



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

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

May 26, 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 04-28-2026**
- C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)**
- D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)**
 - °26-055: (STATUS: TO BE CONSIDERED 5/26/2026) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE CAL RIPKEN, SR. FOUNDATION, INC. (CRSF) TO THE CAL RIPKEN FOUNDATION – RT 9 LIBRARY GRANT, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, DIVISION OF LIBRARIES
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
 - °26-058: (STATUS: TO BE CONSIDERED 6/9/2026) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE ANTICIPATED STATE OF DELAWARE GRANT-IN-AID FUNDS TO THE ABSALOM JONES SENIOR CENTER FY2027 GRANT, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, COMMUNITY RESOURCES DIVISION
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
 - °26-059: (STATUS: TO BE CONSIDERED 6/9/2026) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING, WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE DELAWARE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD TO THE 2026/2027 STATE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM/YEAR-ROUND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
- E. Presentations**

New Castle County No-Lead Program FY2025, Presented by Franchon Dickinson, Program Manager.

- F. Other
- G. Public Comment
- H. Adjournment

AGENDA POSTED: JUNE 19, 2026

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Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Requested by: Community Services
Date of introduction: May 12, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-055

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE CAL RIPKEN, SR. FOUNDATION,
INC. (CRSF) TO THE CAL RIPKEN FOUNDATION – RT 9 LIBRARY GRANT, WHICH
WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES,
DIVISION OF LIBRARIES**

1 **WHEREAS**, authorization is being sought for the appropriation of \$50,070.64 from
2 the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, Inc. (CRSF) to the Cal Ripken Foundation – Rt 9 Library
3 Grant; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Cal Ripken Foundation – Rt 9 Library Grant will provide equipment
6 and staff training to the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)
7 program currently running at the Route 9 Library and Innovation Center; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the grant will allow the Division of Libraries to serve more people in
10 existing technology programming since the CRSF provides programming kits and new
11 equipment. The programming will serve an estimated 6,500 youth annually; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, the programming will serve an estimated 6,500 youth annually; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that the revenue to be
16 appropriated shall be sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter
17 amended; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance
20 substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate
21 government interests (i.e., promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order,
22 prosperity and/or welfare of the present and future inhabitants of this State).
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24 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
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26 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby
27 amended by adding the material on the attached Exhibit “A” which shall be considered
28 underscored in its entirety.
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30 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption
31 by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9
32 *Del. C. § 1156*.
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34 Section 3. It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance
35 shall be effective retroactive to April 30, 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 \$50,070.64 in funding from the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, Inc. (CSRF) to the Cal Ripken Foundation – Rt 9 Library Grant which will be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Libraries.

CSRF has donated a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Center for youth at the Route 9 Library and Innovation Center to empower youth from under-resourced communities by providing access to engaging age-appropriate STEM education.

It is the intent of the County Council that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effective retroactive to April 30, 2025.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$50,070.64 in funding from the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, Inc. (CSRF) to the Cal Ripken Foundation – Rt 9 Library Grant which will be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Libraries.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget by \$50,070.64. This increase will affect FY2026 through FY2028 since the targeted program completion date for this grant is November 11, 2027. There is no fiscal impact anticipated beyond FY2028.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer on May 1, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Cal Ripken Foundation - Rt 9 Library	Ordinance No.	26-055
PROGRAM TITLE:	Cal Ripken Foundation - Rt 9 Library		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ 50,070.64	\$ -	\$ 50,070.64
Total	\$ 50,070.64	\$ -	\$ 50,070.64

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ 15,590.05	\$ -	\$ 15,590.05
Contractual Services	\$ 26,696.00	\$ -	\$ 26,696.00
Equipment	\$ 7,784.59	\$ -	\$ 7,784.59
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 50,070.64	\$ -	\$ 50,070.64

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	4/30/2025
Estimated Program Completion:	11/11/2027
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Cal Ripken, SR. Foundation Inc. has donated a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Center for youth at the Route 9 library to empower youth from under-resourced communities by providing access to engaging, age-appropriate STEM education.

5/12/2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-058

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE ANTICIPATED STATE OF DELAWARE GRANT-IN-AID FUNDS TO THE
ABSALOM JONES SENIOR CENTER FY2027 GRANT, WHICH WILL BE
ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, COMMUNITY
RESOURCES DIVISION**

