



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

## **Mission Statement**

*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**

*26-0167*

*Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Office of  
Equity and Civil Rights – \$204,750*

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

26-0167

*Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Office of Equity and Civil Rights – \$204,750*

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Purpose of providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$204,750 to the Office of Equity and Civil Rights – Service 849 (Police Civilian Oversight), to provide funding for travel and lodging, event space, guest speakers, and materials and equipment for the Police Accountability Board Summit, a gathering of up to 20 jurisdictions throughout the State of Maryland; and providing for a special effective date.

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***REPORTING AGENCIES***

Office of Equity and Civil Rights	Favorable
Department of Finance	Favorable
Law Department	Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency

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***BACKGROUND***

This funding supports the development of effective accountability procedures while enhancing community relations and transparency, which are central to the mission of the Police Accountability Board (PAB) and the OECR Police Accountability Division. The grant is provided through the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) under the Police Accountability, Community, and Trust (PACT) grant and represents a one-time allocation of funding for fiscal year 2026.

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***FISCAL NOTE***

A supplemental appropriation of \$204,750 will increase the Office of Equity and Civil Rights spending authority in Service 849 (Police Civilian Oversight) for Fiscal Year 2026. This adjustment is necessary to incorporate unanticipated grant funding received from the State of Maryland.

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**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 26-0167  
(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 6, 2026

Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Office of Equity and Civil Rights

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation –**  
3 **Office of Equity and Civil Rights – \$204,750**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the  
5 amount of \$204,750 to the Office of Equity and Civil Rights – Service 849 (Police Civilian  
6 Oversight), to provide funding for travel and lodging, event space, guest speakers, and  
7 materials and equipment for the Police Accountability Board Summit, a gathering of up to  
8 20 jurisdictions throughout the State of Maryland; 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 State of Maryland's  
16 Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy 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 1, 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 26-0167**

1       **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That  
2 \$204,750 shall be made available to the Office of Equity and Civil Rights – Service 849 (Police  
3 Civilian Oversight) as a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation for Fiscal Year  
4 2026, to provide funding for travel and lodging, event space, guest speakers, and materials and  
5 equipment for the Police Accountability Board Summit, a gathering of up to 20 jurisdictions  
6 throughout the State of Maryland. The source of revenue for this appropriation is the grant from  
7 the State of Maryland’s Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy in excess of the  
8 amount from this source that was relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy  
9 required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

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



**TO:** Board of Estimates, Office of Comptroller  
**FROM:** AGC2300-BBMR - Bureau of Budget Management Research  
**DATE:** 04/02/2026  
**Submission #:** SB-26-10835  
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal 2026 Supplemental for Grant Award -Police Accountability, Community, and Transparency Grant Program- State of Maryland's Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy

### **ACTION REQUESTED OF BOARD OF ESTIMATES:**

The Board is requested to approve a Supplemental Appropriation to the Office of Equity and Civil Rights, Service 849- Police Civilian Oversight to accept a State award from the Police Accountability, Community, and Transparency Grant Program.

**PERIOD OF CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:** 07/01/2025 to 06/30/2026

### **AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDS:**

Transaction Amount: \$ 204,750.00

Project Fund	Amount
5000-CCA001386	\$ 204,750.00

### **BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:**

The Office of Equity and Civil Rights (OECR) has received a one-year grant from the State of Maryland's Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy through the Police Accountability, Community, and Transparency Grant Program. The purpose of the grant is to bring together Police Accountability Boards through Maryland as part of a summit to develop best practices, strengthen accountability and transparency, and ensure more equitable outcomes for Baltimore City and communities across Maryland.

As part of the grant application, OECR will be coordinating a gathering of up to 20 jurisdictions throughout the State of Maryland. The Police Accountability Board Summit project will enable these organizations throughout the State of Maryland to learn from each other while identifying and developing best practices, strengthening transparency, and to ensure more equitable outcomes. The grant supports funding for travel and lodging, event space, guest speakers, and materials and equipment for the summit. There is no local match requirement for the grant.

The requested supplemental represents the full grant award of \$204,750, with the grant period running from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Following approval by the Board of Estimates, the supplemental request will be introduced to the City Council for review and approval.

SMBA&D Participation not required / This is a grant award or subrecipient agreement.

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

EMPLOY BALTIMORE:	LIVING WAGE:	LOCAL HIRING:	PREVAILING WAGE:
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N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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1% FOR PUBLIC ART: N/A.

**ENDORSEMENTS:**

Finance (BBMR) has reviewed and approved for funds.



Clerk, Board of Estimates

04-01-2026

# BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL



## BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

26-0167

*Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Office of  
Equity and Civil Rights – \$204,750*

# 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>	Marlon Marion, Chief, Police Accountability Division (PAD), Office of Equity & Civil Rights (OECR)
<b>CC</b>	Mayor's Office of Government Relations
<b>ANALYST</b>	Carissa Mattern, Policy Analyst, Police Accountability Division
<b>DATE</b>	May 7, 2026
<b>SUBJECT</b>	OECR Report on Baltimore City Council Bill 26-0167 Supplemental State Fund Operating Appropriation – OECRs (\$204,750)

**POSITION: Favorable**

### **BILL SYNOPSIS**

The Office of Equity & Civil Rights (OECR) Police Accountability Division (PAD) has reviewed and is herein reporting on City Council Bill 26-0167 – *Supplemental State Fund Operating Appropriation – Office of Equity & Civil Rights - \$204,750*.

This is an ordinance that accomplishes the following:

- Defines the source of the supplemental funding;
- Defines the recipient of the supplemental funding; and
- Defines the purpose of the supplemental funding.

