Found in (ORG):

Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:
16-092	9/27/2016
<u>17-067</u>	<u>6/13/2017</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Remediating Vacancies grant will be used for housing settlements and legal fees.

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5/13/2025

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Requested by: Community Services
Date of introduction: May 13, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-056

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:

**REALIGN \$317,256.47 IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FY2024,
WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES,
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING**

1 **WHEREAS**, original allocated funding in the amount of \$2,383,060.00 from the U.S.
2 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and estimated program income in
3 the amount of \$350,000.00 was previously approved by County Council and appropriated to
4 the Community Development Block Grant FY2024 via Ordinance 23-058; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, program income in the amount of \$123,169.86 and the realignment of
7 \$60,910.70 in federal funds was previously approved by County Council and appropriated
8 and realigned within the CDBG FY2024 Grant via Ordinance 24-157; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, authorization is sought for the realignment of \$317,256.47 in federal
11 funds within the CDBG FY2024 Grant for Salaries and Benefits for Program Delivery; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is funded through the
14 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and through loan repayments
15 from rehabilitation projects and down payment and settlement loans; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, the major objectives of the CDBG program include providing financial
18 assistance to moderate to low-income residents of New Castle County, most of which are
19 elderly, to rehabilitate their homes; down payment and settlement help for low to moderate
20 income residents buying their first home; funding to agencies that provide housing support
21 services; grants for emergency repairs; funding for the revitalization of aging neighborhoods
22 throughout the County; and social services; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that grants anticipated to be
25 received from estimated program income will be sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants
26 Budget as hereinafter amended; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance substantially
29 advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government interests (i.e.,
30 promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity and/or welfare of the
31 present and future inhabitants of this State).
32

33 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
34

35 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby
36 amended by deleting the material stricken and adding the material underscored on the
37 attached Exhibit "A."
38

39 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
40 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 Del. C.
41 § 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 realign \$317,256.47 in federal funds within the Community Development Block Grant FY2024. The realignment of funds will be used for Salary and Benefits for Program Delivery.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is funded through HUD and through loan repayments from rehabilitation projects and down payment and settlement loans. The major objectives of the CDBG program include providing financial assistance to moderate to low-income residents of New Castle County, most of which are elderly, to rehab their homes; down payment and settlement help for low to moderate income residents buying their first home; funding to agencies that provide housing support services; grants for emergency repairs; funding for the revitalization of aging neighborhoods throughout the County; and social services.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by realigning \$317,256.47 in federal funds in the Community Development Block Grant FY2024.

This Ordinance, if approved, will have no fiscal impact. This realignment will affect FY2025 through FY2031, since the targeted program completion date is September 1, 2030.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer April 30, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Community Development Block Grant FY2024 (CDBG)	Ordinance No.	25-056
PROGRAM TITLE:	Community Development Block Grant FY2024 (CDBG)		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ 2,383,060.00	\$ -	\$ 2,383,060.00
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ 473,169.86	\$ -	\$ 473,169.86
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 2,856,229.86	\$ -	\$ 2,856,229.86

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 695,210.96	\$ 200,125.19	\$ 895,336.15
Benefits	\$ 398,033.22	\$ 117,131.28	\$ 515,164.50
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ 6,845.00	\$ (1,950.00)	\$ 4,895.00
Communication/Utilities	\$ 21,345.72	\$ (1,319.89)	\$ 20,025.83
Materials/Supplies	\$ 15,509.65	\$ (2,592.76)	\$ 12,916.89
Contractual Services	\$ 162,296.72	\$ -	\$ 162,296.72
Equipment	\$ 193.45	\$ -	\$ 193.45
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ 1,534,661.97	\$ (311,393.82)	\$ 1,223,268.15
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ 22,133.17	\$ -	\$ 22,133.17
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 2,856,229.86	\$ (0.00)	\$ 2,856,229.86

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	7/1/2023
Estimated Program Completion:	9/1/2030
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:
23-058	6/16/2023
<u>24-157</u>	<u>10/22/2024</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Funding is provided through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist low to moderate income residents of New Castle County with various housing support services such as: home rehabilitation, first time homebuyer down payment and settlement help, grants for minor home repairs, the revitalization of aging neighborhoods and other social services.

