



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Bob Cenname, Deputy Finance Director <i>Bob Cenname</i>
DATE	April 13 th , 2026
SUBJECT	26-0168 Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – M-R Office of Homeless Services – \$500,000

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

Position: Support

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 26-0168, Supplementary Mayor’s Office of Homeless Services Appropriation – \$500,000, to increase the Fiscal Year 2026 appropriation of Mayor’s Office of Homeless Services (MOHS) funds by \$500,000 by accepting State funds. The purpose of these funds is to provide case management services to support key homelessness prevention initiatives including housing stability, employment and income support, access to healthcare and mental health services in the City of Baltimore.

Background

The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents a grant from the Maryland State Department of Human Services. In Fiscal 2026, MOHS did not have an appropriation for unallocated State grant funds. However, MOHS received this grant for \$500,000 in State funds. This bill will make \$500,000 available to MOHS-Service 895 (Temporary Housing for the Homeless) for rental assistance and/or supportive services through rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention for homeless individuals and families in the City of Baltimore.

The Baltimore City Charter authorizes agency spending based on the amount enacted in the Ordinance of Estimates. The Department of Finance recommends appropriation transfers and supplementary appropriations when an agency receives unanticipated revenue, such as grants, or implements new programs that could not have been anticipated at the time the budget was developed. This supplemental appropriation is required to meet the Charter requirements.

Fiscal Impact

MOHS requires supplemental appropriation due to a grant from the Maryland State Department of Human Services. This supplemental appropriation of \$500,000 is necessary to accommodate these unbudgeted grant funds from the Maryland State Department of Human Services.

Conclusion

This supplemental appropriation is required to authorize agency spending beyond the amount enacted in

the Ordinance of Estimates and is necessary to proceed to obtain these funds to continue to support to homelessness prevention needs in Baltimore City.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance supports City Council Bill 26-0168.

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