### **SUMMARY OF POSITION**

The Office of Equity & Civil Rights' (OECR) Police Accountability Division (PAD) supports initiatives to further police accountability and transparency in Baltimore City. Through the acquisition of this grant and subsequent execution of the elements within, PAD continues to support the purpose of the Police Accountability Board (PAB).

The grant is provided through the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) under the Police Accountability, Community, and Trust (PACT) grant and represents a one-time allocation of funding for fiscal year 2026.

This funding supports the development of effective accountability procedures while enhancing community relations and transparency, which are central to the mission of the Police Accountability Board (PAB) and the OECR Police Accountability Division.

## **Fiscal Impact**

The PACT grant funding enabled the Office of Equity and Civil Rights, through the Police Accountability Division, to support the Baltimore city police accountability board's efforts to convene a statewide Police Accountability Summit, bringing together representatives from 14 Maryland counties.

Through this convening, the following key outcomes were identified:

- Increased alignment across jurisdictions on roles, responsibilities, and accountability processes involving PABs, ACCs, and trial boards
- Identification of critical gaps in evidence sharing, data standardization, and training requirements
- Recognition of funding disparities across jurisdictions impacting the effectiveness and sustainability of oversight bodies
- Development of actionable legislative and policy considerations to strengthen accountability systems statewide

This work has laid the foundation for continued collaboration, improved consistency, and more effective oversight practices across Maryland.

### *Implementation and Operational Execution*

In support of the mission of the Police Accountability Board (PAB), the Office of Equity and Civil Rights (OECR) Police Accountability Division (PAD) manages and is involved in all aspects of the Board's official responsibilities. The staff of PAD assumed a significant amount of responsibility to fulfill the requirements of the grant. This included the drafting and submission of the PACT grant proposal within ten (10) days of notification from the PAB Chair of the impending deadline for grant submission, prior to the receipt of funds, as well as ongoing execution of grant-related activities. These funds supported the following key activities:

- Coordination and execution of travel, lodging, and meals for PAB county visits more than fifty (50) miles from Baltimore City;
- Compliance with grant requirements and regulations;
- Securing and payment of vendors; and
- Coordination and execution of all elements related to the three-day Statewide Police Accountability Summit, including, but not limited to, the following:
  - Location/venue;
  - Agenda including guest speakers and breakout sessions for each day;
  - Decorations including their setup and breakdown for each day's events; and
  - Graphics, booklets, print and media production.

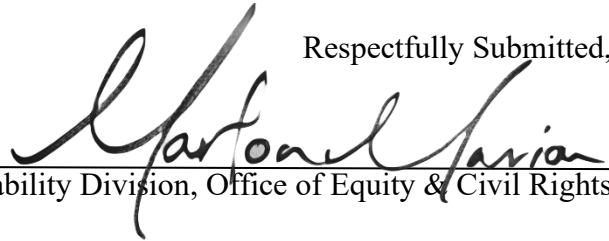
The PAD will continue to significantly support the PAB and the additional duties and increased workload required for a successful completion of PACT grant deliverables, as the end of the grant cycle nears.

## **CONCLUSION**

City Council Bill 26-0167 intends to further the initiatives by the Office of Equity and Civil Rights Police Accountability Division in support of the Baltimore City Police Accountability Board to further police accountability, community trust, and transparency through a Statewide Police Accountability Summit.

As such, the Office of Equity & Civil Rights Police Accountability Division respectfully requests a **favorable** committee report on City Council Bill 26-0167.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marlon Marion". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Marlon Marion, Chief, Police Accountability Division, Office of Equity & Civil Rights



CITY OF BALTIMORE  
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

<b>TO</b>	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
<b>FROM</b>	Bob Cename, Deputy Finance Director <i>Bob C</i>
<b>DATE</b>	April 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
<b>SUBJECT</b>	26-0167 Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Office of Equity and Civil Rights – \$204,750

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 26-0167, Supplementary State Fund Appropriation- Office of Equity and Civil Rights - \$204,750, the purpose of which is to increase the Fiscal Year 2026 appropriation of State Grant Funds by \$204,750 to Office of Equity and Civil Rights (OECR), Service SRV0849: Police Civilian Oversight.

**Background**

The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents a grant from the Maryland Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy. In Fiscal 2026, OECR did not have an appropriation for unallocated State grant funds. However, OECR received this grant for \$204,750 in State funds. This bill will make \$204,750 available to OECR- SRV0849 (Police Civilian Oversight) to support expenses related to operations, printing, digital services, venue space, and travel expenses for a gathering of Police Accountability Boards across Maryland.

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**

OECR requires supplemental appropriation due to an unanticipated grant. This supplemental appropriation of \$204,750 is necessary to accommodate these unbudgeted grant funds from the Maryland Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy.

**Conclusion**

This supplemental appropriation is required to authorize agency spending above the amount enacted in the Ordinance of Estimates and is necessary due to new grant funding from the Maryland Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy to support a statewide summit of Police Accountability Boards.

**For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance supports City Council Bill 26-0167.**

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 26-0167 – Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Office of  
Equity and Civil Rights – \$204,750

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department reviewed City Council Bill 26-0167 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$204,750 to the Office of Equity and Civil Rights – Service 849 (Police Civilian Oversight), to provide funding for travel and lodging, event space, guest speakers, and materials and equipment for the Police Accountability Board Summit, a gathering of up to 20 jurisdictions throughout the State of Maryland. The bill would take effect on its date of enactment.

Council Bill 26-0167 identifies the revenue appropriated as “a grant from the State of Maryland’s Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy 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 cursive script, appearing to read "Michele Toth".

Michele Toth  
Assistant Solicitor

cc: Ebony Thompson  
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