



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Co-Chair: Penrose Hollins, Fourth District

Co-Chair: Jea P. Street, Tenth District

October 28, 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**

AGENDA

A. Meeting Call to Order/Roll Call

B. Approval of Minutes Community Services Committee Meeting 09-23-2025

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°25-124: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$32,345 IN FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF SERVICES FOR AGING & ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES TO THE AB JONES SENIOR CENTER ART LOVING SENIORS GRANT, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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

Co-sponsor: Mr. Toole

°25-127: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: TRANSFER FUNDING FROM THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO THE CONTRACTUAL SERVICES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE TREE REMOVAL PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

°25-131: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE INTEREST INCOME \$9,779.64 AND PROGRAM INCOME \$36,465.04 TO THE FY2025 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME), WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING (To be voted on 11/18/25)

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

°25-132: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$141,826.06 IN PROGRAM INCOME AND REALIGN \$300,567.49 IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FY2025, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES,

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING (To be voted on 11/18/25)

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

°25-133: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$86,924.65 IN ACTUAL PROGRAM INCOME AND \$150,000.00 IN ANTICIPATED PROGRAM INCOME TO THE SUMMER RECREATION CAMPS GRANT (To be voted on 11/18/25)

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

°25-135: AMEND THE FY2026 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$150,000 IN FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BOND AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ACT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, GLASGOW LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECT (To be voted on 11/18/25)

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

°25-136: TO APPROPRIATE \$300,000 IN THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR AN EVICTION SETTLEMENT ASSISTANCE FUND TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES (To be voted on 11/18/25)

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

°25-143: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE ANTICIPATED ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS OF \$870,000 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO THE SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS – 2025 GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING (To be voted on 11/18/25)

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

E. Presentations

- o Art Loving Seniors Grant – Carly Thompson, Manager, Division of Community Resources

F. Other**G. Public Comment****H. Adjournment****AGENDA POSTED: OCTOBER 21, 2025**

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ORDINANCE NO. 25-124

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE \$32,345 IN FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE,
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF SERVICES
FOR AGING & ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES TO THE AB JONES
SENIOR CENTER ART LOVING SENIORS GRANT, WHICH WILL BE
ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES,
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

1 **WHEREAS**, authorization is being sought for the appropriation of \$32,345 in
2 funding from the State of Delaware, Department of Health and Social Services, Division
3 of Services for Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities to the Ab Jones Senior Center
4 Art Loving Seniors Grant; and
5

6 **WHEREAS**, the Art Loving Seniors Program will be a partnership between the
7 Absalom Jones Senior Center and The Art Studio location at the Absalom Jones
8 Community Center to implement a program that will support healthy aging, well-being and
9 aging in place through visual art workshops and provide access to professionally run art
10 classes specifically tailored to the needs of approximately 300 seniors; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that the revenue to be
13 appropriated shall be sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter
14 amended; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance
17 substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate
18 government interests (i.e., promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order,
19 prosperity and/or welfare of the present and future inhabitants of this State).
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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
24 amended by adding the material on the attached Exhibit "A" which shall be considered
25 underscored in its entirety.
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27 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption
28 by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9
29 *Del. C. § 1156*.
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31 Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance
32 shall be effective retroactive to September 22, 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 \$32,345 in funding from the State of Delaware, Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Services for Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities to the Ab Jones Senior Center Art Loving Seniors Grant which will be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Resources.

The Art Loving Seniors Program will be a partnership between the Absalom Jones Senior Center and The Art Studio location at the Absalom Jones Community Center to implement a visual art program for seniors that supports enrichment activities promoting social interaction, health and well-being, and aging in place.

It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to September 22, 2025.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$32,345 in funding from the State of Delaware, Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Services for Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities to the Ab Jones Senior Center Art Loving Seniors Grant.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget by \$32,345. This increase will affect FY2026 only since the targeted program completion date for this grant is June 30, 2026. There is no fiscal impact anticipated beyond FY2026. FY2024 funding was authorized in the amount of \$40,000.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer September 29, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	2026 Ab Jones Senior Center Art Loving Seniors	Ordinance No.	25-124
PROGRAM TITLE:	2026 Ab Jones Senior Center Art Loving Seniors		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ 32,345.00	\$ -	\$ 32,345.00
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 32,345.00	\$ -	\$ 32,345.00

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ 13,777.00	\$ -	\$ 13,777.00
Contractual Services	\$ 18,568.00	\$ -	\$ 18,568.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 32,345.00	\$ -	\$ 32,345.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	9/22/2025
Estimated Program Completion:	6/30/2026
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Art Loving Seniors Program will be a partnership between the Absalom Jones Senior Center and The Art Studio location at the Absalom Jones Community Center. The grant will support healthy aging, well-being and aging in place through visual art workshops and provide access to professionally run art classes specifically tailored to the needs of approximately 300 seniors.

