



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Bob Cenname, Deputy Finance Director <i>Bob Cenname</i>
DATE	May 11 th , 2026
SUBJECT	26-0186 Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation – Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office – \$612,096

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 26-0186, Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation - Sheriff - \$612,096, the purpose of which is to increase the Fiscal Year 2026 appropriation of Special Revenue Fund by \$612,096 to Sheriff, Service 882: Deputy Sheriff Enforcement.

Background

The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents an Equitable Sharing Agreement with the United States Department of Justice. In Fiscal 2026, the Sheriff’s Office did not have an appropriation for unallocated Special Revenue Funds. However, the Sheriff’s Office received these funds through an Equitable Sharing Agreement for \$612,096 in Special Revenue Funds. This bill will make \$612,096 available to Sheriff-Service 882 (Deputy Sheriff Enforcement) to support a wide range of law enforcement needs, including investigations, training, facilities, equipment, travel, and operational costs.

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

The Sheriff requires supplemental appropriation due to an Equitable Sharing Agreement with the United States Department of Justice. This supplemental appropriation of \$612,096 is necessary to accommodate these unbudgeted revenues. The funds from the Equitable Sharing Agreement will be used to cover these supplemental expenses.

Conclusion

This supplemental appropriation is required to authorize agency spending beyond the amount enacted in the Ordinance of Estimates and is necessary due to new revenue.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance supports City Council Bill 26-0186.

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