

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0125
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President

At the request of: The Administration (Department of Planning)

Introduced and read first time: November 10, 2025

Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Department of Planning

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Supplementary Department of Planning Project Fund Capital Appropriation –**
3 **Department of Planning – \$17,000,000**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Department of Planning Project Fund Capital
5 Appropriation in the amount of \$17,000,000 to the Department of Planning – PRJ003617
6 (Middle Branch Resiliency Initiative - MBRI), to support the South Baltimore Gateway
7 Partnership to design and construct the Smith Cove Project (SCP); and providing for a
8 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 of State funds in excess of the
16 revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the
17 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 November 5, 2025, 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.

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1 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
2 \$17,000,000 shall be made available to the Department of Planning – PRJ003617 (Middle
3 Branch Resiliency Initiative - MBRI) as a Supplementary Department of Planning Project Fund
4 Capital Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2026, to support the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership
5 to design and construct the Smith Cove Project (SCP). The source of revenue for this
6 appropriation is a grant of State funds in excess of the amount from this source that was relied on
7 by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal
8 Year 2026.

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