



## MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Alice Kennedy, Acting Housing Commissioner

Date: October 6, 2021

### **Re: City Council Bill 21-0133 Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation – Department of Housing and Community Development – \$4,300,000**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0133 for the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$4,300,000 to the Department of Housing and Community Development - Service 809 (Retention, Expansion, and Attraction of Businesses), to provide funding for direct business assistance, personal protective equipment grants, and design work expenses resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic; and providing for a special effective date.

DHCD incurred unexpected expenditures from the COVID-19 pandemic making it necessary to provide funding for; direct business assistance, personal protective equipment grants, and design work expenses to the Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) under the DHCD umbrella to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This supplemental appropriation of \$4,300,000 is necessary to bring our FY21 budget into balance and accommodate for these unbudgeted costs. CARES Act funding will be used to cover these supplemental expenses. We look forward to attending the hearing and answering any questions the Council may have.

DHCD **supports** the passage of City Council Bill 21-0133.

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cc: Ms. Nina Themelis, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*

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