



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Co-Chair: Brandon Toole, First District

Co-Chair: Kevin Caneco, Twelfth District

March 10, 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

B. Approval of Minutes - February 10, 2026

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°26-019: (TO BE CONSIDERED 3/10/26) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$150,200 OF FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF VICTIMS OF CRIME THROUGH THE STATE OF DELAWARE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL TO THE PROJECT REACH GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE

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

°26-023: (TO BE CONSIDERED 3/24/26) AMEND THE FY2026 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: APPROPRIATE \$1,031,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2026 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, FLEET EQUIPMENT 2026 CAPITAL PROJECT

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

E. Presentations

Mr. Dennis Godek, Chair of the Fire and Ambulance Advisory Board and Co-Chair of the Fire Service Strategic Planning Committee, will give an update of the Fire and Ambulance Advisory Board.

Mr. Kenneth Dunn, Co-Chair of the Fire Service Strategic Planning Committee, will present an update on the Fire Service Strategic Planning Committee.

F. Other

G. Public Comment**H. Adjournment****AGENDA POSTED: March 3, 2026**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco
Requested by: Public Safety
Date of introduction: February 24, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-019

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:

**APPROPRIATE \$150,200 OF FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF VICTIMS OF CRIME THROUGH THE STATE OF
DELAWARE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL TO THE PROJECT REACH GRANT, TO BE
ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE**

1 **WHEREAS**, federal funding in the amount of \$150,200 has been awarded from the
2 United States Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime through the State of
3 Delaware, Criminal Justice Council to the New Castle County Department of Public Safety,
4 Division of Police Project Reach Grant; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, this program provides critical funding for the Division of Police in its
7 efforts to combat human trafficking operations; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, this funding will be used by the New Castle County Department of
10 Public Safety, Division of Police for overtime for officers and victim service advocates
11 assigned to the drug and human trafficking unit, equipment needs for the human trafficking
12 unit, and provide direct emergency services and needs to victims; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that funds received are sufficient
15 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 government
19 interests (i.e., promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order prosperity and/or
20 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 "Exhibit A," which is considered to be
26 underscored in its entirety, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
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28 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
29 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del.*
30 *C. § 1156.*
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32 Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance
33 shall be effective retroactive to January 1, 2026.

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 \$150,200 in federal funding from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime through the State of Delaware, Criminal Justice Council to the Project Reach Grant. These funds will be used by the New Castle County Department of Public Safety, Division of Police for overtime of police officers and victims service advocates, equipment needs of human trafficking unit, and provide direct emergency services and needs to victims.

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

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$150,200 in federal funding from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime through the State of Delaware, Criminal Justice Council to the Project Reach Grant.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget of \$150,200. This increase will impact FY2026 and FY2027 as the estimated program completion date is September 30, 2026. There is a required County Match of \$50,936 which will be covered utilizing the salary and benefits associated with a Police Sergeant position within Department of Public Safety, Division of Police, Investigation Unit.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer February 10, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Public Safety	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Project REACH	Ordinance No.	26-019
PROGRAM TITLE:	Project REACH		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ 150,200.00	\$ -	\$ 150,200.00
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 150,200.00	\$ -	\$ 150,200.00

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 77,950.00	\$ -	\$ 77,950.00
Benefits	\$ 44,146.98	\$ -	\$ 44,146.98
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ 1,990.00	\$ -	\$ 1,990.00
Materials/Supplies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Contractual Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ 3,115.00	\$ -	\$ 3,115.00
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ 19,998.02	\$ -	\$ 19,998.02
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 150,200.00	\$ -	\$ 150,200.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	1/1/2026
Estimated Program Completion:	9/30/2026
Operating Budget Impact:	\$ 50,936.00
Available in (ORG):	10200306
Ordinance Passed:	
Date Revised:	

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Funding will be used by the Division of Police to improve the identification, engagement and recovery of child and youth victims of human trafficking in New Castle County through proactive investigations, trauma-informed outreach and immediate victim support services.

