



# **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**

*26-0185*

*Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Baltimore  
City Sheriff's Office – \$74,667*

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

26-0185

*Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Baltimore City Sheriff's Office – \$74,667*

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Purpose of providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$74,667 to the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office – Service 882 (Deputy Sheriff Enforcement), to provide funding for the establishment, modification, enforcement, and recovery of child support payments from noncustodial parents of children; and providing for a special effective date.

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***REPORTING AGENCIES***

Baltimore City Sheriff's Office	Favorable
Department of Finance	Favorable
Law Department	Approved for Form & Legal Sufficiency

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***BACKGROUND***

This funding represents a Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement from the Maryland Department of Human Services that will reimburse work done by the deputy sheriffs relating to Circuit Court Orders around the establishment, modification, enforcement, and recovery of child support payments from noncustodial parents of children.

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***FISCAL NOTE***

An additional \$74,667 has been appropriated to the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office for Fiscal Year 2026. This supplemental funding, provided by a State of Maryland grant, will support Deputy Sheriff Enforcement (Service 882). This adjustment is necessary to incorporate unanticipated grant funding received from the State of Maryland.

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**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 26-0185  
(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, Baltimore City Sheriff's Office

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation –**  
3 **Baltimore City Sheriff's Office – \$74,667**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the  
5 amount of \$74,667 to the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office – Service 882 (Deputy Sheriff  
6 Enforcement), to provide funding for the establishment, modification, enforcement, and  
7 recovery of child support payments from noncustodial parents of children; and providing for  
8 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 State of Maryland's  
16 Department of Human Services in excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in  
17 determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

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

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

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

**Council Bill 26-0185**

1       **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That  
2 \$74,667 shall be made available to the Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office – Service 882 (Deputy  
3 Sheriff Enforcement) as a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation for Fiscal Year  
4 2026, to provide funding for the establishment, modification, enforcement, and recovery of child  
5 support payments from noncustodial parents of children. The source of revenue for this  
6 appropriation is a grant from the State of Maryland’s Department of Human Services in excess of  
7 the amount from this source that was relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax  
8 levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

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

# BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL



## BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

26-0185

*Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Baltimore  
City Sheriff's Office – \$74,667*

# Agency Reports

# Baltimore City Sheriff's Office

Samuel Cogen, Sheriff

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The Clarence Mitchell Courthouse  
100 N. Calvert Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202  
Phone: 410-396-1155  
Fax: 410-727-3507



District Court Office  
111 N. Calvert Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202  
Phone: 410-396-7412  
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TO: The Honorable President of the Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Executive Secretary

FROM: Nicholas T.R. Blendy, Esq., Assistant Sheriff, Baltimore City Sheriff's Office (BCSO)

RE: City Council Bill #26-0185 – Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation –  
Baltimore City Sheriff's Office – \$74,667

DATE: May 11, 2026

## POSITION: SUPPORT

Mr. President and Honorable Members of the Baltimore City Council:

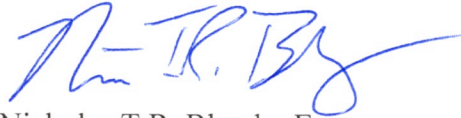
The Baltimore City Sheriff's Office (BCSO) has reviewed City Council Bill #26-0185 –Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Baltimore City Sheriff's Office – \$74,667 and **supports** its passage, for the reasons explained below.

CCB #26-0185 is the mechanism by which the Mayor and City Council legally accepts and appropriates into the BCSO's current fiscal year budget, \$74,667 in Maryland State grant funds. Specifically, these funds are for reimbursement for the work done by deputy sheriffs relating to Circuit Court Orders around the establishment, modification, enforcement, and recovery of child support payments from noncustodial parents of children. The full responsibilities of the BCSO are set forth in a plan fully described in the Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement ("CRA") with the State, subject to the supervision of the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Child Support Administration ("CSA") and Local Department of Social Services ("LDSS") or Local Office of Child Support ("LOCS").

During Fiscal Year 2026, the BCSO sought funding mechanisms to help offset the costs on the existing budget, as part of its efforts to identify and win funding to do important work for the residents of the City while not being solely reliant on Mayor and City Council of Baltimore funds. Accordingly, the BCSO has applied for multiple highly competitive federal and state grants this fiscal year, and has been very successful on several fronts. The BCSO serves civil orders of the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, including the child support papers covered by this grant, which is why the BCSO believes it was successful in winning the grant award that is the subject of this bill.

For the foregoing reasons, the BCSO respectfully requests your **support** for CCB #26-0185.

Respectfully,

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Nicholas T.R. Blendy, Esq.  
Assistant Sheriff



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>belltAC</i>
<b>DATE</b>	May 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
<b>SUBJECT</b>	26-0185, Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office – \$74,667

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 26-0185, Supplementary State Grant Fund Operating Appropriation - Sheriff - \$74,667, the purpose of which is to increase the Fiscal Year 2026 appropriation of State Funds by \$74,667 for the Sheriff, Service 882: Sheriff Deputy Division.

**Background**

The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents a Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement from the Maryland Department of Human Services. In Fiscal 2026, the Sheriff’s Office did not have an appropriation for unallocated State funds. However, the Sheriff’s Office received this Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement for \$74,667 in State funds. This bill will make \$74,667 available to Sheriff-Service 882 (Deputy Sheriff Enforcement) for the establishment, modification, enforcement, and recovery of child support payments from noncustodial parents.

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**

The Sheriff requires supplemental appropriation due to a Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement with the Maryland Department of Human Services. This supplemental appropriation of \$74,667 is necessary to accommodate these unbudgeted revenues. The funds from the Department of Human Services will be used to cover these supplemental revenues.

**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 26-0185.**

cc: Michael Mocksten  
Nina Themelis

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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 26-0185 – Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Baltimore  
City Sheriff's Office – \$74,667

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department reviewed City Council Bill 26-0185 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$74,667 to the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office – Service 882 (Deputy Sheriff Enforcement), to provide funding for the establishment, modification, enforcement, and recovery of child support payments from noncustodial parents of children. The bill would take effect on its date of enactment. The Sheriff's Office will provide establishment, modification, enforcement, and recovery of child support payments from noncustodial parents in accordance with a Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement with the Maryland Department of Human Services.

Council Bill 26-0185 identifies the revenue appropriated as "a grant from the State of Maryland's Department of Human Services 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Toth".

Michele Toth  
Assistant Solicitor

cc: Ebony Thompson  
Council President Cohen  
Ethan Hasiuk  
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