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5/13/2025

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Requested by: Community Services
Date of introduction: May 13, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-057

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:

**REALIGN \$139,000.00 IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FY2025,
WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES,
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING**

1 **WHEREAS**, original allocated funding in the amount of \$2,452,724.00 from the U.S.
2 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and estimated program income in
3 the amount of \$350,000.00 was previously approved by County Council and appropriated to
4 the Community Development Block Grant FY2025 via Ordinance 24-096; and
5

6 **WHEREAS**, authorization is sought for the realignment of \$139,000.00 in federal
7 funds within the CDBG FY2025 Grant for Salaries and Benefits for Program Delivery; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is funded through the
10 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and through loan repayments
11 from rehabilitation projects and down payment and settlement loans; and
12

13 **WHEREAS**, the major objectives of the CDBG program include providing financial
14 assistance to moderate to low-income residents of New Castle County, most of which are
15 elderly, to rehabilitate their homes; down payment and settlement help for low to moderate
16 income residents buying their first home; funding to agencies that provide housing support
17 services; grants for emergency repairs; funding for the revitalization of aging neighborhoods
18 throughout the County; and social services; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that grants anticipated to be
21 received from estimated program income will be sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants
22 Budget as hereinafter amended; and
23

24 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance substantially
25 advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government interests (i.e.,
26 promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity and/or welfare of the
27 present and future inhabitants of this State).
28

29 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
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31 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby
32 amended by deleting the material stricken and adding the material underlined on the attached
33 Exhibit "A."
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35 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
36 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.*
37 § 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 realign \$139,000.00 in federal funds within the Community Development Block Grant FY2025 from the Down Payment and Settlement Assistance program to Salary and Benefits for Program Delivery.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is funded through HUD and through loan repayments from rehabilitation projects and down payment and settlement loans. The major objectives of the CDBG program include providing financial assistance to moderate to low-income residents of New Castle County, most of which are elderly, to rehab their homes; down payment and settlement help for low to moderate income residents buying their first home; funding to agencies that provide housing support services; grants for emergency repairs; funding for the revitalization of aging neighborhoods throughout the County; and social services.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by realigning \$139,000.00 in federal funds in the Community Development Block Grant FY2025.

This Ordinance, if approved, will have no fiscal impact. This realignment will affect FY2025 through FY2032, since the targeted program completion date is September 1, 2031.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer April 30, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	FY25 Community Development Block Grant	Ordinance No.	25-057
PROGRAM TITLE:	FY25 Community Development Block Grant		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ 2,452,724.00	\$ -	\$ 2,452,724.00
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ 350,000.00	\$ -	\$ 350,000.00
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 2,802,724.00	\$ -	\$ 2,802,724.00

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 526,883.75	\$ 87,681.12	\$ 614,564.87
Benefits	\$ 308,379.25	\$ 51,318.88	\$ 359,698.13
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00
Communication/Utilities	\$ 5,550.00	\$ -	\$ 5,550.00
Materials/Supplies	\$ 16,000.00	\$ -	\$ 16,000.00
Contractual Services	\$ 420,903.68	\$ -	\$ 420,903.68
Equipment	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ 1,411,912.00	\$ (139,000.00)	\$ 1,272,912.00
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ 110,295.32	\$ -	\$ 110,295.32
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 2,802,724.00	\$ -	\$ 2,802,724.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	7/1/2024
Estimated Program Completion:	9/1/2031
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed: <u>24-096</u>	Date Revised: <u>6/11/2024</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Funding is provided through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist low to moderate income residents of New Castle County with various housing support services such as: home rehabilitation, first time homebuyer down payment and settlement help, grants for minor home repairs, the revitalization of aging neighborhoods and other social services.

6/11/2024

5/13/2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-058

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:

APPROPRIATE FUNDING ANTICIPATED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE DELAWARE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD TO THE 2025/2026 STATE YEAR-ROUND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES

1 **WHEREAS**, the 2025/2026 State Year-Round Youth Employment Grant provides
2 employment experiences for socially and economically disadvantaged high school youth in New
3 Castle County that will promote responsibility, teamwork, and a good work ethic; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, these funds will be used to continue the employment of approximately 30-40
6 high school youth with worksite partners that support their career path and/or area of interest;
7 and
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9 **WHEREAS**, these youth will work 12-15 hours per week through the 2025-2026 school
10 year; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that grants anticipated to be received
13 from the State of Delaware Department of Labor, through funding provided by the Delaware
14 Workforce Investment Board, are sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as
15 hereinafter amended; and
16

17 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance substantially
18 advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government interests (i.e.,
19 promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity and/or welfare of the
20 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 amended
25 by adding the material on the attached Exhibit "A," which shall be considered underscored in its
26 entirety.
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28 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
29 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.* §
30 1156.
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32 Section 3. The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective on August 25, 2025.

