



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Co-Chair George Smiley, Seventh District
Co-Chair John Cartier, Eighth District

June 9, 2026
5:00 PM

VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING &
LOUIS L. REDDING CITY/COUNTY BUILDING
1ST FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 N. FRENCH STREET, WILMINGTON, DE 19801**

AGENDA

A. Call To Order/Roll Call

B. Approval of Minutes - May 26, 2026

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

R26-119: AUTHORIZING NEW CASTLE COUNTY TO SUBMIT CLAYMONT IN NEW CASTLE AS A DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO THE DELAWARE CABINET COMMITTEE ON STATE PLANNING ISSUES
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°26-060: AMENDING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 26 ("HUMAN RESOURCES") ARTICLE 3 ("OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TRUST FUND") REGARDING COMPOSITION
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

°26-062: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE SENIOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett, Mr. Hollins

°26-063: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE SUMMER RECREATION CAMPS GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Street

°26-064: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE 2023 NEW CASTLE COUNTY YOUTH EMPLOYMENT GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins

°26-065: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: REDUCE THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY GRANTS

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

E. New Castle County Grant Requests/Community Events**- 6/9/26 Grant Matrix****F. Expense and Revenue Round Table****G. Other****H. Public Comment****I. Council Member Comment****J. Adjournment****AGENDA POSTED: Tuesday, June 2, 2026**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier
Date of introduction: June 9, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 26-119

AUTHORIZING NEW CASTLE COUNTY TO SUBMIT CLAYMONT IN NEW CASTLE AS A DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO THE DELAWARE CABINET COMMITTEE ON STATE PLANNING ISSUES

1 **WHEREAS**, the Delaware General Assembly enacted a bill known as the
2 Downtown Development Districts Act (the "Act"); and
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4 **WHEREAS**, the Act intends to leverage the resources of state government to spur
5 private capital investment in commercial districts, stimulate job growth and help build a
6 stable community of long-term residents by improving housing opportunities, increasing
7 homeownership rates, building successful businesses and reducing the number of vacant
8 homes; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, the Act will create "Downtown Development Districts," which are
11 areas in Delaware's municipalities, cities, towns and unincorporated areas that would
12 qualify for significant development incentives and other State benefits; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, municipalities, including New Castle County, must apply for an area
15 to be identified as a Downtown Development District, and such applications will be
16 evaluated by the Delaware Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues, which will then
17 make a recommendation to the Governor; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, investors who make qualified real estate improvements in a
20 Development District would be entitled to receive Downtown Development District Grants
21 of up to twenty (20) percent of their hard costs (exterior, interior and structural
22 improvements); and
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24 **WHEREAS**, County Council adopted Substitute No. 2 to Ordinance No. 22-024 as
25 amended by Floor Amendment No. 1 ("New Castle County Comprehensive Plan" or "the
26 Ordinance"), on July 26, 2022, and the County Executive approved the Ordinance on
27 August 4, 2022; and
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29 **WHEREAS**, the New Castle County Comprehensive Plan identifies the Downtown
30 Development District program as an important tool to encourage private investment and
31 improve commercial growth in business districts and neighborhoods while building stable
32 residential communities with improved housing options; and
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34 **WHEREAS**, the Claymont area is currently an Opportunity Zone, designated under
35 the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, and the County has submitted to the Governor for
36 consideration that Claymont be redesignated as an Opportunity Zone under the
37 Opportunity Zone 2.0 program to spur private and public investment; and

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39 **WHEREAS**, the New Castle County Department of Community Services will
40 leverage the Downtown Development District designation to enhance the department's
41 existing housing investment programs and resources for reinvestment in communities
42 serving predominately low to moderate income residents and to create private
43 investment opportunities through additional incentives identified by the New Castle
44 County Department of Land Use; and

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46 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County desires to participate in the Downtown
47 Development District program and apply for a Downtown Development District
48 designation for the Claymont south of the Claymont Train Station, adjacent along the
49 Philadelphia Pike corridor; and

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51 **WHEREAS**, the WILMAPCO Council endorsed the Claymont Area Master Plan
52 on July 17, 2025, which recommended Claymont's inclusion as a Downtown
53 Development.

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

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57 **Section 1.** New Castle County has developed a proposal that includes housing,
58 land use, and economic development incentives for investment in Claymont.

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60 **Section 2.** If the application is approved, New Castle County is willing to adhere
61 to the Downtown Development District Plan and the local incentives for the duration of
62 the District designation.

