



**NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
RESCHEDULED FOR 02-03-2026**

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

**January 27, 2026
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 from the Community Services Committee Meeting on 11-25-2025**
- C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)**
- D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)**
°26-004: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDS OF \$122,118 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO THE 2026 COC PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
°26-006: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDS OF \$1,440,000 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY TO THE SOCIAL IMPACT PARTNERSHIPS TO PAY FOR RESULTS ACT (SIPRA) –THE FAMILY HOPE PROJECT GRANT - EVALUATOR, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
- E. Presentations**
- The SIPRA grant evaluator agreement—Michael Bowser, Grants Director
 - HUD funds of \$125,000 for the Hope Center's Permanent Supportive Housing units
- F. Other**
- G. Public Comment**

H. Adjournment

AGENDA POSTED: JANUARY 20, 2026
RESCHEDULED AGENDA POSTED: JANUARY 26, 2026

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DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	2026 CoC Permanent Supportive Housing	Ordinance No.	26-004
PROGRAM TITLE:	2026 CoC Permanent Supportive Housing		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ 122,118.00	\$ -	\$ 122,118.00
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 122,118.00	\$ -	\$ 122,118.00

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 5,014.00	\$ -	\$ 5,014.00
Benefits	\$ 2,826.00	\$ -	\$ 2,826.00
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ 45,740.00	\$ -	\$ 45,740.00
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ 68,538.00	\$ -	\$ 68,538.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 122,118.00	\$ -	\$ 122,118.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	7/1/2025
Estimated Program Completion:	6/30/2026
The Local Match:	\$ 12,000.00
	\$ 18,530.00
Found in (ORG):	10400801
	11400601

Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

New Castle County Department of Community Services will use this grant to operate 8 units dedicated for chronically homeless households. The units will operate in compliance with HUD's NSPIRE standards. Tenants will have access to onsite services provided by several organizations, including medical care, mental health and substance abuse treatment, transportation, state benefit assistance, food, recreational activities, employment and training programs and academic enrichment programs.

1/13/2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-004

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDS OF \$122,118 FROM THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO THE
2026 COC PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANT, WHICH IS
ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING**

1 **WHEREAS**, funding has been awarded from the U.S. Department of Housing
2 and Urban Development (HUD) to the 2026 CoC Permanent Supportive Housing Grant;
3 and
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5 **WHEREAS**, funding will be used to operate eight (8) units dedicated for adult-
6 only and adult-child chronically homeless households; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, tenants will have access to onsite services provided by several
9 community-based organizations, including medical care, mental health and substance
10 abuse treatment, transportation, state benefit assistance, food, recreational activities,
11 employment and training programs and academic enrichment programs; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that grants anticipated to be
14 received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be
15 sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance
18 substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate
19 government interests (i.e., promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order,
20 prosperity and/or welfare of the present and future inhabitants of this State).
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22 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
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24 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby
25 amended by adding the material on the attached Exhibits "A", which shall be considered
26 underscored in its entirety.
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28 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption
29 by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9
30 *Del. C. § 1156*.
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32 Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this
33 Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to July 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 federal funds of \$122,118 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the 2026 CoC Permanent Supportive Housing Grant which will be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Development and Housing. Funding will be used to operate eight (8) units dedicated for adult-only and adult-child chronically homeless households.

It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to July 1, 2025.

FISCAL NOTE: The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget by \$122,118. This increase will affect FY2026 only, since the targeted program completion date for this grant is June 30, 2026. The required local match funding of \$30,529.50 will be met with \$12,000.00 in Program Income from the Approved Operating Budget for the Department of Community Services, Hope Center and \$18,530.00 from within the Approved Budget of CDBG, ESG, and HOME ARP Grants during the grant period.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer November 20, 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-006