10/14/2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-127

**AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET:
TRANSFER FUNDING FROM THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE
ITEM OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO THE CONTRACTUAL SERVICES BUDGET LINE ITEM
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE TREE REMOVAL
PROGRAM FOR SENIORS**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Senior Citizen Tree Program is for income eligible (80% Area Median
2 Income) senior homeowners in New Castle County to help with the removal of dead, dying
3 or damaged trees or significant debris from trees that was caused by storms; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the senior applicants will follow the same application process that is used
6 for the senior repair program and the homes have to be owner occupied; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, County Council has budgeted funding available in the Grants and Fixed
9 Charges Budget Line Item; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council wishes to provide funding to the Department
12 of Community Services, Division of Community Development and Housing for the Tree
13 Removal Program for seniors; and
14

15 **WHEREAS**, the revenue measures heretofore adopted by the County Council are, in
16 the opinion of the County Executive, estimated to yield sums at least sufficient to balance the
17 proposed expenditures as set forth in the Annual Operating Budget as hereinafter amended.
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19 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
20

21 Section 1. The Annual Operating Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning July
22 1, 2025, is hereby amended by deleting the material that is stricken and adding the material
23 that is underscored on the attached Exhibit "A."
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25 Section 2. The foregoing amendment shall be considered a part of the Annual
26 Operating Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and shall be effective as though
27 incorporated initially in the Annual Operating Budget Ordinance.
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29 Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
30 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided in 9 *Del. C.*
31 § 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 \$10,000 from the County Council – Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item to the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Development and Housing – Contractual Services Budget Line Item within the FY2026 Approved Operating Budget to provide funding to the Tree Removal Program for income eligible (80% Area Median Income) senior homeowners in New Castle County to help with the removal of dead, dying or damaged trees or significant debris from trees that was caused by storms.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the FY2026 Approved Operating Budget by transferring \$10,000 from the County Council – Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item to the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Development and Housing – Contractual Services Budget Line Item to provide funding to the Tree Removal Program for seniors.

This legislation will result in no increase to the FY2026 Approved Operating Budget as the legislation is a transfer of funds between Departments. There is no fiscal impact for FY2027 or FY2028.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer October 1, 2025.

EXHIBIT A1

COUNTY COUNCIL

Salaries and Wages		\$	2,708,793
Benefits			1,525,869
Training and Civic Affairs			67,388
Communication and Utilities			16,274
Materials and Supplies			60,352
Contractual Services			255,947
Equipment			1,600
Grants and Fixed Charges	324,991		314,991
Operating Transfer Charges			195,519
Total	5,156,733	\$	<u>5,146,733</u>
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	35		

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Salaries and Wages		\$	2,305,318
Benefits			1,293,169
Training and Civic Affairs			41,978
Communication and Utilities			19,550
Materials and Supplies			22,136
Contractual Services			247,891
Equipment			1,000
Grants and Fixed Charges			223,396
Contingency			55,000
Operating Transfer Charges			112,454
Total		\$	<u>4,321,892</u>
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	17		

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Wages		\$	14,072,608
Benefits			7,834,901
Training and Civic Affairs			191,125
Communication and Utilities			8,380,342
Materials and Supplies			156,573
Contractual Services			7,648,986
Equipment			428,395
Grants and Fixed Charges			3,985,350
Operating Transfer Charges			1,197,550
Operating Transfer Credits			(14,044,103)
Total		\$	<u>29,851,727</u>
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	168		

EXHIBIT A2

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Salaries and Wages		\$	28,756,814
Benefits			16,093,269
Training and Civic Affairs			45,445
Communication and Utilities			27,456,675
Materials and Supplies			4,962,521
Contractual Services			11,118,785
Equipment			511,758
Grants and Fixed Charges			1,249,759
Land and Structures			35,000
Operating Transfer Charges			4,840,573
Operating Transfer Credits			(7,876,371)
Total		\$	87,194,228
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	389		

DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE

Salaries and Wages		\$	8,986,033
Benefits			5,031,240
Training and Civic Affairs			66,975
Communication and Utilities			103,015
Materials and Supplies			106,727
Contractual Services			1,520,609
Equipment			67,240
Grants and Fixed Charges			56,500
Operating Transfer Charges			1,071,279
Total		\$	17,009,618
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	113		

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Salaries and Wages		\$	13,653,916
Benefits			5,874,643
Training and Civic Affairs			18,920
Communication and Utilities			1,577,473
Materials and Supplies			1,628,039
Contractual Services	3,887,527		<u>3,897,527</u>
Equipment			26,919
Grants and Fixed Charges			3,235,149
Operating Transfer Charges			1,396,115
Operating Transfer Credits			(243,749)
Total	31,054,952	\$	<u>31,064,952</u>
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	162		

EXHIBIT A3**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Salaries and Wages	\$	78,231,240
Benefits		43,444,049
Training and Civic Affairs		205,206
Communication and Utilities		992,877
Materials and Supplies		1,319,347
Contractual Services		2,458,322
Equipment		1,661,783
Grants and Fixed Charges		11,702,040
Operating Transfer Charges		8,501,518
Total	\$	148,516,382
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		729

REGISTER OF WILLS

Salaries and Wages	\$	1,219,161
Benefits		669,258
Training and Civic Affairs		34,950
Communication and Utilities		10,257
Materials and Supplies		10,053
Contractual Services		62,715
Equipment		2,800
Operating Transfer Charges		97,749
Total	\$	2,106,943
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		20

EXHIBIT A4

RECORDER OF DEEDS

Salaries and Wages	\$	1,377,085
Benefits		764,405
Training and Civic Affairs		40,170
Communication and Utilities		30,665
Materials and Supplies		12,398
Contractual Services		83,945
Equipment		6,150
Grants and Fixed Charges		18,350
Operating Transfer Charges		172,975
Total	\$	2,506,143
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	23	

SHERIFF

Salaries and Wages	\$	1,482,722
Benefits		835,738
Training and Civic Affairs		29,452
Communication and Utilities		12,261
Materials and Supplies		21,259
Contractual Services		55,999
Equipment		5,000
Operating Transfer Charges		150,197
Total	\$	2,592,628
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	21	

CLERK OF THE PEACE

Salaries and Wages	\$	538,617
Benefits		303,592
Training and Civic Affairs		9,600
Communication and Utilities		3,586
Materials and Supplies		8,754
Contractual Services		18,268
Equipment Replacement		0
Operating Transfer Charges		35,085
Total	\$	917,502
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	7	

DEBT SERVICE

Debt Service	\$	47,892,496
Total	\$	47,892,496
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

EXHIBIT A5

ETHICS COMMISSION

Salaries and Wages	\$	44,477
Benefits		4,092
Training and Civic Affairs		10,500
Communication and Utilities		1,745
Materials and Supplies		2,450
Contractual Services		235,747
Equipment		500
Operating Transfer Charges		6,796
Total	\$	306,307
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	0	

COUNCIL CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	225,000
Total	\$	225,000
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

EXECUTIVE CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	419,604
Total	\$	419,604
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

PERSONNEL CONTINGENCY

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

BENEFITS CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	2,250,000
Total	\$	2,250,000
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

ATTRITION CONTINGENCY

Personal Services - Salaries and Wages	\$	(6,107,378)
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	\$	(3,442,422)
Total	\$	(9,549,800)
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		

ONE-TIME CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	1,156,231
Total	\$	1,156,231

EXHIBIT A6**NEW CASTLE COUNTY**

Salaries and Wages		\$	147,269,406
Benefits			80,231,803
Training and Civic Affairs			761,709
Communication and Utilities			38,604,720
Materials and Supplies			8,310,609
Contractual Services	27,594,741		<u>27,604,741</u>
Equipment			2,713,145
Grants and Fixed Charges	20,795,535		<u>20,785,535</u>
Debt Service			47,892,496
Land and Structures			35,000
Contingency			4,560,835
Operating Transfer Charges			17,777,810
Operating Transfer Credits			(22,164,223)
<i>Sub-Total New Castle County</i>	<i>374,383,586</i>	\$	<u>374,383,586</u>
<i>Total Authorized Full-Time Positions</i>	<i>1,684</i>		