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 of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This resolution authorizes the filing of an application with the State of Delaware to designate Claymont in New Castle as a Downtown Development District.

FISCAL NOTE: The designation as a Downtown Development District could result in investors making real estate improvements that increase the County's assessment base and provide additional property tax revenues. Investors who make qualified real estate improvements in the Downtown Development District would be entitled to receive Downtown Development District Grants of up to twenty (20) percent capital construction costs.

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier
Requested by: Administration/Finance
Date of introduction: May 26, 2026

ORDINANCE 26-060

AMENDING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 26 ("HUMAN RESOURCES") ARTICLE 3 ("OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TRUST FUND") REGARDING COMPOSITION

1 **WHEREAS**, the New Castle County Council created the Other Post-Employment
2 Benefits ("OPEB") Board of Trustees to operate and administer the OPEB fund; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, one of the OPEB Trustee positions, the Compensation and Pension
5 Systems Coordinator (CPSC"), was split between the Benefits Administrator and
6 Pension Administrator positions, and the CPSC position is no longer utilized by the
7 County; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, it is desirable that the CPSC position should be replaced with
10 one representative designated by the Chief Human Resources Officer; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, the OPEB Board of Trustees met on April 23, 2026 and voted to
13 recommend this change; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, Council has determined that the provisions of this ordinance
16 substantially advance, and are reasonably and rationally related to, legitimate
17 government interests, including the protection and preservation of the public health,
18 safety, prosperity, general welfare, and quality of life.
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20 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**

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22 Section 1. *New Castle County Code* Chapter 26 ("Human Resources"), Article 3
23 ("Merit System"), Division 26.03.900 ("Separation and disability"), Section 2.03.911
24 ("Other Post-Employment Benefits trust fund") is hereby amended by the deletion of the
25 stricken text and the addition of the underscored text as set forth below:
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27 **Sec. 26.03.911. Other Post-Employment Benefits trust fund.**

28 29 C. Composition of the Board of Trustees

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31 1. The OPEB fund created under this Division shall be construed to be a trust
32 separate and distinct from all other entities. The responsibility for the operation
33 and administration of the OPEB fund is hereby vested in the OPEB fund Board
34 of Trustees. The Trustees shall sign the trust agreement (attached hereto as
35 Exhibit "A") to establish the Trust. The Board of Trustees shall consist of:
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- 38 d. ~~The Compensation and Pension Systems Coordinator~~ One Representative
designated by the Chief Human Resources Officer;

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Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided in 9 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 housekeeping Ordinance amends *New Castle County Code* to change one member of the Other Post-Employment Benefits trust fund Board of Trustees, by replacing the position of the Compensation and Pension Systems Coordinator with one Representative from the Office of Human Resources designated by the Chief Human Resource Officer.

FISCAL IMPACT: There will be no discernable fiscal impact upon the adoption of this legislation.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 13, 2026.

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett, Mr. Hollins
Requested by: County Council
Date of introduction: May 26, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-062

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:

**APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2026
APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE SENIOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM GRANT,
WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Senior Home Repair Program Grant is designed to provide minor
2 housing repair assistance to eligible senior homeowners age 62 and older with a maximum grant
3 amount of \$5,000.00; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the home must be located in New Castle County, outside the boundaries of
6 Wilmington and Newark; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, there are currently over 137 seniors on the waiting list for this program; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council has determined that there will be unspent
11 funding available in the Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item at the end of FY2026; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council wishes to provide \$30,000 to the Senior Home
14 Repair Program Grant from their Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item within the FY2026
15 Approved Operating Budget; and
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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).
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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 amended
25 by adding the material underscored and deleting the material bracketed and stricken on the
26 attached "Exhibit A."
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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. C. §*
30 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 \$30,000 from the County Council – Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item within the FY2026 Approved Operating Budget to the Senior Home Repair Program Grant. In order to complete this transaction, **Ordinance No. 26-065 must be passed by County Council to complete this transaction.**