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 \$94,727.00 in funding anticipated to be received from the State of Delaware, Department of Labor with funds provided by the Delaware Workforce Investment Board, to the 2025/2026 State Year-Round Youth Employment Grant to be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Resources.

The 2025/2026 State Year-Round Youth Employment Grant will provide employment experiences for socially and economically disadvantaged high school youth in New Castle County that will promote responsibility, teamwork, and a good work ethic. Funds will be used for the employment of approximately 30 - 40 youths with worksite partners that support their career path and/or area of interest. This program will run through the 2025-2026 school year.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$94,727.00 in funding anticipated to be received from the State of Delaware, Department of Labor with funds provided by the Delaware Workforce Investment Board to the 2025/2026 State Year-Round Youth Employment Grant to be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Resources.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an anticipated increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget by \$94,727.00. The anticipated increase will affect FY2026 since the estimated expiration date of this grant is June 14, 2026.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer April 29, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	2025/2026 State Year Round Youth Employment	Ordinance No.	25-058
PROGRAM TITLE:	2025/2026 State Year Round Youth Employment		

Revenue	Current		Change		Revised
Federal	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
State	\$	94,727.00	\$	-	\$ 94,727.00
County	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Program Income	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Other	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Total	\$	94,727.00	\$	-	\$ 94,727.00

Expense	Current		Change		Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$	86,746.00	\$	-	\$ 86,746.00
Benefits	\$	7,981.00	\$	-	\$ 7,981.00
Training/Civic Affairs	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Equipment	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Contingency	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Total	\$	94,727.00	\$	-	\$ 94,727.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	8/25/2025
Estimated Program Completion:	6/14/2026
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The 2025/2026 State Year-Round Youth Employment Program will provide employment experiences for socially and economically disadvantaged high school youths in New Castle County to promote responsibility, teamwork and a good work ethic. Funds will be used to employ approximately 30-40 youths with New Castle County worksite partners. This program will run through the 2025-2026 school year.

5/13/2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-059

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE FUNDING ANTICIPATED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF
DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE DELAWARE
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD TO THE 2025 STATE SUMMER YOUTH
EMPLOYMENT GRANT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

1 **WHEREAS**, the State Summer Youth Employment Program provides employment
2 experiences for low-income youth in New Castle County between the ages of 14 and 21 to
3 promote responsibility, teamwork, and a work ethic; and
4

5 **WHEREAS**, these funds will be used to employ approximately 100-120 youth through
6 the summer of 2025; and
7

8 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that grants anticipated to be received
9 from the State of Delaware, Department of Labor – Division of Employment and Training, are
10 sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and
11

12 **WHEREAS**, County Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance
13 substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government
14 interests (i.e., promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity and/or
15 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 amended
20 by adding the material on the attached Exhibit "A," which shall be considered underscored in
21 its entirety.
22

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

27 Section 3. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective June 16, 2025.

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 \$227,280.00 in funding anticipated to be received from the State of Delaware, Department of Labor, with funds provided by the Delaware Workforce Investment Board to the 2025 State Summer Youth Employment Grant to be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Resources.

The State Summer Youth Employment Program will provide employment experiences for low-income youth in the City of Wilmington between the ages of 14 and 21 that will promote responsibility, teamwork, and a good work ethic. Funds will be used to employ approximately 100-120 youths. This program will run through the summer of 2025.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$227,280.00 in funding anticipated to be received from the State of Delaware, Department of Labor, with funds provided by the Delaware Workforce Investment Board to the 2025 State Summer Youth Employment Grant.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an anticipated increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget by \$227,280.00. The anticipated increase will affect FY2025 and FY2026, since the estimated expiration date of this grant is August 24, 2025.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer April 29, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	2025 State Summer Youth Employment	Ordinance No.	25-059
PROGRAM TITLE:	2025 State Summer Youth Employment		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ 227,280.00	\$ -	\$ 227,280.00
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 227,280.00	\$ -	\$ 227,280.00

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 208,132.00	\$ -	\$ 208,132.00
Benefits	\$ 19,148.00	\$ -	\$ 19,148.00
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 227,280.00	\$ -	\$ 227,280.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	6/16/2025
Estimated Program Completion:	8/24/2025
County Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The 2025 State Summer Youth Employment Program will provide employment experiences for low income youth in New Castle County between the ages of 14 and 20 that will promote responsibility, teamwork and a good work ethic. Funds will be used to employ approximately 100-120 summer youth. This program will run through August 24, 2025.