RESERVE ACCOUNTS ANTICIPATED BALANCES AS OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 (UNAUDITED)

Tax Stabilization Reserve Account	42,609,374
Sewer Rate Stabilization Reserve Account	10,355,693
General Fund Budget Reserve Account	46,910,980
Sewer Fund Budget Reserve Account	19,038,698
<i>Total Reserves:</i>	<u>118,914,745</u>

ORDINANCE NO. 25-131

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:

**APPROPRIATE INTEREST INCOME \$9,779.64 AND PROGRAM INCOME \$36,465.04 TO
THE FY2025 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME), WHICH IS
ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING**

1 **WHEREAS**, original allocated funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
2 Development (HUD) \$964,060 and estimated program income \$50,000 was previously approved
3 by County Council and appropriated to the FY2025 Home Investment Partnership Program
4 (HOME) Grant via Ordinance 24-097; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, HOME programs are funded from the U.S. Department of Housing and
7 Urban Development (HUD) and program income from the rehabilitation and acquisition of
8 housing and the administration of the program; and
9

10 **WHEREAS**, the families served by HOME programs are low to moderate income
11 households in New Castle County – outside the cities of Wilmington and Newark; and
12

13 **WHEREAS**, authorization is being sought for the appropriation of \$9,779.64 in interest
14 income and \$36,465.04 in program income to the FY2025 HOME Grant to be used for future
15 sub-grantee projects; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, interest and program income received is sufficient to cover the increase in
18 the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and
19

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

25 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
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27 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby amended
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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 \$9,779.64 in interest income and \$36,465.04 in program income to the FY2025 Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), which will be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Development and Housing. These funds will be used for future sub-grantee projects.

HOME programs are funded from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and program income for the rehabilitation and acquisition of housing and the administration of the program. Families served are low to moderate income households in New Castle County – outside the cities of Wilmington and Newark. The current budget is to rehabilitate homes, which must be in full code compliance for funding, and for subgrantee programs that support housing, including loans.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$9,779.64 in interest income and \$36,465.04 in program income to the FY2025 Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$46,244.68. This increase will affect FY2026 through FY2030, since the targeted program completion date for this grant is June 30, 2030. There is no discernible fiscal impact on the current operating budget. The Interest Income and Program Income balance after this appropriation will be \$0.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer October xx 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	FY25 Home Investment Partnership Program	Ordinance No.	25-131
PROGRAM TITLE:	FY25 Home Investment Partnership Program		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ 964,059.59	\$ -	\$ 964,059.59
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 36,465.04	\$ 86,465.04
Other	\$ -	\$ 9,779.64	\$ 9,779.64
Total	\$ 1,014,059.59	\$ 46,244.68	\$ 1,060,304.27

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 85,483.94	\$ -	\$ 85,483.94
Benefits	\$ 50,123.52	\$ -	\$ 50,123.52
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ 14,161.27	\$ -	\$ 14,161.27
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ 858,479.00	\$ 46,244.68	\$ 904,723.68
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ 5,811.86	\$ -	\$ 5,811.86
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 1,014,059.59	\$ 46,244.68	\$ 1,060,304.27

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	7/1/2024
Estimated Program Completion:	6/30/2030
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed: <u>24-097</u>	Date Revised: <u>6/11/2024</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

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

6/11/2024

10/28/2025

ORDINANCE NO. 25-132

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE \$141,826.06 IN PROGRAM INCOME AND REALIGN \$300,567.49 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**, the realignment of \$139,000.00 in federal funds within the CDBG FY2025
7 Grant for Salaries and Benefits for Program Delivery was previously approved by County
8 Council via Ordinance 25-057; and
9

10 **WHEREAS**, authorization is sought for the appropriation of \$141,826.06 in program
11 income and the realignment of \$300,567.49 in federal funds within the CDBG FY2025 Grant
12 for Salaries and Benefits for Program Delivery; and
13

14 **WHEREAS**, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is funded through the
15 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and through loan repayments
16 from rehabilitation projects and down payment and settlement loans; and
17

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

25 **WHEREAS**, program income received is sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants
26 Budget as hereinafter amended; and
27

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 underlined on the attached
37 Exhibit "A."
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40 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by

41 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.*
42 § 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 \$141,826.06 in program income and realign \$300,567.49 in federal funds within the Community Development Block Grant FY2025 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 FY2026 Grants Budget by appropriating \$141,826.06 in program income to the FY2025 Community Development Block Grant. The realignment of \$300,567.49 in federal funds in the Community Development Block Grant FY2025 will have no fiscal impact. There is no discernible fiscal impact on the current operating budget. The Program Income balance after this appropriation will be \$0.

