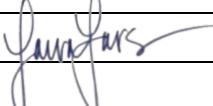




CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Laura Larsen, Budget Director 
DATE	October 21 st , 2024
SUBJECT	City Council Bills 24-0602, 24-0603, 24-0604, 24-0605, 24-0606, and 24-0607

Position: Support

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on the following City Council Bills 24-0602, 24-0603, 24-0604, 24-0605, 24-0606, and 24-0607. The purpose of these bills is to increase Fiscal 2025 appropriations by \$53.85 million.

Background

This package of bills seeks to appropriate \$53,850,000 from the City's unassigned fund balance for unplanned expenditures not included in the Fiscal 2025 Adopted Budget. This action recommends funding for a series of items that either:

1. Span multiple fiscal years; or,
2. Provide funding for items not included in the Fiscal 2025 Budget

This action is funded through General Fund's unrestricted fund balance. Funding for these items is one-time, any recurring funding for these items will need to be considered as part of the Fiscal 2026 budget planning process.

At the close of Fiscal 2023, the City's unassigned fund balance was \$167.3 million. If all proposed supplementals are adopted, the remaining unassigned fund balance will be \$115.4 million. Based on preliminary Fiscal 2024 yearend results, the unassigned fund balance is not projected to grow by a significant amount.

See below for a summary of individual items funded through the proposed supplemental budget actions.

City Council

Requested Supplemental Amount: \$5,250,000

This funding will support additional staffing and training costs and funding for grants to external grantee agencies.

Public Works

Requested Supplemental Amount: \$6,000,000

This funding will support additional staffing support for the Bureau of Solid Waste.

Department of Housing and Community Development

Requested Supplemental Amount: \$315,000

This funding will support additional staffing costs for Code Enforcement.

Mayoralty

Requested Supplemental Amount: \$350,0000

This funding will support various programming costs.

MR-Miscellaneous General Expenditures

Requested Supplemental Amount: \$39,990,000

This funding includes a series of items, including the following:

- Carry forward purchasing activity: 16,750,000
- Additional PAYGO capital: 12,220,000
- Economic Development commitments: 10,200,000
- Prior year commitments: 820,000

MR-Office of Small and Minority Business Advocacy and Development

Requested Supplemental Amount: \$315,000

This funding will support increased funding for annual grants for the City's Main Streets.

MR-Office of Neighborhood Safety Engagement

Requested Supplemental Amount: \$700,000

This funding will support additional staffing costs and a human trafficking grant program.

Recreation and Parks

Requested Supplemental Amount: \$905,000

This funding will support additional programming costs for afterschool programming at Recreation Centers along with additional funding for park maintenance and youth/adult sports programs.

Department of Transportation

Requested Supplemental Amount: \$25,000

This funding will be used for additional bridge assessments.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance supports City Council Bills 24-0602, 24-0603, 24-0604, 24-0605, 24-0606, and 24-0607.

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