

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 13-0281
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
Introduced and read first time: October 21, 2013
Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Department of Finance, Board of Estimates, Department of Recreation and Parks

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation –**
3 **Department of Recreation and Parks – \$200,000**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the
5 amount of \$200,000 to the Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654 (Urban
6 Forestry), to provide funding to allow the Department of Recreation and Parks to collaborate
7 with multiple partners, including Baltimore City Public Schools, to create a system-wide
8 process that merges existing Maryland Service-Learning standards with new Environmental
9 Literacy standards, to apply to park and schoolyard restorations; and providing for a special
10 effective date.

11 BY authority of
12 Article VI - Board of Estimates
13 Section 8(b)(2) and (c)
14 Baltimore City Charter
15 (1996 Edition)

16 **Recitals**

17 The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents a grant from the Maryland
18 Department of Natural Resources Students Restoring Urban Streams Initiative, in excess of the
19 revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the
20 budget for Fiscal Year 2014.

21 That grant could not have been expected with reasonable certainty when the Ordinance of
22 Estimates for Fiscal Year 2014 was formulated.

23 On October 9, 2013, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City
24 Council.

25 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
26 \$200,000 shall be made available to the Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654
27 (Urban Forestry) as a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation for Fiscal Year

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 2014, to provide funding to allow the Department of Recreation and Parks to collaborate with
2 multiple partners, including Baltimore City Public Schools, to create a system-wide process that
3 merges existing Maryland Service-Learning standards with new Environmental Literacy
4 standards, to apply to park and schoolyard restorations. The source of revenue for this
5 appropriation is the grant from Maryland Department of Natural Resources Students Restoring
6 Urban Streams Initiative in excess of the amount from this source that was relied on by the Board
7 of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2014.

8 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
9 enacted.