This appropriation and realignment will affect FY2026 through FY2032, since the targeted program completion date is September 1, 2031.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer October 16, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	FY25 Community Development Block Grant	Ordinance No.	25-132
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	\$ 136,826.06	\$ 486,826.06
Other	\$ 	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Total	\$ 2,802,724.00	\$ 141,826.06	\$ 2,944,550.06

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 624,298.23	\$ 282,923.64	\$ 907,221.87
Benefits	\$ 365,184.35	\$ 159,469.91	\$ 524,654.26
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ 2,105.32	\$ (116.00)	\$ 1,989.32
Communication/Utilities	\$ 5,017.61	\$ -	\$ 5,017.61
Materials/Supplies	\$ 21,477.01	\$ (7,022.56)	\$ 14,454.45
Contractual Services	\$ 402,263.86	\$ (215,300.00)	\$ 186,963.86
Equipment	\$ 670.30	\$ -	\$ 670.30
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ 1,272,912.00	\$ (46,182.06)	\$ 1,226,729.94
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ 108,795.32	\$ (31,946.87)	\$ 76,848.45
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 2,802,724.00	\$ 141,826.06	\$ 2,944,550.06

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	7/1/2024
Estimated Program Completion:	9/1/2031
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:
24-096	6/11/2024
<u>25-057</u>	<u>5/13/2025</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.

5/13/2025

10/28/2025

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

ORDINANCE NO. 25-133

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE \$86,924.65 IN ACTUAL PROGRAM INCOME AND \$150,000.00 IN
ANTICIPATED PROGRAM INCOME TO THE SUMMER RECREATION CAMPS GRANT**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Summer Recreation Camp Program provides low- and moderate-income
2 children with the opportunity to attend a summer camp program; and
3

4 **WHEREAS**, one-third of campers receive financial aid from Federal and County funds;
5 and
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7 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive anticipates that funds from actual and anticipated
8 program income will be sufficient to fund the Grants Budget hereinafter amended; and
9

10 **WHEREAS**, the revenue measures heretofore adopted by the County Council are, in the
11 opinion of the County Executive, estimated to yield sums at least sufficient to balance the
12 proposed expenditures as set forth in the Annual Operating Budget as hereinafter amended.
13

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

16 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby amended
17 by deleting the material bracketed and stricken and by adding the material underscored on the
18 attached Exhibit "A."
19

20 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
21 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided in 9 *Del. C.* §
22 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 \$86,924.65 in actual program income and \$150,000.00 in anticipated program income to the Summer Recreation Camps Grant which is administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Resources.

FISCAL NOTE: The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget by \$236,924.65. FY2025 funding was authorized in the amount \$297,509.12 in actual and anticipated program income. New Castle County Funding of \$64,790 is included in the Approved Operating Budget in the Department of Community Services. This increase will affect FY2026 and beyond since this is a continuous program. The Department will be utilizing the current program income balance of \$86,924.65 and anticipates receiving an additional \$150,000.00. There is no discernible fiscal impact on the current operating budget. The Program Income balance after this appropriation will be \$0.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer October 16, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Summer Recreation Camps	Ordinance No.	25-133
PROGRAM TITLE:	Summer Recreation Camps		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ 194,400.00		\$ 194,400.00
Program Income	\$ 1,101,140.56	\$ 236,924.65	\$ 1,338,065.21
Other	\$ 21,109.55	\$ -	\$ 21,109.55
Total	\$ 1,316,650.11	\$ 236,924.65	\$ 1,553,574.76