5/13/2025

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Requested by: Community Services
Date of introduction: May 13, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-060

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:

APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS OF \$450,000 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT PASSED THROUGH FROM THE CITY OF WILMINGTON FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT TO THE LEAD BASED PAINT HAZARD REDUCTION - CITY OF WILMINGTON GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

1 **WHEREAS**, authorization is being sought for the appropriation of \$450,000 from the
2 City of Wilmington's Federal Community Development Block Grant to the Lead-Based Paint
3 Hazard Reduction – City of Wilmington Grant which is administered by the Department of
4 Community Services; and

5
6 **WHEREAS**, the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Programs are funded through
7 HUD to mitigate lead-based paint in households with children under the age of six from low-
8 income to very low-income households in New Castle County within specific zip codes; and

9
10 **WHEREAS**, these funds will be used for the construction costs to mitigate lead in a
11 minimum of 20 housing units; and

12
13 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that grants anticipated to be received
14 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and estimated program
15 income will be sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended;
16 and

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

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

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

28
29 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
30 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.* §
31 1156.

32
33 Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall
34 be effective retroactive to July 1, 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 an additional \$450,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development passed through from the City of Wilmington Federal Community Development Block Grant to the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction – City of Wilmington Grant, which is administered by the Department of Community Services. These funds will be used for the construction costs to mitigate lead in a minimum of 20 housing units for families with children under the age of six from low-income to very low-income households in New Castle County within specific zip codes.

It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to July 1, 2024.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating additional federal funds of \$450,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development passed through from the City of Wilmington Federal Community Development Block Grant.

This increase will affect FY2025 and FY2026 since the estimated program completion date is December 31, 2025.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer April 29, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction - City of Wilmington 2025	Ordinance No.	25-060
PROGRAM TITLE:	Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction - City of Wilmington 2025		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ 450,000.00	\$ -	\$ 450,000.00
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 450,000.00	\$ -	\$ 450,000.00

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ 450,000.00	\$ -	\$ 450,000.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 450,000.00	\$ -	\$ 450,000.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	7/1/2024
Estimated Program Completion:	12/31/2025
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Programs are funded from HUD to mitigate lead-based paint in households with children under the age of six. Families served are low-income to very low-income households in New Castle County within specific zip codes. Most of the budget will be used for construction costs to mitigate lead in a minimum of 20 housing units. City of Wilmington has provided \$450,000 in cash contribution from the Federal Community Development Block Grant.

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Requested by: Community Services
Date of introduction: May 13, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-061

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:

**REALIGN \$141,310.49 IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FY2022,
WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES,
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING**

1 **WHEREAS**, original allocated funding in the amount of \$2,421,287.00 from the U.S.
2 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and estimated program income in
3 the amount of \$425,000.00 was previously approved by County Council and appropriated to
4 the Community Development Block Grant FY2022 via Ordinance 21-053; and
5

6 **WHEREAS**, additional funding in the amount of \$36,581.00 from the U.S. Department
7 of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) was previously approved by County Council and
8 appropriated to the Community Development Block Grant FY2022 via Ordinance 21-086;
9 and
10

11 **WHEREAS**, program income in the amount of \$357,263.94 and the realignment of
12 \$383,762.59 in federal funds and \$60,000 in program income funds was previously approved
13 by County Council and appropriated and realigned within the CDBG FY2022 Grant via
14 Ordinance 22-116; and
15

16 **WHEREAS**, authorization is sought for the realignment of \$141,310.49 in federal
17 funds within the CDBG FY2022 Grant for Salaries and Benefits for Program Delivery; and
18

19 **WHEREAS**, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is funded through the
20 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and through loan repayments
21 from rehabilitation projects and down payment and settlement loans; and
22

23 **WHEREAS**, the major objectives of the CDBG program include providing financial
24 assistance to moderate to low-income residents of New Castle County, most of which are
25 elderly, to rehabilitate their homes; down payment and settlement help for low to moderate
26 income residents buying their first home; funding to agencies that provide housing support
27 services; grants for emergency repairs; funding for the revitalization of aging neighborhoods
28 throughout the County; and social services; and
29

30 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that grants anticipated to be
31 received from estimated program income will be sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants
32 Budget as hereinafter amended; and
33

34 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance substantially
35 advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government interests (i.e.,
36 promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity and/or welfare of the
37 present and future inhabitants of this State).
38

39 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
40
41

42 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby
43 amended by deleting the material stricken and adding the material underscored on the
44 attached Exhibits "A" and "B."