The Senior Home Repair Program Grant is designed to provide minor housing repair assistance to eligible senior homeowners age 62 and older, who own and reside in their home as their primary residence, have assets under the asset limit and have homeowners insurance. The maximum grant amount is \$5,000. The home must be located in New Castle County, outside the boundaries of Wilmington and Newark. There are currently over 137 seniors on the waiting list for this program. Funding for the program is from the Community Development Block Grant Program.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$30,000 in funding to the Senior Home Repair Program Grant, which is administered by the Department of Community Services. Partial funding for this program will be provided from the County Council – Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item in the FY2026 Approved Operating Budget.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget by \$30,000. This increase will affect FY2026 and beyond since this program is ongoing, without an expiration date, until all funds have been expended.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 21, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Senior Home Repair Program	Ordinance No.	26-062
PROGRAM TITLE:	Senior Home Repair Program		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ 633,101.46	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 663,101.46
Program Income	\$ 108,436.05	\$ -	\$ 108,436.05
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 741,537.51	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 771,537.51

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ 60,205.50	\$ -	\$ 60,205.50
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ 681,332.01	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 711,332.01
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 741,537.51	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 771,537.51

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 7/1/2012

Estimated Program Completion: ongoing

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

Ordinance Passed/Date Revised:

12-043	4/24/2012	22-068	5/24/2022
18-072	7/16/2018	23-064	5/23/2023
19-065	7/3/2019	24-090 Sub 1	6/11/2024
20-060	6/9/2020	24-119	7/9/2024
21-075 Floor Amend 1	6/16/2021	25-035	4/8/2025
21-106	9/30/2021	<u>25-068</u>	<u>5/27/2025</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Senior Home Repair Program is designed to provide minor housing repair assistance to eligible senior homeowners age 60 and older, who own and reside in their home as their primary residence, have assets under the asset limit and have homeowners insurance. The maximum grant amount is \$2,500. The home must be located in New Castle County, outside the boundaries of Wilmington and Newark. There are currently over 137 seniors on the waiting list for this program. Funding for the program is from the Sheriff's Office, Program Income and the General Fund.

5/27/2025

5/26/2026

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Street
Requested by: County Council
Date of introduction: May 26, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-063

**AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:
APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2026
APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE SUMMER RECREATION CAMPS GRANT,
WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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

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4 **WHEREAS**, one-third of campers receive financial aid from Federal and County funds;
5 and

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7 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council has determined that there will be unspent
8 funding available in the Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item at the end of FY2026; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council wishes to provide \$25,000 to the Summer
11 Recreation Camps Grant from their Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item within the
12 FY2026 Approved Operating Budget; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, these funds will go towards camp scholarships to offer free summer camp to
15 ineligible youth; and

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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:**

23
24 Section 1. The Grants Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 75-173 is hereby amended
25 by adding the material underscored and deleting the material bracketed and stricken on the
26 attached "Exhibit A."

27
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. C.* §
30 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 \$25,000 from the County Council – Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item within the FY2026 Approved Operating Budget to the Summer Recreation Camps Grant. In order to complete this transaction, **Ordinance No. 26-065 must be passed by County Council to complete this transaction.**

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$25,000 in funding to the Summer Recreation Camps Grant, which is administered by the Department of Community Services. Partial funding for this program will be provided from the County Council – Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item in the FY2026 Approved Operating Budget.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget by \$25,000. This increase will affect FY2026 and beyond since this program is ongoing, without an expiration date, until all funds have been expended.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 21, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	Summer Recreation Camps	Ordinance No.	26-063
PROGRAM TITLE:	Summer Recreation Camps		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ 194,400.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 219,400.00
Program Income	\$ 1,338,065.21	\$ -	\$ 1,338,065.21
Other	\$ 21,109.55	\$ -	\$ 21,109.55
Total	\$ 1,553,574.76	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 1,578,574.76

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,040,451.74	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,047,451.74
Benefits	\$ 103,063.19	\$ 713.51	\$ 103,776.70
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ 6,090.00		\$ 6,090.00
Communication/Utilities	\$ 15,090.20	\$ 750.00	\$ 15,840.20
Materials/Supplies	\$ 83,402.26		\$ 83,402.26
Contractual Services	\$ 302,896.99	\$ 16,536.49	\$ 319,433.48
Equipment	\$ 784.02		\$ 784.02
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -		\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -		\$ -
Contingency	\$ -		\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ 1,796.36		\$ 1,796.36
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -		\$ -
Total	\$ 1,553,574.76	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 1,578,574.76

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	14-121	November 2014
05-135	December 2005	16-131	November 2016
06-049	April 2006	18-047	May 2018
07-045	April 2007	19-031	March 2019
08-042	April 2008	20-025	April 2020
09-033	April 2009	21-058	April 2021
09-097	October 2009	22-049	April 2022
10-077	July 2010	23-044	April 2023
10-104	October 2010	24-037	March 2024
11-112	December 2011	24-174	November 2024
12-114	November 2012	<u>25-133</u>	<u>October 2025</u>
13-094	December 2013		

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The New Castle County Summer Recreation Camps Grant will serve children in New Castle County.

