



CITY OF BALTIMORE
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TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Laura Larsen, Budget Director <i>Laura Larsen</i>
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SUBJECT	City Council Bills 25-0120, 25-0121, 25-0122, 25-0123, 25-0124, 25-0125 Supplementary Capital Appropriations

Position: Support

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bills 25-0120, 25-0121, 25-0122, 25-0123, 25-0124, 25-0125 Supplementary Capital Fund Appropriations.

Background

The Baltimore City Charter authorizes agency capital spending based on the amount enacted in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The Department of Planning 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 supplementary appropriation is required to meet the Charter requirements.

- 25-0120- will fund broadband installation at public housing sites
- 25-0121- will fund capital improvements at the Convention Center
- 25-0122- will fund deconstruction and redevelopment of U.S. 40, known as the Highway to Nowhere
- 25-0123- will fund advance concept planning studies for multi-modal transportation improvements to a 30% Design for the Hanover Street Corridor and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge
- 25-0124- will fund the design of a segment of the Jones Falls Trail
- 25-0125- will support the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership's effort to design and construct the Smith Cove Project (SCP)

Fiscal Impact

25-0120

The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents revenue from the Housing Authority of Baltimore City (HABC). In Fiscal 2026, Baltimore City Information Technology (BCIT) did not have an appropriation for unallocated funds. However, HABC had excess revenue of \$13,650,000 in Capital funds. This bill will make \$13,650,000 available to BCIT, to provide funding for a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the HABC to install broadband internet service at public housing sites

25-0121

The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents an excess revenue from the Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA). In Fiscal 2026, the M-R: Convention Center did not have an appropriation for unallocated State funds. However, the MSA received excess revenues of \$200,000 in State funds. This bill will make \$200,000 available to M-R: Convention Center for the capital improvements for the Convention Center.

25-0122

The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents a grant from the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program. The revenue category for this grant was incorrectly recorded as State funds as part of the FY26 budget, which was approved on June 23, 2025. This appropriation will correct the funding source for West Baltimore United.

25-0123

The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents a grant from the USDOT Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RISE) grant. The revenue category for this grant was incorrectly recorded as State funds as part of the FY26 budget, which was approved on June 23, 2025. This appropriation will correct the funding source for the Hanover Street Corridor and Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Study.

25-0124

The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents a grant from the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)- State Highway Administration (SHA) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The revenue category for this grant was incorrectly recorded as State funds as part of the FY26 budget, which was approved on June 23, 2025. This appropriation will correct the funding source for the Jones Falls Gateway project.

25-0125

The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents a grant from the State. In Fiscal 2026, the Department of Planning did not have an appropriation for unallocated state funds. However, the Department of Planning received this grant for \$17,000,000 in State funds. This bill will make \$17,000,000 available to the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership, who will utilize these funds to support the design and construction of the Smith Cove Project (SCP).

Conclusion

These supplementary capital appropriations are required to authorize agency spending beyond the amount enacted in the Ordinance of Estimates and is necessary due to the availability of new revenue and incorrectly appropriated funds.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance supports City Council Bill 25-0120, 25-0121, 25-0122, 25-0123, 25-0124, 25-0125.

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