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 851,191.74	\$ 189,260.00	\$ 1,040,451.74
Benefits	\$ 84,263.88	\$ 18,799.31	\$ 103,063.19
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ 6,090.00	\$ -	\$ 6,090.00
Communication/Utilities	\$ 14,969.11	\$ 138.58	\$ 15,107.69
Materials/Supplies	\$ 88,188.98	\$ (4,786.72)	\$ 83,402.26
Contractual Services	\$ 260,485.02	\$ 42,394.48	\$ 302,879.50
Equipment	\$ 1,665.02	\$ (881.00)	\$ 784.02
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ 9,796.36	\$ (8,000.00)	\$ 1,796.36
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 1,316,650.11	\$ 236,924.65	\$ 1,553,574.76

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 7/1/2005

Estimated Program Completion: ongoing

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

Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:
05-049 May 2005	13-094 December 2013
05-135 December 2005	14-121 November 2014
06-049 April 2006	16-131 November 2016
07-045 April 2007	18-047 May 2018
08-042 April 2008	19-031 March 2019
09-033 April 2009	20-025 April 2020
09-097 October 2009	21-058 April 2021
10-077 July 2010	22-049 April 2022
10-104 October 2010	23-044 April 2023
11-112 December 2011	24-037 March 2024
12-114 November 2012	<u>24-174 November 2024</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The New Castle County Summer Recreation Camps Grant will serve children in New Castle County from June 2026 through September 2026.

11/26/2024

10/28/2025

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

ORDINANCE NO. 25-135

**AMEND THE FY2026 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: APPROPRIATE
\$150,000 IN FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE FISCAL
YEAR 2026 BOND AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ACT TO THE DEPARTMENT
OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, GLASGOW LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECT**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Community Services has received documentation
2 certifying that the State of Delaware Fiscal Year 2026 Bond and Capital Improvements
3 Act (153rd General Assembly, Senate Bill 200, signed into law July 1, 2025) has
4 appropriated \$150,000 to New Castle County from the State of Delaware, Department of
5 State; and
6

7 **WHEREAS**, the funding is for the Glasgow Library Needs Assessment Study.
8

9 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
10

11 Section 1. The Capital Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025,
12 is hereby amended by deleting the material that is stricken and adding the material that
13 is underscored on the attached Exhibit "A."
14

15 Section 2. The Capital Program Resolution for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
16 2025, is hereby amended by adding the material on the attached Exhibit "B," which shall
17 be considered underscored in its entirety.
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19 Section 3. State funding in the amount of \$150,000 is appropriate to the
20 Department of Community Services, Glasgow Library Capital Project for the Glasgow
21 Library Needs Assessment Study.
22

23 Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption
24 by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided in 9
25 *Del. C. § 1156*.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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

Approved on:

Marcus Henry
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$150,000 in funding received from the State of Delaware Fiscal Year 2026 Bond and Capital Improvements Act (153rd General Assembly, Senate Bill 200, signed into law July 1, 2025) to the Glasgow Library Capital Project for the Glasgow Library Needs Assessment Study.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the FY2026 Capital Budget by appropriating \$150,000 in funding received from the State of Delaware Fiscal Year 2026 Bond and Capital Improvements Act (153rd General Assembly, Senate Bill 200, signed into law July 1, 2025) to the Glasgow Library Capital Project.

The revised FY2026 Capital Budget amount for the Glasgow Library Capital Project will be \$150,000.

The revised FY2026 New Castle County Capital Budget grand total will be \$86,524,248.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer October 16, 2025.

EXHIBIT "A"
NEW CASTLE COUNTY
CAPITAL BUDGET - FY2026

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Human Capital Management Platform	\$ 600,000
Land Use Information System	1,200,000
Reassessment 2024	2,000,000
Sewer and Tax Billing Replacement	2,300,000
Network Infrastructure Rearchitect and Upgrade	1,150,000

Subtotal	\$ 7,250,000
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Appoquinimink Library Maker Space HVAC	\$ 200,000
Carousel Park Indoor Arena Footing	100,000
Glasgow Library	150,000
Newark Library	400,000
Surratte Pool Renovations 2026	100,000

Subtotal	800,000.00 \$ 950,000
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DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Executive GF Capital Contingency	\$ 675,000
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Subtotal	\$ 675,000
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

800MgHZ Communications Equipment 2026-2027	\$ 400,000
Communications Upgrade 2026-2027	250,000
Public Safety Building Renovations	300,000
Public Safety Equipment 2026	136,000
Public Safety Vest Protection Program 2026	302,448