45
46 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
47 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 Del. C.
48 § 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 realign \$141,310.49 in federal funds within the Community Development Block Grant FY2022. The realignment of funds will be used for Salary and Benefits for Program Delivery.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is funded through HUD and through loan repayments from rehabilitation projects and down payment and settlement loans. The major objectives of the CDBG program include providing financial assistance to moderate to low-income residents of New Castle County, most of which are elderly, to rehab their homes; down payment and settlement help for low to moderate income residents buying their first home; funding to agencies that provide housing support services; grants for emergency repairs; funding for the revitalization of aging neighborhoods throughout the County; and social services.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by realigning \$141,310.49 in federal funds in the Community Development Block Grant FY2022.

This Ordinance, if approved, will have no fiscal impact. This realignment will affect FY2025 through FY2028, since the targeted program completion date is September 1, 2028.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer April 29, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	CDBG FY2022	Ordinance No.	25-061
PROGRAM TITLE:	CDBG Program Delivery FY2022		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ 1,078,618.97	\$ 141,310.49	\$ 1,219,929.46
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ 417,263.94	\$ -	\$ 417,263.94
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 1,495,882.91	\$ 141,310.49	\$ 1,637,193.40

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 861,171.15	\$ 89,138.57	\$ 950,309.72
Benefits	\$ 507,923.95	\$ 52,171.92	\$ 560,095.87
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ 2,222.46	\$ -	\$ 2,222.46
Materials/Supplies	\$ 2,330.00	\$ -	\$ 2,330.00
Contractual Services	\$ 54,470.30	\$ -	\$ 54,470.30
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ 67,765.05	\$ -	\$ 67,765.05
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 1,495,882.91	\$ 141,310.49	\$ 1,637,193.40

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 7/1/2021

Estimated Program Completion: 9/1/2028

County Match: Found in (ORG):

Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:
21-053	4/27/2021
21-086	7/13/2021
<u>22-116</u>	<u>9/27/2022</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Funding is provided through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist low to moderate income residents of New Castle County with various housing support services such as: home rehabilitation, first time homebuyer down payment and settlement help, grants for minor home repairs, the revitalization of aging neighborhoods and other social services.

9/27/2022

5/13/2025

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"B"
GRANT TITLE:	CDBG FY2022	Ordinance No.	25-
PROGRAM TITLE:	CDBG Down Payment or Settlement Help FY22		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ 174,000.00	\$ (141,310.49)	\$ 32,689.51
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ 165,000.00	\$ -	\$ 165,000.00
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 339,000.00	\$ (141,310.49)	\$ 197,689.51

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ 339,000.00	\$ (141,310.49)	\$ 197,689.51
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 339,000.00	\$ (141,310.49)	\$ 197,689.51

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	7/1/2021
Estimated Program Completion:	9/1/2028
County Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:
21-053	4/27/2021
21-086	7/13/2021
<u>22-116</u>	<u>9/27/2022</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Funding is provided through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist low to moderate income residents of New Castle County with various housing support services such as: home rehabilitation, first time homebuyer down payment and settlement help, grants for minor home repairs, the revitalization of aging neighborhoods and other social services.

9/27/2022

5/13/2025

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Requested by: Community Services
Date of introduction: May 27, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-065

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:

REALIGN \$750,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

1 **WHEREAS**, the HOME ARPA Grant program is funded from the U.S. Department of
2 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act; and
3

4 **WHEREAS**, the families served by HOME programs are low to moderate income
5 households in New Castle County – outside the cities of Wilmington and Newark; and
6

7 **WHEREAS**, the current budget is to be used to provide housing, supportive services,
8 and shelter to individuals experiencing or vulnerable to homelessness; and
9

10 **WHEREAS**, original allocated funding in the amount of \$3,672,176 from the U.S.
11 Department of Housing and Urban Development was previously approved by County Council
12 and appropriated to the HOME ARPA Grant via Ordinance 21-135; and
13

14 **WHEREAS**, the realignment of \$2,371,350 in federal funds within the HOME ARPA
15 Grant for Supportive Services to hire a contractual mentor, case manager and a nonprofit
16 entity to provide employment, training and transportation was previously approved by County
17 Council via Ordinance 23-030; and
18

