American Rescue Plan Act Update

Presentation to New Castle County Council
Executive Committee
Tuesday, April 26, 2022
Project Updates

Affordable Housing Fund
• 19 applications received
• Review team met on March 30, 2022; ordinances for recommended funding will come before Council shortly
• Applications continue to be received and will be reviewed on a rolling basis

Workforce Development
• Agreement finalized with L.E.E.P. (Labor, Economic, Education, Empowerment) for Pathways to Apprenticeship Food Stipend initiative to provide food stipends to 50 participants in pre-apprenticeship program

Web Development Services for Qualified Small Businesses
• Responses to RFP 22PP-006 (eCommerce Website Service) are being reviewed and scored
• Application criteria being defined for qualified small businesses to apply
Project Updates

Building Better Communities

• Building Better Communities Committee met today, April 26, 2022
• 13 applications received for Knollwood community grant program; committee members have scored applications and are making final recommendations
• Committee voted to focus on Sparrow Run(?) and Rosegate(?) next
• Executed agreement with Children and Families First Delaware for counseling services at AI DuPont Middle School
• Drafting legal agreements to fund three projects addressing violence and its impacts:
  • Kappa Mainstream (after school programming at Achievement Center)
  • WCAC - Center for Structural Integrity (violence prevention/intervention)
  • Supporting Kidds (bereavement counseling services)
Position Updates

For the ten (10) positions authorized by Ordinance 22-012:

Project SEED Community Liaison – Two (2) positions

• Search process underway for nominees for the two positions
• Executive Assistant II, pay grade 30 (starting salary $63,217)
• Selected candidates will come before Council for interviews with the introduction of nominating resolutions
• Job description and job duties on the following slides
Position Updates

Project SEED Community Liaison job description:

• Reports to the Project SEED Coordinator
• Position is committed to improving the well-being, health and safety of communities in New Castle County through an attitude of dedication to excellence in public service
• Requires the ability to work independently and as a team at an extremely high level
• Requires the highest dedication to supporting communities in need and the ability to communicate effectively with diverse audiences
Position Updates

Project SEED Community Liaison job duties include:

- Develop and maintain positive relationships with community partners/stakeholders
- Identify resources that will promote an improved quality of life by initiating new community building programs specific to the needs of identified communities
- Attend community & civic association meetings, trainings re: to community outreach
- Seek and foster constructive, personal contact with community members that will elicit positive associations with the New Castle County Division of Public Safety
- Assist in establishing and monitoring performance measures for Project SEED
- Help in the development and preparation of detailed monthly reports capturing activities that align with established performance measures and neighborhood needs
- Increase and sustain communication/partnership with the Department of Community Services Community Intervention Team and divisions within public safety
- Provide information for and help maintain a monthly calendar
- Attend meetings with Building Better Communities & New Castle County Government
- Assist with grant applications
- Perform assignments as defined by the Project SEED Coordinator
- Assist Project SEED Coordinator in working across department, division, and agency lines in solving problems and issues
NCC ARPA Process

Grant Thornton overview of NCC ARPA process:

• ARPA Project Evaluation
• ARPA Compliance Review
• ARPA Subrecipient Monitoring