



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	April 13 th , 2026
SUBJECT	26-0170 Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Department of Public Works – \$2,177,758

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 26-0170, Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Department of Public Works – \$2,177,758, the purpose of which is to increase the Fiscal Year 2026 appropriation of State Grant Funds by \$2,177,758 to Department of Public Works, Service SRV0673: Wastewater Management.

Background

The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents a grant from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). In Fiscal 2026, the Department of Public Works (DPW) did not have an appropriation for unallocated State grant funds. However, DPW received this grant for \$2,177,758 in State funds. This bill will make \$2,177,758 available to DPW-Service 673 (Wastewater Management) for Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) operations and maintenance and repair activities at the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

DPW requires supplemental appropriation due to an unanticipated grant. This supplemental appropriation of \$2,177,758 is necessary to accommodate these unbudgeted grant funds from the Maryland Department of the Environment.

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 grant funding from the Maryland Department of

the Environment to support Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) operations and maintenance and repair activities at the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance supports City Council Bill 26-0170.

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