

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 25-0129  
(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: November 24, 2025

Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Department of Recreation and Parks

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**A BILL ENTITLED**

1      AN ORDINANCE concerning

2      **Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation –  
3      Department of Recreation and Parks (Service 654 - Urban Forestry) – \$415,146**

4      FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the  
5      amount of \$415,146 to the Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654 (Urban  
6      Forestry), to provide funding for 2 positions, a job training program, and a green building  
7      class to expand the Camp Small wood-recycling operations in hopes of advancing  
8      Baltimore's sustainability and equity goals; 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 Department of  
16      Natural Resources' Community Forest Catalyst Fund 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 July 16, 2025, 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.

1                   **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That  
2                   \$415,146 shall be made available to the Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654  
3                   (Urban Forestry) as a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2026,  
4                   to provide funding for 2 positions, a job training program, and a green building class to expand  
5                   the Camp Small wood-recycling operations in hopes of advancing Baltimore's sustainability and  
6                   equity goals. The source of revenue for this appropriation is the grant from the State Department  
7                   of Natural Resources' Community Forest Catalyst Fund in excess of the amount from this source  
8                   that was relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the  
9                   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.