



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

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

February 24, 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 02-03-2026
- C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)
- D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°26-016: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$14,424.55 IN PROGRAM INCOME AND \$396.35 IN INTEREST INCOME TO THE ABSALOM JONES SENIOR CENTER RECREATION GRANT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES

(This ordinance will be voted on at the 2/24/2026 Council meeting)

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

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole

- E. Presentations
 - New Castle County Summer Camps Overview
- F. Other
- G. Public Comment
- H. Adjournment

AGENDA POSTED: FEBRUARY 17, 2026

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Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole
Requested by: Community Services
Date of introduction: February 10, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-016

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE \$14,424.55 IN PROGRAM INCOME AND \$396.35 IN INTEREST
INCOME TO THE ABSALOM JONES SENIOR CENTER RECREATION GRANT TO BE
ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF
COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Absalom Jones Senior Center Recreation grant was originally set up
2 to record revenue and expenses for the programs run by New Castle County employees at
3 the State-owned Absalom Jones Recreation Center; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, authorization is being sought for the appropriation of an additional
6 \$14,424.55 in program income and \$396.35 in interest income to the Absalom Jones Senior
7 Center Recreation grant; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the Absalom Jones Senior Center provides a variety of services for the
10 elderly in the surrounding community including transportation to the center, adult programs,
11 activities, and social services; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that the revenue to be appropriated
14 shall be sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; 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).
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21 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
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23 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby
24 amended by deleting the material bracketed and stricken and by adding the material
25 underscored on the attached Exhibit "A."
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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-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 \$14,424.55 in program income and \$396.35 in interest income to the Absalom Jones Senior Center Recreation Grant, which will be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Resources.

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

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$14,424.55 in program income and \$396.35 in interest income funds to the Absalom Jones Senior Center Recreation Grant to be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Resources. The revenue appropriation on this request, if approved, will be used for the cost of tour transportation.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$14,820.90 for FY2026. This increase will affect FY2026 and beyond since this is a continuous program. The Program Income and Interest Income balances after this appropriation will be \$0.00.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer on January 29, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Absalom Jones Senior Center Recreation	Ordinance No.	26-016
PROGRAM TITLE:	Absalom Jones Senior Center Recreation		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ 301,494.41	\$ 14,424.55	\$ 315,918.96
Other	\$ 5,905.67	\$ 396.35	\$ 6,302.02
Total	\$ 307,400.08	\$ 14,820.90	\$ 322,220.98

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ 632.05	\$ -	\$ 632.05
Communication/Utilities	\$ 468.33	\$ -	\$ 468.33
Materials/Supplies	\$ 33,217.64	\$ -	\$ 33,217.64
Contractual Services	\$ 269,982.06	\$ 14,820.90	\$ 284,802.96
Equipment	\$ 3,100.00	\$ -	\$ 3,100.00
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 307,400.08	\$ 14,820.90	\$ 322,220.98

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 10/1/1989

Estimated Program Completion: ongoing

The Local Match: Found in (ORG):

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

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

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

4/8/2025

2/10/2026