

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 25-0125**

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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

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Committee Report: Favorable  
Council action: Adopted  
Read second time: January 12, 2026

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

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

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Department of Planning Project Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$17,000,000 to the Department of Planning – PRJ003617 (Middle Branch Resiliency Initiative - MBRI), to support the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership to design and construct the Smith Cove Project (SCP); and providing for a special effective date.

BY authority of  
Article VI - Board of Estimates  
Section 8(b)(2)(ii) and (c)  
Baltimore City Charter  
(1996 Edition)

**Recitals**

The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents a grant of State funds in excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

That grant could not have been expected with reasonable certainty when the Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2026 was formulated.

On November 5, 2025, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City Council.

**EXPLANATION:** CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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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.

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Certified as duly passed this 9th day of February, 2026

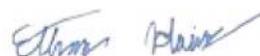


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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 10th day of February, 2026



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Chief Clerk

Approved this 24 day of February, 2026



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Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency,

this 10th day of February, 2026



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Chief Solicitor