Subtotal	\$ 1,388,448
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Facilities/Equipment

Building Rehabilitation 2026-2027	\$ 3,500,000
Fleet Equipment 2021	(49,929)
Fleet Equipment 2022	(103,797)
Fleet Equipment 2023	(48,900)
Fleet Equipment 2024	(1,700,000)
Fleet Equipment 2026	6,577,658
Garage Renovations	2,500,000
General Roof Renovations	(75,000)
HVAC Replacement	2,800,000
Security 2021	500,000
Vehicle Lift System	56,000

Subtotal	\$ 13,956,032
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EXHIBIT "A"
NEW CASTLE COUNTY
CAPITAL BUDGET - FY2026

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (Continued)

Parks

Agricultural Preservation	\$ 1,000,000
Bechtel Park Improvements	750,000
Carousel Park	150,000
Game Court Improvements 2021	150,000
General Parkland Improvements PRE2021	(650,000)
General Parkland Improvements 2021	(1,000,000)
General Parkland Improvements 2024	800,000
Glasgow Regional Park	1,500,000
Middle Run Valley Reforestation	150,000
Open Space Preservation	1,500,000
Play Area Improvements 2026-2027	1,000,000
Rockwood Park	500,000
Southern Regional Park	1,000,000
Subtotal	\$ 6,850,000

Sewer/Stormwater

Airport Road System Rehabilitation	\$ 3,000,000
Asset Management	400,000
Christina River Force Main	22,000,000
Countywide Drainage Problems	850,000
DelDOT Coordination Project 2021	3,000,000
General Sewer Improvements	1,250,000
General Stormwater Improvements 2021	471,659
Manhole Rehabilitation	750,000
Pump Station Rehab 2026-2027	1,500,000
Sewer Fleet Equipment 2023	(22,233)
Sewer Fleet Equipment 2024	(600,000)
Sewer Fleet Equipment 2026	2,755,342
Sewer Repairs and Rehabilitation 2026-2027	4,200,000
Southern Sewer Service Area	3,000,000
Stoney Creek Basin Rehabilitation	600,000
Stormwater Basin Renovation II	2,500,000
Water Quality Improvement Plans	5,000,000
White Clay System Rehabilitation	4,800,000
Subtotal	\$ 55,454,768

CAPITAL BUDGET TOTAL	-86,374,248.00	<u><u>\$ 86,524,248</u></u>
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EXHIBIT B

PROJECT PROFILES
COMMUNITY SERVICES (continued)

Project Name (Number): Glasgow Library (C402501)					
Description: Needs assessment study for the Glasgow area.				Council Districts: 11	
Funding Schedule					
	Bonds	Federal	State	Other	Total
Prior Authorizations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
FY2026	-	-	-		-
			150,000		150,000
FY2027	-	-	-	-	-
FY2028	-	-	-	-	-
FY2029	-	-	-	-	-
FY2030	-	-	-	-	-
FY2031	-	-	-	-	-
Future Years	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
			\$ 150,000		\$ 300,000
Available Authorizations:		\$ 1,940,412			
Available Funding:		\$ 1,940,412			
Operating Budget Impact:		\$ -			

*Available Authorizations / Funding as of February 28, 2025, net of obligations.

FY2026 Activity: Complete needs assessment study for the Glasgow area.
Future Activity: No activity planned.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-136

**TO APPROPRIATE \$300,000 IN THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOUSING TRUST FUND
FOR AN EVICTION SETTLEMENT ASSISTANCE FUND TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

1 **WHEREAS**, the New Castle County Housing Trust Fund was created with the support
2 of County Council for the “purpose of dedicating public funds and revenues from other sources
3 to address the housing needs of very low income households earning less than 50% of median
4 income, low income households earning 50 to 80% of median income, and moderate income
5 households earning 80% to 120% of median income” (see Resolution No. 07-176 as amended
6 by Amendment No. 1); and
7

8 **WHEREAS**, the Housing Trust Fund will be used to promote the preservation and
9 development of affordable housing within New Castle County with priorities recommended by
10 the Housing Advisory Board; and
11

12 **WHEREAS**, the Housing Trust Fund has a balance of \$1,042,861.06 as of September
13 30, 2025 and the appropriation of \$300,000 will be used for an Eviction Settlement Assistance
14 Fund; and
15