10/28/2025

5/26/2026

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins
Requested by: County Council
Date of introduction: May 26, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-064

AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET:

**APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2026 APPROVED
OPERATING BUDGET TO THE 2023 NEW CASTLE COUNTY YOUTH EMPLOYMENT
GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES,
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

1 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council received funds from the State of Delaware
2 Department of Labor – Delaware Workforce Investment Board to fund the 2023 New Castle
3 County Summer Youth Employment Grants; and

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5 **WHEREAS**, the New Castle County Youth Employment Program provides employment
6 experiences for youths between the ages of 14 and 20 that will promote responsibility, teamwork,
7 and a work ethic; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council has previously contributed funds to the 2023
10 New Castle County Youth Employment Grant in the amount of \$100,000 via Ordinance 23-035,
11 \$5,110 via Ordinance 23-065, \$110,020 via Ordinance 24-061 and \$7,861 via Ordinance 24-
12 091; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council has determined that there will be unspent
15 funding available in the Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item at the end of FY2026; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council wishes to provide \$5,000 to the 2023 New Castle
18 County Youth Employment Grant from their Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item within
19 the FY2026 Approved Operating Budget; and

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

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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
28 by deleting the material stricken and adding the material underscored on the attached Exhibit
29 "A."

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31 Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
32 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.* §
33 1156.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

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

Approved on:

Matthew Meyer
County Executive
New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: This Ordinance, if approved, will appropriate \$5,000 from the County Council – Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item within the FY2026 Approved Operating Budget to the 2023 New Castle County Youth Employment Grant. **Ordinance No. 26-065 must be passed by County Council to complete this transaction.**

The New Castle County Youth Employment Program provides employment experiences for youths between the ages of 14 and 20 that will promote responsibility, teamwork, and a work ethic.

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the Grants Budget by appropriating \$5,000 in funding to the 2023 New Castle County Youth Employment Program Grant, which is administered by the Department of Community Services, Division of Community Resources. Funding for this program will be provided from the County Council – Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item within the FY2026 Approved Operating Budget.

The fiscal impact of this Ordinance, if approved, will be an increase in the authorized spending authority of the Grants Budget by \$5,000. There is no discernible fiscal impact on the current operating budget.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 21, 2026.

DEPARTMENT:	Community Services	EXHIBIT:	"A"
GRANT TITLE:	NCC Youth Employment 2023	Ordinance No.	26-064
PROGRAM TITLE:	NCC Youth Employment 2023		

Revenue	Current	Change	Revised
Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$ 222,991.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 227,991.00
Program Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 222,991.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 227,991.00

Expense	Current	Change	Revised
Salaries and Wages	\$ 200,428.65	\$ 4,537.49	\$ 204,966.14
Benefits	\$ 22,562.35	\$ 462.51	\$ 23,024.86
Training/Civic Affairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communication/Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Materials/Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contractual Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants/Fixed Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Land and Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfer Credits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 222,991.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 227,991.00

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Estimated Program Initiation: 6/13/2023

Estimated Program Completion: 9/30/2050

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

Ordinance Passed/Date Revised:

23-035	4/14/2023
23-065	6/16/2023
24-061	4/23/2024
<u>24-091</u>	<u>5/28/2024</u>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The New Castle County Youth Employment Program provides employment experiences for youths between the ages of 14 and 20 that will promote responsibility, teamwork and a work ethic.

5/28/2024

5/26/2026

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street
Mr. Tackett
Requested by: County Council
Date of introduction: May 26, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 26-065

**AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET:
REDUCE THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY
COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY GRANTS**

