

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0027R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Ramos

Cosponsored by: President Cohen and Councilmembers Parker, Conway, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Blanchard, Jones, and Porter

Introduced and read first time: May 12, 2025

Assigned to: Education, Youth, and Older Adults Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of Housing and Community Development, Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, Mayor's Office of Older Adults Affairs and Advocacy

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

Informational Hearing – Home Repair Assistance for Older Adults

FOR the purpose of inviting the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development, the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, the Mayor's Office of Older Adults Affairs and Advocacy, and relevant stakeholders to provide an update to the City Council on the status of home repair assistance programs for older adults in the City.

Recitals

Baltimore has a significant number of older adults aging in place. Not only is it important for the City's older adults to age in place with dignity, assisting these citizens with home repairs is a vacant property prevention strategy.

Programs like Housing Upgrades to Benefit Seniors (HUBS) and the LIGHT program assist residents who are aging in place and cannot afford major home repairs. These and other programs have been operating for several years and have helped hundreds of residents in Baltimore's neighborhoods.

The City Council is interested in understanding the current needs of older adults aging in place, the work of the HUBS and LIGHT programs and their predecessors, funding needs for these and related programs, and improvements that can be made to serve more residents. Specifically, the Council would like to know:

- (a) the number and type of home repair projects conducted by these programs each year since 2015;
- (b) the amount of funding that was allocated from the American Rescue Plan Act and other City sources, both operating and capital;
- (c) the current backlog of cases and estimated wait times;
- (d) the time line for a home repair request from intake to completion and whether this time line aligns with best practices;
- (e) existing obstacles to assisting homeowners to help repair their homes; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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(f) any other questions posed by the members of the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the City Council invites the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development, the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, the Mayor's Office of Older Adults Affairs and Advocacy, and relevant stakeholders to provide an update to the City Council on the status of home repair assistance programs for older adults in the City.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Commission of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Older Adults Affairs and Advocacy, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.