



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Bob Cename, Deputy Finance Director <i>Bob C</i>
DATE	April 13 th , 2026
SUBJECT	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.

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