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**The Honorable John T. Bullock
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PUBLIC HEARING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024

2:59 PM

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Council Bill 24-0477

**Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation –
Department of General Services - \$8,700,000**

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BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Finance and Performance

Bill Number: 24-0477

**Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation – Department of General Services
(DGS) - \$8,700,000**

Sponsor: *President Mosby at the request of the Department of Finance (Administration)*

Introduced: *January 8, 2024*

Purpose:

For the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$8,700,000 to the Department of General Services – Service 734 (Capital Projects Division – Design and Construction), to provide funding for emergency repairs to the Baltimore Police Department headquarters’ parking garage; and providing for a special for a special effective date.

Effective: On the date it is enacted.

Agency Reports

Law Department	None as of this writing
Department of Finance	Favorable
Department of Planning	None as of this writing
Department of General Services	Favorable
Board of Estimates	Approved

Analysis

Current Law

Article VI – Board of Estimates, Section 8 – Ordinance of Estimates – Deficiencies and Supplementary Appropriations of the **Baltimore City Charter** governs the mandates for supplementary appropriations.

§ 8. Deficiencies: Supplementary appropriations.

(b) *Supplementary appropriations — when authorized.*

Except as provided herein, the Ordinance of Estimates shall include all the moneys to be appropriated by the City for all purposes for the fiscal year for which the ordinance is applicable.

(2) Additional appropriations are permitted during the fiscal year only in the following circumstances and under the following conditions: (i) Excess revenues. Revenues from any source other than the full rate property tax and other taxes imposed under the authority of Article II, in excess of or in addition to those relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget, may be made available for expenditure by the municipal agency responsible for the production of those revenues by a supplementary appropriation ordinance recommended to the City Council by the Board of Estimates, duly passed by the City Council by a majority vote of its members and approved by the Mayor.

(iii) *Material changes; new programs.*

Further appropriations for programs included in the proposed Ordinance of Estimates made necessary by a material change in circumstances, or additional appropriations for new programs which could not reasonably be anticipated at the time of the formulation of the proposed Ordinance of Estimates may be made available to the appropriate municipal agency for expenditure by a supplementary appropriation ordinance recommended to the City Council by the Board of Estimates, duly passed by the City Council by a vote of three-fourths of its members and approved by the Mayor.

(c) *Supplementary appropriations – Requisites of ordinance.*

Every such further or additional appropriation shall be embodied in a separate ordinance limited to a single program, purpose, activity, or project therein stated, and each such supplementary appropriation ordinance shall also, anything contained in the Charter to the contrary notwithstanding, provide the revenue necessary to pay the appropriation by a source, other than the full rate property tax, imposed under the authority of Article II. The revenue shall be levied and collected as directed in the ordinance. The estimate of the revenues to be derived from any source proposed in a supplementary appropriation ordinance shall be made by the Board of Estimates.

Background

This supplemental appropriation is for [emergency repairs to the Baltimore City Police Department headquarters' parking garage](#). The emergency repairs were processed by the [Department of General Services](#) via [the procurement process \(Capital Projects Division\)](#) and is needed to balance DGS fiscal year 2023 budget.

Once enacted by the [City Council and Mayor](#) the process necessary to allow the funds to be allocated will be completed.

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: [Funding Source](#) - Fiscal Year 2023 General Fund Surplus Revenue from Investment Earnings.

Information Source(s): Baltimore City Charter, Council Bill 24-0477, and all agency reports received as of this writing.


Analysis by: Marguerite M. Currin
Analysis Date: January 22, 2024

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Council Bill 24-0477

AGENCY REPORT(S)

See attached

F R O M	NAME & TITLE	Berke Attila, Director	CITY of BALTIMORE M E M O	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of General Services (DGS) 200 N. Holliday St., Suite 800		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 24-0477		

TO: Mayor Brandon M. Scott
TO: Finance and Performance Cmte.
FROM: DGS
POSITION: **Support** RE: CB 24-0477

DATE: 1/10/24

INTRODUCTION – Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation - Department of General Services – \$8,700,000.

PURPOSE/PLANS – For the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$8,700,000 to the Department of General Services – Service 734 (Capital Projects Division – Design and Construction), to provide funding for emergency repairs to the parking garage at the Baltimore Police Department Headquarters.

COMMENTS – Council Bill 24-0477 seeks authorization to appropriate supplementary funds to balance the budget for emergency repair costs associated with the parking garage at the Police Department Headquarters facility. The increase will be funded by surplus revenue realized in Fiscal Year 2023. Finance (BBMR) has reviewed and approved, and the Board of Estimates approved this request at its 12/20/23 meeting.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION – DGS **supports** the passage of Council Bill 24-0477.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Annie Fullas at annie.fullas@baltimorecity.gov or at (667) 208-0380.

Sincerely,



Berke Attila
Director

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 24-0477
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
Introduced and read first time: January 8, 2024
Assigned to: Finance and Performance Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Department of Planning, Department of General Services, Board of Estimates

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation –**
3 **Department of General Services – \$8,700,000**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the
5 amount of \$8,700,000 to the Department of General Services – Service 734 (Capital Projects
6 Division – Design and Construction), to provide funding for emergency repairs to the
7 Baltimore Police Department headquarters’ parking garage; and providing for a special
8 effective date.

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

14 **Recitals**

15 The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents a general fund surplus generated from
16 investment earnings in excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining
17 the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

18 This additional revenue could not have been reasonably anticipated when the Ordinance of
19 Estimates for Fiscal Year 2024 was formulated.

20 This appropriation is made necessary by a material change in circumstances since the
21 Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2024 was formulated or is for a new program that could
22 not have been reasonably anticipated when that Ordinance of Estimates was formulated.

23 On December 20, 2023, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City
24 Council.

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

Council Bill 24-0477

1 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
2 \$8,700,000 shall be made available to the Department of General Services – Service 734 (Capital
3 Projects Division – Design and Construction) as a Supplementary General Fund Operating
4 Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2024, to provide funding for emergency repairs to the Baltimore
5 Police Department headquarters’ parking garage. The source of revenue for this appropriation is
6 the general fund surplus generated from investment earnings in excess of the amount from this
7 source that was relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to
8 balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

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