1 **WHEREAS**, authorization is being sought for the appropriation of estimated funding
2 of \$245,225 anticipated to be received in State of Delaware Grant-In-Aid funds to the
3 Absalom Jones Senior Center FY2027 Grant; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Absalom Jones Senior Center provides a variety of services for the
6 elderly in the surrounding community, including transportation to the center, adult programs,
7 activities, and social services; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that a grant is anticipated to be
10 received and shall be sufficient to cover the increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter
11 amended; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance substantially
14 advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government interests (i.e.,
15 promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity, and/or welfare of the
16 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 shall be considered
22 underscored in its entirety.
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24 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
25 the County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9
26 *Del. C. § 1156*.
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28 Section 3. The provisions of this Ordinance are effective July 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 estimated funding of \$245,225 anticipated to be received in State of Delaware Grant-In-Aid funds to the Absalom Jones Senior Center FY2027 Grant for the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, 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.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating estimated funding of \$245,225 anticipated to be received in State of Delaware Grant-In-Aid funds to the Absalom Jones Senior Center FY2027 Grant for the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, which will be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Resources.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget. This increase will affect FY2027 since the targeted program completion date for this grant is June 30, 2027. There is no fiscal impact anticipated beyond FY2027.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer, May 13, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Absalom Jones Senior Center FY2027	Ordinance No.	26-058
PROGRAM TITLE:	Absalom Jones Senior Center FY2027		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ 245,225.00	\$ -	\$ 245,225.00
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 245,225.00	\$ -	\$ 245,225.00

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 110,424.76	\$ -	\$ 110,424.76
Benefits	\$ 41,531.24	\$ -	\$ 41,531.24
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00
Contractual Services	\$ 91,669.00	\$ -	\$ 91,669.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 245,225.00	\$ -	\$ 245,225.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	7/1/2026
Estimated Program Completion:	6/30/2027
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Absalom Jones Senior Center provides a variety of services to the elderly population in the neighboring community including: transportation to the center, adult programs, activities and social services.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-059

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:

**APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF DELAWARE,
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING, WITH FUNDS
PROVIDED BY THE DELAWARE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD TO THE 2026/2027
STATE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM/YEAR-ROUND YOUTH
EMPLOYMENT GRANT, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
SERVICES, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

1 **WHEREAS**, the 2026/2027 State Summer Youth Employment Program/Year-Round
2 Youth Employment Grant provides employment experiences for socially and economically
3 disadvantaged high school youth in New Castle County that will promote responsibility,
4 teamwork, and a good work ethic; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, these funds will be used to provide employment of approximately 55 to 70
7 youth with worksite partners that support their career path and/or area of interest; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, these youth will either have worked throughout the summer of 2026 or will
10 work 12-15 hours per week through the 2026-2027 school year; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has determined that grants anticipated to be received
13 from the State of Delaware, Department of Labor, Division of Employment and Training, with
14 funding provided by the Delaware Workforce Investment Board, are sufficient to cover the
15 increase in the Grants Budget as hereinafter amended; and

16
17 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this Ordinance substantially
18 advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate government interests (i.e.,
19 promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity and/or welfare of the
20 present and future inhabitants of this State).

21
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 amended
25 by adding the material on the attached Exhibit "A," which shall be considered underscored in its
26 entirety.

27
28 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the
29 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.* §
30 1156.

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32 Section 3. The provisions of this Ordinance are effective June 14, 2026.
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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 \$190,000 in funding received from the State of Delaware, Department of Labor, Division of Employment and Training, with funding provided by the Delaware Workforce Investment Board, to the 2026/2027 State Summer Youth Employment Program/Year-Round Youth Employment Grant to be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Resources.

The 2026/2027 State Summer Youth Employment Program/Year-Round Youth Employment Grant will provide employment experiences for socially and economically disadvantaged youth in New Castle County that will promote responsibility, teamwork, and a good work ethic. Funds will be used for the employment of approximately 55 to 70 youths with worksite partners that support their career path and/or area of interest. This program will run during the summer of 2026 and through the 2026-2027 school year.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$190,000 in funding from the State of Delaware, Department of Labor, Division of Employment and Training, with funding provided by the Delaware Workforce Investment Board to the 2026/2027 State Summer Youth Employment Program/Year-Round Youth Employment Grant to be administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Resources.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an anticipated increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget by \$190,000. This grant will affect FY2026 and FY2027 since the grant period starts on June 14, 2026, and ends on June 13, 2027. There is no fiscal impact anticipated beyond FY2027.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer on May 13, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	2026/2027 State SYEP/Year-Round	Ordinance No.	26-059
PROGRAM TITLE:	2026/2027 State SYEP/Year-Round		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ 190,000.00	\$ -	\$ 190,000.00
County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 190,000.00	\$ -	\$ 190,000.00

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 172,424.75	\$ -	\$ 172,424.75
Benefits	\$ 17,575.25	\$ -	\$ 17,575.25
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 190,000.00	\$ -	\$ 190,000.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation:	6/14/2026
Estimated Program Completion:	6/13/2027
The Local Match:	Found in (ORG):
Ordinance Passed:	Date Revised:

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The 2026/2027 State SYEP/Year-Round grant will provide employment of approximately 55-70 youths with worksite partners that support their career path and/or area of interest. This program will run 6/14/2026 through 6/13/2027.

5/26/2026