



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Co-Chair: Brandon Toole, First District

Co-Chair: Kevin Caneco, Twelfth District

October 14, 2025

4:00 PM

VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING &
LOUIS L. REDDING CITY/COUNTY BUILDING
1ST FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 N. FRENCH STREET, WILMINGTON, DE 19801**

REVISED AGENDA

A. Meeting Call to Order

B. Approval of Minutes

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°25-115: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$36,983.00 FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FUND (SLEAF) TO THE SLEAF PROTECTIVE RIDING GEAR GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

°25-116: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT AND APPROPRIATE \$98,444.46 FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO BELVEDERE FIRE COMPANY COMMAND VEHICLE GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

°25-125: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$30,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO THE ASSET FORFEITURE-FEDERAL GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

(To be voted on at the 10/28/25 Council Meeting)

°25-126: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$60,000 IN ACTUAL PROGRAM INCOME TO THE COMMUNITY POLICING GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

(To be voted on at the 10/28/25 Council Meeting)

E. Presentations

Presentation of PAB Annual Report by Kim Eppehimer.

Discussion by NCCPD of recent Public Safety concerns and practical next steps residents can take to help safeguard their homes and properties.

PAL Update

F. Other

G. Public Comment

H. Adjournment

AGENDA POSTED: October 2, 2025
REVISED AGENDA POSTED: October 7, 2025

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*The agenda was revised (7) seven days in advance of the scheduled meeting in compliance with 29 *Del. C.* Section 10004(e)(2) to include legislation.

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Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco
Requested by: Public Safety
Date of introduction: September 23, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-115

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:

APPROPRIATE \$36,983.00 FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FUND (SLEAF) TO THE SLEAF PROTECTIVE RIDING GEAR GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE

1 **WHEREAS**, funding has been awarded from the State of Delaware, Department of
2 Justice-Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (SLEAF), to the New Castle County
3 Department of Public Safety SLEAF Protective Riding Gear Grant; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, this funding will be used by the New Castle County Department of
6 Public Safety, Division of Police for the purchase of Protective Riding Gear for the Motor
7 Unit to be used by the Police Department; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that funds received are
10 sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance
13 substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate
14 government interests (i.e., promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order
15 prosperity and/or welfare of the present and future inhabitants of this State).
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17 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
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19 Section 1. The Grants Budget, as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173, is hereby
20 amended by adding the material on the attached "Exhibit A," which is considered to be
21 underscored in its entirety.
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23 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption
24 by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9
25 *Del. C. § 1156*.
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27 Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this
28 Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to June 10, 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 \$36,983.00 from the State of Delaware, Department of Justice-Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (SLEAF) to the SLEAF Protective Riding Gear Grant. These funds will be used by the New Castle County Department of Public Safety, Division of Police for the purchase of Protective Riding Gear for the Motor Unit.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$36,983.00 from the State of Delaware, Department of Justice-Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (SLEAF) to the SLEAF Protective Riding Gear Grant.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$36,983.00. This increase will impact FY2026 only and the estimated program completion date is June 30, 2026. There is no fiscal impact to the Operating Budget.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer September 6, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Public Safety	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	SLEAF Protective Riding Gear	Ordinance No.	25-115
PROGRAM TITLE:	SLEAF Protective Riding Gear		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ 36,983.00	\$ -	\$ 36,983.00
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 36,983.00	\$ -	\$ 36,983.00

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ 36,983.00	\$ -	\$ 36,983.00
Contractual Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 36,983.00	\$ -	\$ 36,983.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	6/10/2025
Estimated Program Completion:	6/30/2026
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Funds will allow for the purchase of Protective Riding Gear for the Public Safety, Division of Police Motor Unit.

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco
Requested by: Public Safety
Date of introduction: September 23, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-116

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:

**AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT AND
APPROPRIATE \$98,444.46 FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO BELVEDERE FIRE COMPANY COMMAND VEHICLE
GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

1 **WHEREAS**, funding has been awarded from the State of Delaware, Department of
2 Transportation to the Belvedere Fire Company Command Vehicle Grant; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, authorization is requested for the County Executive to sign the agreement
5 with the State of Delaware, Department of Transportation; and
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7 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County will use the pass-through grant funding for the
8 purchase of a command vehicle for the Belvedere Fire Company; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that funds received are sufficient
11 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
14 substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government
15 interests (i.e., promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order prosperity and/or
16 welfare of the 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
21 amended by adding the material on the attached "Exhibit A," which is considered to be
22 underscored in its entirety.
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.
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28 Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance
29 shall be effective retroactive to August 20, 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 authorize the County Executive to sign an agreement and appropriate \$98,444.46 from the State of Delaware, Department of Transportation to the Belvedere Fire Company Command Vehicle Grant.

It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to August 20, 2025.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$98,444.46 from the State of Delaware, Department of Transportation to the Belvedere Fire Company Command Vehicle Grant.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$98,444.46. This increase will impact FY2026 through FY2029, since the targeted program completion date of this award is June 30, 2029. There is no fiscal impact on the Operating Budget.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer September 6, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Public Safety	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Belvedere Fire Company Command Vehicle	Ordinance No.	25-116
PROGRAM TITLE:	Belvedere Fire Company Command Vehicle		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ 98,444.46	\$ -	\$ 98,444.46
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 98,444.46	\$ -	\$ 98,444.46

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ 98,444.46	\$ -	\$ 98,444.46
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 98,444.46	\$ -	\$ 98,444.46

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	8/20/2025
Estimated Program Completion:	6/30/2029
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

New Castle County Department of Public Safety will use this pass-through grant funding for the purchase of a Command Vehicle for the Belvedere Fire Company.