19 **WHEREAS**, authorization is sought for the realignment of \$750,000 in federal funds
20 within the HOME ARPA Grant for Supportive Services to pay the salaries for a Contractual
21 Mentor, Case Manager, and a nonprofit entity that provides employment services; and
22

23 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance substantially
24 advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government interests (i.e.,
25 promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity and/or welfare of the
26 present and future inhabitants of this State).
27

28 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
29

30 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby amended
31 by adding the material underscored and deleting the material stricken on the attached Exhibits
32 “A” and “B.”
33

34 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
35 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C. §*
36 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 realign \$750,000 in federal funds within the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant. The realignment of funds will be used to pay the salaries for a Contractual Mentor, Case Manager, and a nonprofit entity that provides employment services.

Families served are low to moderate income households in New Castle County – outside the cities of Wilmington and Newark. The current budget is to provide housing, supportive services, and shelter to individuals experiencing or vulnerable to homelessness.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by realigning \$750,000 in federal funds within the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant.

This Ordinance, if approved, will have no fiscal impact. The realignment will affect FY2025 through FY2031, since the targeted program completion date for this grant is September 30, 2030.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 14, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	HOME ARPA Grant	Ordinance No.	25-065
PROGRAM TITLE:	HOME ARPA Subgrantees		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ <u>750,000.00</u>	\$ (750,000.00)	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ <u>750,000.00</u>	\$ (750,000.00)	\$ -

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ <u>750,000.00</u>	\$ (750,000.00)	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ <u>750,000.00</u>	\$ (750,000.00)	\$ -

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 9/20/2021

Estimated Program Completion: 9/30/2030

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

Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:
21-135	12/22/2021
<u>23-030</u>	<u>2/28/2023</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

HOME ARPA Programs are funded from HUD through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to provide housing services and shelter to individuals experiencing, or vulnerable to, homelessness. Families served are low to moderate income households in New Castle County - outside the cities of Wilmington or Newark.

2/28/2023

5/27/2025

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"B"
GRANT TITLE:	HOME ARPA Grant	Ordinance No.	25- 065
PROGRAM TITLE:	HOME ARPA Supportive Services		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ 2,371,350.00	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 3,121,350.00
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 2,371,350.00	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 3,121,350.00

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ 2,371,350.00	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 3,121,350.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 2,371,350.00	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 3,121,350.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 9/20/2021

Estimated Program Completion: 9/30/2030

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

Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:
21-135	12/22/2021
<u>23-030</u>	<u>2/28/2023</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

HOME ARPA Programs are funded from HUD through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to provide housing services and shelter to individuals experiencing, or vulnerable to, homelessness. Families served are low to moderate income households in New Castle County - outside the cities of Wilmington or Newark.

2/28/2023

5/27/2025

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street,
Mr. Tackett
Requested by: County Council
Date of introduction: May 27, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-068

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:

**APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2025
APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE SENIOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM GRANT,
WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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
4

5 **WHEREAS**, the home must be located in New Castle County, outside the boundaries of
6 Wilmington and Newark; and
7

8 **WHEREAS**, there are currently over 137 seniors on the waiting list for this program; and
9

10 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council has determined that there will be unspent
11 funding available in the Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item at the end of FY2025; and
12

13 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council wishes to provide \$14,575 to the Senior Home
14 Repair Program Grant from their Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item within the FY2025
15 Approved Operating Budget; and
16

17 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance substantially
18 advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government interests (i.e.,
19 promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity and/or welfare of the
20 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 amended
25 by adding the material underscored and deleting the material bracketed and stricken on the
26 attached "Exhibit A."
27

28 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
29 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C. §*
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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 \$14,575 from the County Council – Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item within the FY2025 Approved Operating Budget to the Senior Home Repair Program Grant. In order to complete this transaction, **Ordinance No. 25-070 must be passed by County Council to complete this transaction.**