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDS OF \$1,440,000 FROM THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY TO THE SOCIAL IMPACT PARTNERSHIPS TO PAY
FOR RESULTS ACT (SIPPRA) –THE FAMILY HOPE PROJECT GRANT - EVALUATOR,
WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES,
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Family Housing Opportunities for Purposeful Empowerment Project
2 ("The Family HOPE Project") was established to implement the Social Impact Partnership to Pay
3 for Results Act (the "Act"), which established a new grant demonstration program to encourage
4 funding social programs that achieve results (the "SIPPRA program"); and
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6 **WHEREAS**, the Family HOPE Project seeks to end family homelessness throughout
7 Delaware by building on the evidence base for long-term subsidies for permanent housing as a
8 solution for homelessness, while innovating on the deployment of rental assistance; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, specific eligibility criteria are families who have (1) at least one adult age 19
11 and older, plus one or more child aged 15 and under (inclusive of pregnant caregivers);
12 (2) household income less than 50% of AMI in NCC; and (3) not currently receiving a rental
13 subsidy, housing voucher, or other form of public housing with no requirement that families need
14 to be former residents of New Castle County; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, the Family Hope Project will provide rental assistance, disbursed as direct
17 cash payments, for 2 years to 120 families coupled with wraparound and case management
18 services aiming to ameliorate families' housing cost burden, ultimately not exceeding
19 contributions greater than 30% of their income toward housing costs; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council approved Ordinance 25-156 to amend the grants
22 budget and appropriate an anticipated \$9,640,323 of Federal funds for the SIPPRA – The Family
23 HOPE Project Grant outlined above;
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25 **WHEREAS**, this complementary grant, if approved, will appropriate an additional
26 \$1,440,000 in Federal funds to pay the SIPPRA – The Family HOPE Project grant's third-party
27 evaluator, Tech Impact;
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29 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that revenues anticipated to be
30 received shall be sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended;
31 and
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33 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance substantially
34 advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government interests (i.e.,
35 promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order prosperity and/or welfare of the present
36 and future inhabitants of this State).
37

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

40 Section 1. The Grants Budget, as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173, is hereby amended
41 by adding the material in Exhibit "A," which is underscored in its entirety, which is attached hereto
42 and made a part hereof.

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

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48 Section 3. It is the intent of County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance are
49 effective retroactive to January 1, 2026.

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 federal funds of \$1,440,000 from the U.S. Department of Treasury to the Social Impact Partnerships to Pay for Results Act (SIPPRA) – The Family HOPE Project Grant - Evaluator. This funding seeks to pay Tech Impact to evaluate the grant program intended to end family homelessness throughout Delaware by building on the evidence base for long-term subsidies for permanent housing as a solution to homelessness, while innovating on the deployment of rental assistance.

It is the intent of County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance are effective retroactive to January 1, 2026.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$1,440,000 from the U.S. Department of Treasury to the Social Impact Partnerships to Pay for Results Act (SIPPRA) – The Family HOPE Project Grant – Evaluator.

The project aims to show government savings through increased housing retention and avoidance of shelter stays, which will determine the amount of money released by the U.S. Department of Treasury. The County will be reimbursed for project expenses through the intermediary Family HOPE LLC. Tech Impact, the independent evaluator, will use algorithms and data analysis to evaluate the project's performance against a control group which will determine the project's success and the subsequent release of funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$1,440,000. This increase will affect FY2026 through FY2033 since the targeted program completion date of the program is December 31, 2032. There will be no fiscal impact beyond FY2033 as a result of the grant award.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer December 22, 2025.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	SIPPRA- The Family HOPE Project - Evaluator	Ordinance No.	26-006
PROGRAM TITLE:	SIPPRA- The Family HOPE Project - Evaluator		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ 1,440,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,440,000.00
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 1,440,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,440,000.00

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ 1,440,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,440,000.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 1,440,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,440,000.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	1/1/2026
Estimated Program Completion:	8/31/2032
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The SIPPRA Family HOPE Project, funded by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, seeks to end family homelessness throughout Delaware by building on the evidence base for long-term subsidies for permanent housing as a solution to homelessness, while innovating on the deployment of rental assistance. The Evaluator grant provides the funding for the purpose of procuring the services of an independent evaluator of the program.