1 **WHEREAS**, County Council has budgeted funding available in the Grants and Fixed
2 Charges Budget Line Item; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council wishes to provide funding to the Senior Home
5 Repair Program Grant, Summer Recreation Camps Grant and the 2023 New Castle County
6 Youth Employment Grant; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, the revenue measures heretofore adopted by the County Council are, in the
9 opinion of the County Executive, estimated to yield sums at least sufficient to balance the
10 proposed expenditures as set forth in the Annual Operating Budget as hereinafter amended.
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12 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**
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14 Section 1. The Annual Operating Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
15 2025, is hereby amended by deleting the material that is stricken and adding the material that is
16 underscored on the attached Exhibit "A."
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18 Section 2. The foregoing amendment shall be considered a part of the Annual Operating
19 Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and shall be effective as though incorporated
20 initially in the Annual Operating Budget Ordinance.
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22 Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by
23 County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided in 9 *Del. C. §*
24 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 \$60,000 from the County Council – Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item within the FY2026 Approved Operating Budget and appropriate \$30,000 to the Senior Home Repair Program Grant, \$25,000 to the Summer Recreation Camps Grant and \$5,000 to the 2023 New Castle County Youth Employment Grant. **Ordinance No. 26-062, 26-063 and 26-064 must first be passed by County Council in order to amend the existing grants.**

FISCAL NOTE: This Ordinance, if approved, will amend the FY2026 Approved Operating Budget by reducing the County Council – Grants and Fixed Charges Budget Line Item by \$60,000 and appropriating \$30,000 to the Senior Home Repair Program Grant, \$25,000 to the Summer Recreation Camps Grant and \$5,000 to the 2023 New Castle County Youth Employment Grant.

There will be no net fiscal impact if this Ordinance and its companion Ordinances are approved. The resulting effect will be the transfer of \$60,000 of FY2026 Approved Operating Budget spending authority to the Grants Budget. There is no fiscal impact beyond FY2026.

Acknowledged by the Chief Financial Officer May 21, 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL

Salaries and Wages		\$	2,708,793
Benefits			1,525,869
Training and Civic Affairs			76,107
Communication and Utilities			17,274
Materials and Supplies			58,829
Contractual Services			303,929
Equipment			2,363
Grants and Fixed Charges	477,356		417,356
Operating Transfer Charges			195,519
Total	5,366,039	\$	<u>5,306,039</u>
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	35		

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Salaries and Wages		\$	2,305,318
Benefits			1,293,169
Training and Civic Affairs			42,282
Communication and Utilities			19,550
Materials and Supplies			22,136
Contractual Services			286,587
Equipment			1,000
Grants and Fixed Charges			469,975
Contingency			55,000
Operating Transfer Charges			112,454
Total		\$	<u>4,607,471</u>
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	17		

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Wages		\$	14,062,962
Benefits			7,834,901
Training and Civic Affairs			216,388
Communication and Utilities			8,385,242
Materials and Supplies			165,308
Contractual Services			8,779,606
Equipment			484,895
Grants and Fixed Charges			3,968,241
Operating Transfer Charges			1,198,287
Operating Transfer Credits			(14,044,103)
Total		\$	<u>31,051,727</u>
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	168		

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		4,940,921
Contractual Services		11,474,267
Equipment		510,258
Grants and Fixed Charges		1,529,759
Land and Structures		50,000
Operating Transfer Charges		4,843,523
Operating Transfer Credits		(7,876,371)
Total	\$	87,824,560
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		389

DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE

Salaries and Wages	\$	8,996,033
Benefits		5,031,240
Training and Civic Affairs		55,175
Communication and Utilities		124,467
Materials and Supplies		109,127
Contractual Services		1,487,549
Equipment		91,188
Grants and Fixed Charges		56,500
Operating Transfer Charges		1,073,339
Total	\$	17,024,618
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		113

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Salaries and Wages	\$	14,008,316
Benefits		5,874,643
Training and Civic Affairs		35,316
Communication and Utilities		1,457,142
Materials and Supplies		1,464,197
Contractual Services		4,011,498
Equipment		180,725
Grants and Fixed Charges		3,235,149
Operating Transfer Charges		1,396,115
Operating Transfer Credits		(243,749)
Total	\$	31,419,352
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions		162

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Salaries and Wages	\$	78,231,240
Benefits		43,444,049
Training and Civic Affairs		199,290
Communication and Utilities		999,375
Materials and Supplies		1,328,195
Contractual Services		2,627,078
Equipment		2,422,597
Grants and Fixed Charges		11,672,041
Operating Transfer Charges		8,501,518
Total	\$	149,425,383
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

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		7,939
Contractual Services		19,083
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		

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	\$	7
Total	\$	7
<i>Total Authorized Full-Time Positions</i>		

EXECUTIVE CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	134,025
Total	\$	134,025
<i>Total Authorized Full-Time Positions</i>		

PERSONNEL CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	90,600
Total	\$	90,600
<i>Total Authorized Full-Time Positions</i>		

