



TO: Board of Estimates, Office of Comptroller

FROM: AGC2300-BBMR - Bureau of Budget Management Research

DATE: 04/21/2026

Submission #: SB-26-10401

SUBJECT: FY26 Budget Supplemental for Grant Award - FY26 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

ACTION REQUESTED OF BOARD OF ESTIMATES:

The Board is requested to approve a Supplemental Appropriation for the Sheriff's Office.

PERIOD OF CONTRACT/AGREEMENT: 07/01/2025 to 06/30/2026

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDS:

Transaction Amount: \$ 100,000.00

Project Fund	Amount
5000-GRT003260-CCA000997	\$ 100,000.00

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The Board is being asked to approve a supplemental appropriation to fund the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy's Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG) which will assist in launching the Neighborhood Services Unit (NSU). This initiative, established under House Bill 1293, advances the Sheriff's vision of "leaning into public safety" by merging enforcement with proactive, community-centered engagement.

The grant purpose is to support NSU by improving neighborhood safety and cohesion by addressing persistent public nuisances and environmental factors that contribute to crime:

- Target nuisance violations such as illegal alcohol, cannabis, and tobacco sales to minors.
- Enforce violations connected to human trafficking and prostitution linked to gang activity.
- Address illegal dumping and environmental blight that erode community confidence and impacts crime (Just like we spoke about Deputies appearance and cars looking clean/nice, litter and dumping also attract crime which is evidence based).
- Remove abandoned and derelict vehicles using a flatbed tow truck operated by Sheriff's deputies.
- Maintain a visible, trusted presence through 344+ annual community events citywide.

The grant prioritizes collaboration, problem-solving, and transparency, ensuring that deputies are not only enforcing the law but also serving as community partners in public safety.

The Board approved this grant award on 2/18/2026.

SMBA&D Participation not required / Pass-through of state and/or federal funds

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

EMPLOY BALTIMORE:	LIVING WAGE:	LOCAL HIRING:	PREVAILING WAGE:
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1% FOR PUBLIC ART: N/A.

ENDORSEMENTS:

Finance (BBMR) has reviewed and approved for funds.



Clerk, Board of Estimates

04-15-2026