16 **WHEREAS**, the Eviction Settlement Assistance Fund will help approximately 250
17 residents outside of the City of Wilmington who meet income requirements of less than 80%
18 Area Median Income (AMI) with one month’s rent, which would last less than a year; and
19

20 **WHEREAS**, the revenue measures heretofore adopted by County Council are
21 necessary to preserve and develop affordable housing within New Castle County; and
22

23 **WHEREAS**, each contract or purchase order funded through this Housing Trust Fund
24 appropriation will be submitted on a Resolution for Council’s consideration as required by *New*
25 *Castle County Code* § 2.02.004.
26

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

29 Section 1. To promote the preservation and development of affordable housing within
30 New Castle County, \$300,000 in the New Castle County Housing Trust Fund is hereby
31 appropriated to be administered by the Department of Community Services.
32

33 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
34 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided in 9 *Del. C.* §
35 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, appropriates \$300,000 in the New Castle County Housing Trust Fund for an Eviction Settlement Assistance Fund. There are no Affordable Housing Funds included in the funding of this Ordinance. The funds will be administered by the Department of Community Services to fund housing projects in New Castle County.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$300,000 in the New Castle County Housing Trust Fund for an Eviction Settlement Assistance Fund. There is no discernible impact to the Operating Budget since this is an appropriation in the Housing Trust Fund. The intent is to appropriate funds in the Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item. The Housing Trust Fund balance available for appropriation is \$1,042,861.06 as of September 30, 2025.

Acknowledged by the Acting Chief Financial Officer October 13, 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-143

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:

**APPROPRIATE ANTICIPATED ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS OF \$870,000
FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO THE
SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS – 2025 GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING**

1 **WHEREAS**, original allocated funding in the amount of \$18,917,337 from the U.S.
2 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) was previously approved by County
3 Council and appropriated to the Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers – 2025 Grant via Ordinance
4 24-175; and

5
6 **WHEREAS**, authorization is being sought to appropriate anticipated additional federal
7 funds of \$870,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the
8 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers – 2025 Grant; and

9
10 **WHEREAS**, this funding will be used by the Department of Community Services, Division
11 of Community Housing and Development to cover the December check run due to the increase
12 in voucher use; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that revenues anticipated to be
15 received shall 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 present
21 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 adding the material in Exhibit “A,” which is underscored in its entirety, which is attached hereto
27 and made a part hereof.

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

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33 Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall
34 be effective retroactive to January 1, 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 anticipated additional federal funds of \$870,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers – 2025 Grant. This funding will be used to cover the December check run due to the increase in voucher use.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating anticipated additional federal funds of \$870,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers – 2025 Grant.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$870,000. This increase will affect FY2026 only since the targeted program completion date of the program is December 31, 2025. There is no discernible fiscal impact on the current operating budget.

The New Castle County Housing Voucher Program currently holds \$1,617,235 in 2025 Unrestricted Net Position (UNP) reserve funding. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allows governments and housing authorities to use "UNP reserves," to cover Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) expenses, particularly when there are shortfalls in other funding sources. New Castle County will hold \$870,000 in "UNP reserves" until this funding is reimbursed by HUD.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer October 16, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers - 2025	Ordinance No.	25-143
PROGRAM TITLE:	Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers - 2025		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ 18,917,337.00	\$ 870,000.00	\$ 19,787,337.00
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 18,917,337.00	\$ 870,000.00	\$ 19,787,337.00

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 819,880.66	\$ -	\$ 819,880.66
Benefits	\$ 475,761.00	\$ -	\$ 475,761.00
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ 8,359.00	\$ -	\$ 8,359.00
Communication/Utilities	\$ 11,600.00	\$ -	\$ 11,600.00
Materials/Supplies	\$ 7,264.34	\$ -	\$ 7,264.34
Contractual Services	\$ 451,580.00	\$ -	\$ 451,580.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ 17,059,792.00	\$ 870,000.00	\$ 17,929,792.00
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ 83,100.00	\$ -	\$ 83,100.00
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 18,917,337.00	\$ 870,000.00	\$ 19,787,337.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	1/1/2025
Estimated Program Completion:	12/31/2025
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:
<u>24-175</u>	<u>12/19/2024</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers - Calendar Year 2025 Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for administrative expenses of the program and for rental and utility subsidies for very low income families in New Castle County.

11/26/2024

10/28/2025