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 137 seniors on the waiting list for this program. Funding for the program is from the Community Development Block Grant Program.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$14,575 in funding to the Senior Home Repair Program Grant, which is administered by the Department of Community Services. Partial funding for this program will be provided from the County Council – Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item in the FY2025 Approved Operating Budget.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget by \$14,575. This increase will affect FY2025 and beyond since this program is ongoing, without an expiration date, until all funds have been expended.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 15, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Senior Home Repair Program	Ordinance No.	25-068
PROGRAM TITLE:	Senior Home Repair Program		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ <u>582,334.46</u>	\$ <u>14,575.00</u>	\$ <u>596,909.46</u>
Program Income	\$ 108,436.05	\$ -	\$ 108,436.05
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ <u>690,770.51</u>	\$ <u>14,575.00</u>	\$ <u>705,345.51</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>630,565.01</u>	\$ <u>14,575.00</u>	\$ <u>645,140.01</u>
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ <u>690,770.51</u>	\$ <u>14,575.00</u>	\$ <u>705,345.51</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	22-068	5/24/2022
18-072	7/16/2018	23-064	5/23/2023
19-065	7/3/2019	24-090 Sub 1	6/11/2024
20-060	6/9/2020	24-119	7/9/2024
21-075 Floor Amend 1	6/16/2021	<u>25-035</u>	<u>4/8/2025</u>
21-106	9/30/2021		

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 137 seniors on the waiting list for this program. Funding for the program is from the Sheriff's Office, Program Income and the General Fund.

4/8/2025

5/27/2025

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Mr. Tackett
Requested by: County Council
Date of introduction: May 27, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-070

**AMEND THE FY2025 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET:
REDUCE THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF THE COUNTY
COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY GRANTS**

1 **WHEREAS**, County Council has budgeted funding available in the Grants and Fixed
2 Charges Budget Line Item; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council wishes to provide funding to the Senior Home
5 Repair Program Grant and the New Castle County Emergency Housing – HOPE Center Grant;
6 and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the revenue measures heretofore adopted by the County Council are, in the
9 opinion of the County Executive, estimated to yield sums at least sufficient to balance the
10 proposed expenditures as set forth in the Annual Operating Budget as hereinafter amended.

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

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14 Section 1. The Annual Operating Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
15 2024, is hereby amended by deleting the material that is stricken and adding the material that is
16 underscored on the attached Exhibit “A” and “B.”

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18 Section 2. The foregoing amendment shall be considered a part of the Annual Operating
19 Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and shall be effective as though incorporated
20 initially in the Annual Operating Budget Ordinance.

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22 Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
23 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided in 9 *Del. C. §*
24 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 transfer \$24,150 from the County Council – Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item within the FY2025 Approved Operating Budget and appropriate \$14,575 to the Senior Home Repair Program Grant and \$9,575 to the New Castle County Emergency Housing – HOPE Center Grant. **Ordinance No. 25-068 and 25-069 must first be passed by County Council in order to amend the existing grants.**

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the FY2025 Approved Operating Budget by reducing the County Council – Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item by \$24,150 and appropriating \$14,575 to the Senior Home Repair Program Grant and \$9,575 to the New Castle County Emergency Housing – HOPE Center Grant.

There will be no net fiscal impact if this Ordinance and its companion Ordinance are approved. The resulting effect will be the transfer of \$24,150 of FY2025 Approved Operating Budget spending authority to the Grants Budget. There is no fiscal impact beyond FY2025.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 15, 2025.

COUNTY COUNCIL

Salaries and Wages		\$	2,552,351
Benefits			1,493,866
Training and Civic Affairs			90,516
Communication and Utilities			18,458
Materials and Supplies			53,455
Contractual Services			255,088
Equipment			14,580
Grants and Fixed Charges	336,773		<u>312,623</u>
Operating Transfer Charges			175,627
Total	4,990,714	\$	<u>4,966,564</u>
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	35		

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Salaries and Wages		\$	2,033,684
Benefits			1,190,296
Training and Civic Affairs			39,312
Communication and Utilities			20,737
Materials and Supplies			18,886
Contractual Services			347,638
Equipment			7,223
Grants and Fixed Charges			638,000
Contingency			1,707
Operating Transfer Charges			105,264
Total		\$	<u>4,402,747</u>
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	17		

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Wages	\$	12,966,061
Benefits		7,506,461
Training and Civic Affairs		138,150
Communication and Utilities		8,288,620
Materials and Supplies		167,272
Contractual Services		7,820,325
Equipment		479,126
Grants and Fixed Charges		3,932,350
Operating Transfer Charges		1,143,324
Operating Transfer Credits		(12,812,422)
Total	\$	29,629,267
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		168

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Salaries and Wages	\$	27,135,440
Benefits		15,765,968
Training and Civic Affairs		45,445
Communication and Utilities		26,468,271
Materials and Supplies		4,924,279
Contractual Services		10,840,289
Equipment		508,481
Grants and Fixed Charges		1,193,025
Land and Structures		54,700
Operating Transfer Charges		4,574,405
Operating Transfer Credits		(7,722,122)
Total	\$	83,788,181
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		389

DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE

Salaries and Wages	\$	8,156,971
Benefits		4,742,077
Training and Civic Affairs		66,975
Communication and Utilities		111,242
Materials and Supplies		102,227
Contractual Services		1,443,109
Equipment		54,240
Grants and Fixed Charges		56,500
Operating Transfer Charges		1,061,595
Total	\$	15,794,936
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		112

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Salaries and Wages	\$	12,664,348
Benefits		5,579,947
Training and Civic Affairs		25,611
Communication and Utilities		1,463,626
Materials and Supplies		1,579,339
Contractual Services		3,872,003
Equipment		33,974
Grants and Fixed Charges		3,251,065
Operating Transfer Charges		1,173,995
Operating Transfer Credits		(225,977)
Total	\$	29,417,931
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		162

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Salaries and Wages	\$	77,334,401
Benefits		42,955,735
Training and Civic Affairs		201,493
Communication and Utilities		1,013,736
Materials and Supplies		1,480,626
Contractual Services		2,135,017
Equipment		1,750,283
Grants and Fixed Charges		8,345,222
Operating Transfer Charges		7,843,655
Intragovernmental Service Credits		
Total	\$	143,060,168
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	727	

REGISTER OF WILLS

Salaries and Wages	\$	1,159,211
Benefits		660,186
Training and Civic Affairs		34,950
Communication and Utilities		12,209
Materials and Supplies		10,053
Contractual Services		62,715
Equipment		2,800
Operating Transfer Charges		82,214
Total	\$	2,024,338
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	20	

RECORDER OF DEEDS

Salaries and Wages	\$	1,256,525
Benefits		723,402
Training and Civic Affairs		40,170
Communication and Utilities		29,829
Materials and Supplies		10,573
Contractual Services		84,578
Equipment		9,975
Grants and Fixed Charges		18,350
Operating Transfer Charges		162,265
Total	\$	2,335,667
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	23	

SHERIFF

Salaries and Wages	\$	1,380,772
Benefits		804,406
Training and Civic Affairs		29,452
Communication and Utilities		14,993
Materials and Supplies		21,259
Contractual Services		55,999
Equipment		5,000
Operating Transfer Charges		142,020
Total	\$	2,453,901
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		21

CLERK OF THE PEACE

Salaries and Wages	\$	483,477
Benefits		282,975
Training and Civic Affairs		9,600
Communication and Utilities		5,484
Materials and Supplies		8,754
Contractual Services		18,268
Equipment Replacement		6,000
Operating Transfer Charges		30,824
Total	\$	845,382
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		7

DEBT SERVICE

Debt Service	\$	45,578,427
Total	\$	45,578,427
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

ETHICS COMMISSION

Salaries and Wages	\$	40,200
Benefits		4,181
Training and Civic Affairs		10,500
Communication and Utilities		1,898
Materials and Supplies		2,450
Contractual Services		235,747
Equipment		500
Operating Transfer Charges		6,360
Total	\$	301,836
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		0

COUNCIL CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	207,673
Total	\$	207,673
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

EXECUTIVE CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	0
Total	\$	0
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

PERSONNEL CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	455,000
Total	\$	455,000
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

ATTRITION CONTINGENCY

Personal Services - Salaries and Wages	\$	(6,164,693)
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	\$	(3,608,135)
Total	\$	(9,772,828)
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

ONE-TIME CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	130,380
Total	\$	<u>130,380</u>

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Salaries and Wages		\$	140,998,748
Benefits			78,101,365
Training and Civic Affairs			732,174
Communication and Utilities			37,449,103
Materials and Supplies			8,379,173
Contractual Services			27,170,776
Equipment			2,872,182
Grants and Fixed Charges	17,771,285		<u>17,747,135</u>
Debt Service			45,578,427
Land and Structures			54,700
Contingency			794,760
Operating Transfer Charges			16,501,548
Operating Transfer Credits			(20,760,521)
Sub-Total New Castle County	355,643,720	\$	<u>355,619,570</u>
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	1,681		

RESERVE ACCOUNTS ANTICIPATED BALANCES AS OF APRIL 22, 2025

Tax Stabilization Reserve Account	61,495,003
Sewer Rate Stabilization Reserve Account	5,620,512
General Fund Budget Reserve Account	45,312,006
Sewer Fund Budget Reserve Account	18,734,142
Total Reserves:	131,161,663