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco
Requested by: Public Safety
Date of introduction: March 10, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-023

**AMEND THE FY2026 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET: APPROPRIATE
\$1,031,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE COMMERCE, JUSTICE,
SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2026 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
WORKS, FLEET EQUIPMENT 2026 CAPITAL PROJECT**

1 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County has received documentation certifying that the
2 Federal Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Act of 2026 (119th Congress of the
3 U.S.A., H.R. 6938, signed January 7, 2026) has appropriated \$1,031,000 to New Castle
4 County; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, the funding will be used for the purchase and upfitting of eleven
7 additional police vehicles.

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

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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."

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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. Federal funding in the amount of \$1,031,000 is appropriated to the
20 Department of Public Works, Fleet Equipment 2026 Capital Project for the purchase and
21 upfitting of eleven additional police vehicles.

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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 \$1,031,000 in funding received from the Federal Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Act of 2026 (119th Congress of the U.S.A., H.R. 6938, signed January 7, 2026) to the Fleet Equipment 2026 Capital Project for the purchase and upfitting of eleven additional police vehicles.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the FY2026 Capital Budget by appropriating \$1,031,000 in funding received from the Federal Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Act of 2026 (119th Congress of the U.S.A., H.R. 6938, signed January 7, 2026) to the Fleet Equipment 2026 Capital Project for the purchase and upfitting of eleven additional police vehicles.

The revised FY2026 Capital Budget amount for the Fleet Equipment 2026 Capital Project will be \$7,608,658.

The revised FY2026 New Castle County Capital Budget grand total will be \$105,234,345.

The purchase and upfitting of eleven additional police vehicles will increase operating expenses for the Department of Public Works by approximately \$101,200 annually which will be passed through to the Department of Public Safety through operating transfer charges starting in FY2028.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer February 26, 2026.

EXHIBIT "A"
NEW CASTLE COUNTY
CAPITAL BUDGET - FY2026

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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

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	\$	950,000

DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Executive GF Capital Contingency	\$	675,000
Subtotal	\$	675,000

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

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
	\$	
		14,987,032

EXHIBIT "A"
NEW CASTLE COUNTY
CAPITAL BUDGET - FY2026

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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		2,500,000
General Sewer Improvements		1,250,000
General Stormwater Improvements 2021		471,659
Manhole Rehabilitation		750,000
Market Street Rehab Bridge #9		(1,500,000)
Pump Station Rehab 2026-2027		1,500,000
Richardson Park Pump Station Upgrade		17,679,097
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		6,500,000
Stoney Creek Basin Rehabilitation		600,000
Stormwater Basin Renovation II		2,500,000
Water Quality Improvement Plans		5,000,000
White Clay System Rehabilitation		3,300,000
Subtotal	\$	73,133,865

CAPITAL BUDGET TOTAL

104,203,345	\$ 105,234,345
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EXHIBIT B

PROJECT PROFILES

PUBLIC WORKS - FACILITIES/EQUIPMENT

(continued)

Project Name (Number): Fleet Equipment 2026 (C302603)					
Description: Lease of heavy equipment, off-road equipment and vehicles.			Council Districts: All		
Funding Schedule					
	Bonds	Federal	State	Other	Total
Prior Authorizations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FY2026	-	_____		6,577,658	<u>6,577,658</u>
		<u>1,031,000</u>		-	<u>7,608,658</u>
FY2027	-	-	-	8,286,153	8,286,153
FY2028	-	-	-	8,129,667	8,129,667
FY2029	-	-	-	7,715,890	7,715,890
FY2030	-	-	-	7,036,929	7,036,929
FY2031	-	-	-	6,574,985	6,574,985
Future Years	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ -	\$ 44,321,282	<u>\$ 44,321,282</u>
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,031,000</u>			<u>\$ 45,352,282</u>
Available Authorizations:		\$ -			
Available Funding:		\$ -			
Operating Budget Impact:		<u>\$ -</u> <u>\$ -</u>			

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

FY2026 Activity:

Maintain current leases and complete purchase of new vehicles for Public Safety and general government vehicles. Purchase an additional 11 police vehicles using Federal funding.

Future Activity:

Maintain current leases and complete purchase of new vehicles for Public Safety and general government vehicles.