9/23/2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-125

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE \$30,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO
THE ASSET FORFEITURE-FEDERAL GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE**

1 **WHEREAS**, authorization is being sought for the appropriation of \$30,000 from the
2 United States Department of Justice to the Asset Forfeiture-Federal Grant; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, these funds will be used to purchase equipment for the Department of
5 Public Safety, Division of Police; and
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7 **WHEREAS**, federal grant funding received is sufficient to cover the increase in the
8 Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance
11 substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government
12 interests (i.e., promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity and/or
13 welfare of the 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
18 amended by adding the material underscored and deleting the material bracketed and
19 stricken on the attached Exhibits "A".
20

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.*
23 C. § 1156.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$30,000 from the United States Department of Justice to the Asset Forfeiture-Federal Grant, which is administered by the Department of Public Safety, Division of Police. These funds will be used to purchase equipment for the Division of Police.

The Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program, authorized in 1984, shares federal forfeiture proceeds with cooperating local law enforcement agencies. The program serves not only to deter crime, but also to provide valuable resources to local law enforcement agencies. The New Castle County Police actively participate in the program and have been approved to use the funding to offset the total cost of training, purchasing supplies, new police canines and other equipment.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$30,000 from the United States Department of Justice to the Asset Forfeiture-Federal Grant, which is administered by the Department of Public Safety, Division of Police. These funds will be used to purchase equipment for the Division of Police.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget totaling \$30,000. This increase will affect FY2026 and beyond since this is a continuous program. There is no anticipated fiscal impact on the Operating and/or Capital Budget.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer September 29, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Public Safety	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Asset Forfeiture - Federal Grant	Ordinance No.	25-125
PROGRAM TITLE:	Asset Forfeiture - Federal Grant		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ 889,483.79	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 919,483.79
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ 24,986.24	\$ -	\$ 24,986.24
Total	\$ 914,470.03	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 944,470.03

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 92,177.46	\$ -	\$ 92,177.46
Benefits	\$ 9,218.11	\$ -	\$ 9,218.11
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ 195,718.42	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 215,718.42
Communication/Utilities	\$ 45,891.39	\$ -	\$ 45,891.39
Materials/Supplies	\$ 71,110.28	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 72,610.28
Contractual Services	\$ 86,457.09	\$ -	\$ 86,457.09
Equipment	\$ 364,292.68	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 372,792.68
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ 48,695.00	\$ -	\$ 48,695.00
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ 909.60	\$ -	\$ 909.60
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 914,470.03	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 944,470.03

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 10/23/2000

Estimated Program Completion: Ongoing

Operating Budget Impact: Available in (ORG):

Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:	
11-040	<u>24-165</u>	4/27/2001
12-065		6/12/2012
15-064		10/20/2015
21-070		6/17/2021
22-138		11/22/2022

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program helps prevent crime and also provides resources to state and local law enforcement agencies.

11/19/2024

10/14/2025

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco
Requested by: Public Safety
Date of introduction: October 14, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-126

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE \$60,000 IN ACTUAL PROGRAM INCOME TO THE COMMUNITY
POLICING GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE**

1 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that funds received are sufficient to
2 cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, a Community Policing Grant was established to provide the New Castle
5 County Police additional funds related to the cost of overtime patrols in defined high crime
6 areas of the county and support the costs related to training, supplies, and equipment
7 associated with community related policing; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, beginning in January 2016 a Community Policing Fee was added to the
10 hourly rate of the Contracted Police Duty Rate to provide funding for the Community Policing
11 Grant; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, the actual program income collected from the community policing fee will
14 be transferred to the Community Policing Grant annually; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance substantially
17 advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government interests (i.e.,
18 promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order prosperity and/or welfare of the
19 present and future inhabitants of this State).
20

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

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

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

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$60,000.00 in actual program income to the Community Policing Grant. This funding will be used to further address community related concerns and issues.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$60,000.00 in actual program income to the Community Policing Grant, which is administered by the Department of Public Safety, Division of Police.

The Community Policing Grant was established to provide the New Castle County Police additional funds related to the cost of overtime patrols in defined high crime areas of the county and support the costs related to training, supplies, and equipment associated with community policing. Beginning in January 2016, a Community Policing Fee was added to the hourly rate of the Contracted Police Duty Rate to provide funding for the Community Policing Grant. The actual program income collected from the community policing fee is transferred to the Community Policing Grant annually.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$60,000.00. This increase will affect FY2026 and beyond since this is a continuous program. Previous program income funding was authorized in the amount of \$232,065.75. This appropriation will increase the aggregate amount to \$292,065.75. The Program Income balance after this appropriation will be \$117,973.84.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer September 29, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Public Safety	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Community Policing Grant	Ordinance No.	25-
PROGRAM TITLE:	Community Policing Grant		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ 232,065.75	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 292,065.75
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 232,065.75	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 292,065.75

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 8,954.78	\$ -	\$ 8,954.78
Benefits	\$ 5,236.80	\$ -	\$ 5,236.80
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ 17,220.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 22,220.00
Communication/Utilities	\$ 7,360.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 12,360.00
Materials/Supplies	\$ 134,491.42	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 169,491.42
Contractual Services	\$ 23,149.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 35,649.00
Equipment	\$ 35,653.75	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 38,153.75
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 232,065.75	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 292,065.75

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 8/1/2016

Estimated Program Completion: ongoing

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

Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:
18-002 <u>25-028</u>	2/20/2018 <u>3/25/2025</u>
18-121	12/11/2018
19-097	9/20/2019
22-009	1/25/2022

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Community Policing Grant supports the Department of Public Safety, Division of Police to further address community related concerns and issues.

3/25/2025

10/14/2025