BENEFITS CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	1,763,275
Total	\$	1,763,275
<i>Total Authorized Full-Time Positions</i>		

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Contingency	\$	486,725
Total	\$	486,725
<i>Total Authorized Full-Time Positions</i>		

ATTRITION CONTINGENCY

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

ONE-TIME CONTINGENCY

Contingency	\$	792,585
Total	\$	792,585

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Salaries and Wages		\$	147,624,160
Benefits			80,231,803
Training and Civic Affairs			794,675
Communication and Utilities			38,518,239
Materials and Supplies			8,142,812
Contractual Services			29,428,003
Equipment			3,707,476
Grants and Fixed Charges	21,427,371		<u>21,367,371</u>
Debt Service			47,892,496
Land and Structures			50,000
Contingency			3,322,217
Operating Transfer Charges			17,783,557
Operating Transfer Credits			(22,164,223)
Sub-Total New Castle County	376,758,586	\$	<u>376,698,586</u>
Total Authorized Full-Time Positions	1,684		

RESERVE ACCOUNTS ANTICIPATED BALANCES AS OF APRIL 28, 2026

Tax Stabilization Reserve Account	52,704,771
Sewer Rate Stabilization Reserve Account	15,087,725
General Fund Budget Reserve Account	46,910,980
Sewer Fund Budget Reserve Account	19,038,698
Total Reserves:	133,742,174

REVISED II
Grant Matrix
6/9/26

GRANT APPLICANT	AMOUNT REQUESTED / AMOUNT PROPOSED	INTENDED USE OF GRANT	Standard Accounting Practices/ Non-Discrimination Policy	PRIOR COUNCIL GRANTS IN CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	COUNCIL MEMBER
Special Olympics Delaware	\$4000/\$4000	Funds will be used to support the expansion and sustainability of inclusive sports and wellness programming for Special Olympics Delaware athletes.	Yes/Yes	No	Sheldon
Charity Crossing	\$2000/\$2000	Funds will be used to assist with their community giveaway events.	Yes/Yes	Yes 10/28/26 - \$2500	Tackett
YMCA of Delaware - Brandywine branch	\$5400/\$3461	Funds will be used to assist with their Water Wise Empowerment Program.	Yes/Yes	No	Cartier
St. Johns AM Church	\$2800/\$2800	Funds will be used to assist with repairs to their building.	Yes/No	No	George
Good Neighbors	\$49,000/ \$26,986	Funds will be used to repair seven homes in NCC for seven low-income families.	Yes/Yes	No	George
StartUpAfrica	\$2000/\$1300 -Tackett \$800 -George \$200 -Williams-Johns \$300	Funds will be used to assist with their youth leadership, entrepreneurship, and workforce development program for high school students.	Yes/No	No	Tackett
Mill Creek Fire Company	\$32,645/ \$29,758	Funds will be used towards their LED Reader Boards project.	Yes/Yes	No	Toole
Friends of Brandywine Hundred Library	\$5000/\$5000	Funds will be used for teen and youth programs during the evening and weekends along with furniture and items for the Teen and Early Literacy areas	Yes/No	No	Durham
Mother African Union Church	\$5000/\$5000	Funds will be used toward their youth focus fundraising campaign to replace lost items from the fire.	Yes/No	No	Hollins
NCC Hope Center	\$10,000/ \$10,000	Funds will support the shelter stays for unhoused households.	Yes/Yes	No	Street
Delaware Interscholastic Cycling League	\$5000/\$5000	Funds will support Project Pedal Expansion (Project Seed & Pedal with Purpose).	Yes/Yes	No	Durham

GRANT APPLICANT	AMOUNT REQUESTED / AMOUNT PROPOSED	INTENDED USE OF GRANT	Standard Accounting Practices/ Non- Discrimination Policy	PRIOR COUNCIL GRANTS IN CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	COUNCIL MEMBER
Brandywine Red Clay Alliance	\$6000/\$6073	Funds will be used to further promote, enhance, and offer additional fishing opportunities in New Castle County, primarily in the Red Clay Creek	Yes/Yes	No	Durham
1 st District Neighborhood Planning Council	\$3750/\$3750	Funds will be used for the DE Center for Horticulture to provide labor, coordination, coordination and materials for restoration and site stewardship of 2 native perennial plantings on traffic island located at Washington St and Lea Blvd.	Yes/No	No	Hollins