



# **BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

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*The Budget and Appropriations Committee is responsible for ensuring taxpayer dollars are expended prudently and equitably. BA will exercise regular oversight of the funding and spending practices of City agencies, the City's budget, expenditures, loans, and other financial matters. The committee's areas of jurisdiction include all budgets & appropriations, taxation, financial services, consumer protection, audits, and the Comptroller's Office.*

**The Honorable Danielle McCray**

**CHAIR**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Tuesday, May 12, 2026**

**9:00 AM**

**CLARENCE "DU" BURNS COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**26-0187**

*Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation –  
Department of Housing and Community Development –*

**\$459,169**

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**BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE****The Honorable Danielle McCray**  
**CHAIR****Bill Hearing**

26-0187

*Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Department of Housing and Community  
Development – \$459,169*

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Purpose of providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$459,169 to the Department of Housing and Community Development – Service 738 (Weatherization Services), to provide funding for professional services and in service training for weatherization and energy efficiency services for low-income households; and providing for a special effective date.

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***REPORTING AGENCIES***

Housing and Community Development	Favorable
Department of Finance	Favorable
Law Department	Approved for Form & Legal Sufficiency

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***BACKGROUND***

This grant was received by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development through the federal Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program Grant. This grant will help low-income households reduce energy costs by improving the energy efficiency of their homes while prioritizing health and safety. This funding will be split between three activities; Weatherization Audit, Weatherization Program Delivery, and Weatherization Assessment while also covering expenses related to professional services and in service training.

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***FISCAL NOTE***

An additional \$459,169 has been appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development for Fiscal Year 2026. This supplemental funding, provided by a State of Maryland grant, will support Weatherization Services (Service 738) to provide funding for professional services and in service training for weatherization and energy efficiency services for low-income households. This adjustment is necessary to incorporate unanticipated grant funding received from the State of Maryland.

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**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 26-0187  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: The Council President

At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)

Introduced and read first time: April 27, 2026

Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Department of Housing and Community Development

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation –**  
3 **Department of Housing and Community Development – \$459,169**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the  
5 amount of \$459,169 to the Department of Housing and Community  
6 Development – Service 738 (Weatherization Services), to provide funding for professional  
7 services and in-service training for weatherization and energy efficiency services for  
8 low-income households; and providing for a special effective date.

9 BY authority of  
10 Article VI - Board of Estimates  
11 Section 8(b)(2)(ii) and (c)  
12 Baltimore City Charter  
13 (1996 Edition)

14 **Recitals**

15 The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents a grant from the Maryland  
16 Department of Housing and Community Development in excess of the revenue relied on by the  
17 Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year  
18 2026.

19 That grant could not have been expected with reasonable certainty when the Ordinance of  
20 Estimates for Fiscal Year 2026 was formulated.

21 On April 15, 2026, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City  
22 Council.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

**Council Bill 26-0187**

1       **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That  
2       \$459,169 shall be made available to the Department of Housing and Community Development –  
3       Service 738 (Weatherization Services) as a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation  
4       for Fiscal Year 2026, to provide funding for professional services and in-service training for  
5       weatherization and energy efficiency services for low-income households. The source of revenue  
6       for this appropriation is the grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community  
7       Development in excess of the amount from this source that was relied on by the Board of  
8       Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

8       **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is  
9       enacted.

# BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL



## BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

26-0187

*Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation –  
Department of Housing and Community Development –  
\$459,169*

# Agency Reports



CITY OF BALTIMORE  
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

<b>TO</b>	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
<b>FROM</b>	Timothy Keane, Acting Commissioner, Housing and Community Development
<b>CC</b>	Mayor's Office of Government Relations
<b>DATE</b>	May 7, 2026
<b>SUBJECT</b>	26-0187 Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Department of Housing and Community Development

**Position: Favorable**

**BILL SYNOPSIS**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 26-0187 Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Department of Housing and Community Development – \$459,169 for the purpose of providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$459,169 to the Department of Housing and Community Development – Service 738 (Weatherization Services), to provide funding for professional services and in service training for weatherization and energy efficiency services for low income households; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, City Council Bill 26-0187 would approve a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation for weatherization and energy efficiency services for low-income households. If approved, this Bill will take effect on the date of its enactment.

**SUMMARY OF POSITION**

This Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation represents a grant received by DHCD from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development through the federal Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program Grant. This grant will help low-income households reduce energy costs by improving the energy efficiency of their homes while prioritizing health and safety. This funding will be split between 3 activities; Weatherization Audit, Weatherization Program Delivery, and Weatherization Assessment while also covering expenses related to professional services and in service training.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

As drafted, this Bill will have a positive fiscal impact on DHCD by partially funding DHCD's weatherization and energy efficiency efforts.

## **AMENDMENTS**

DHCD does not seek any amendments to this Bill at this time.



CITY OF BALTIMORE  
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

<b>TO</b>	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
<b>FROM</b>	Bob Cenname, Deputy Finance Director <i>Bob Cenname</i>
<b>DATE</b>	May 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
<b>SUBJECT</b>	26-0187 Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Department of Housing and Community Development – \$459,169

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 26-0187, Supplementary State Grants Fund Operating Appropriation - Housing and Community Development - \$459,169, the purpose of which is to increase the Fiscal Year 2026 appropriation of State Funds by \$459,169 to Housing and Community Development, Service 738: Weatherization Services.

**Background**

The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents a grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. In Fiscal 2026, the Department of Housing and Community Development (DCHD) did not have an appropriation for unallocated State funds. However, the DCHD received this grant for \$459,169 in State funds. This bill will make \$459,169 available to DCHD - Service 738 (Weatherization Services) for professional services and in-service training for weatherization and energy efficiency services for low-income households.

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**

DCHD requires supplemental appropriation due to an unanticipated grant. This supplemental appropriation of \$459,169 is necessary to accommodate these unbudgeted revenues. This grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development will be used to cover these supplemental expenses.

**Conclusion**

This supplemental appropriation is required to authorize agency spending beyond the amount enacted in the Ordinance of Estimates and is necessary due to new revenue.

**For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance supports City Council Bill 26-0187.**

cc: Michael Mocksten  
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CITY OF BALTIMORE

BRANDON M. SCOTT,  
Mayor



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May 7, 2026

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 26-0187 – Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Department of Housing and Community Development – \$459,169

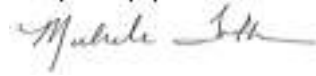
Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department reviewed City Council Bill 26-0187 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$459,169 to the Department of Housing and Community Development – Service 738 (Weatherization Services), to provide funding for professional services and in-service training for weatherization and energy efficiency services for low-income households. The bill would take effect on its date of enactment. The Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development received a three-year grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development through the Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program Grant. The supplemental appropriation in Council Bill 26-0187 represents the first year of the grant.

Council Bill 26-0187 identifies the revenue appropriated as “a grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development in excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2026.” The grant could not have been expected with reasonable certainty at the time the Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2026 was formulated, and the bill has been recommended by the Board of Estimates to the City Council. The Council bill cites as authority for the supplementary appropriation Section 8(b)(2)(ii) of Article VI of the City Charter. This section provides that grants from private or governmental sources that could not be expected with reasonable certainty at the time the Ordinance of Estimates was formulated may be made available to the appropriate municipal agency for expenditure.

A supplementary appropriation must be recommended by the Board of Estimates and approved by the Mayor and City Council via an ordinance. The ordinance must identify the source of the funds and may only involve a “single program, purpose, activity or project.” City Charter, Art. VI, § 8(c). Since the bill meets these requirements, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,



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Assistant Solicitor

cc: Ebony Thompson  
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