



# **BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

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*The Budget and Appropriations Committee is responsible for ensuring taxpayer dollars are expended prudently and equitably. BA will exercise regular oversight of the funding and spending practices of City agencies, the City's budget, expenditures, loans, and other financial matters. The committee's areas of jurisdiction include all budgets & appropriations, taxation, financial services, consumer protection, audits, and the Comptroller's Office.*

**The Honorable Danielle McCray**

**CHAIR**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Thursday, May 14, 2026**

**1:00 PM**

**CLARENCE "DU" BURNS COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

*26-0166*

*Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Circuit  
Court for Baltimore City – \$784,251*

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**BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE****The Honorable Danielle McCray  
CHAIR****Bill Hearing***26-0166**Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Circuit Court for Baltimore City – \$784,251*

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Purpose of providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$784,251 to the Circuit Court for Baltimore City – Service 110 (Circuit Court), to provide funding for the installation of aluminum storefront framing and Level 3 bullet-resistant glazing at doors and service windows in multiple locations within the Mitchell and Cummings Courthouses, and the installation of an audiovisual intercom system to enable communication through bullet-resistant materials; and providing for a special effective date.

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***REPORTING AGENCIES***

Circuit Court for Baltimore City	
Baltimore City Sheriff's Office	Favorable
Department of Finance	Favorable
Law Department	Approved for Form & Legal Sufficiency

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***BACKGROUND***

The Circuit Court for Baltimore City received a grant for \$784,251 in State funds. This bill will make \$784,251 available to Circuit Court for Baltimore City-Service 110 (Circuit Court) for the installation of aluminum storefront framing and Level 3 bullet-resistant glazing at doors and service windows in multiple locations within the Mitchell and Cummings Courthouses, and the installation of an audiovisual intercom system to enable communication through bullet-resistant materials.

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***FISCAL NOTE***

An additional \$784,251 has been appropriated to the Circuit Court for Baltimore City for Fiscal Year 2026. This adjustment is necessary to incorporate unanticipated grant funding received from the State of Maryland.

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**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 26-0166  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)  
Introduced and read first time: April 6, 2026  
Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Sheriff's Office

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation –**  
3 **Circuit Court for Baltimore City – \$784,251**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the  
5 amount of \$784,251 to the Circuit Court for Baltimore City – Service 110 (Circuit Court), to  
6 provide funding for the installation of aluminum storefront framing and Level 3  
7 bullet-resistant glazing at doors and service windows in multiple locations within the  
8 Mitchell and Cummings Courthouses, and the installation of an audiovisual intercom system  
9 to enable communication through bullet-resistant materials; and providing for a special  
10 effective date.

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

16 **Recitals**

17 The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents a grant from the State of Maryland's  
18 Administrative Office of the Courts in excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates  
19 in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

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

22 On February 4, 2026, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City  
23 Council.

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

**Council Bill 26-0166**

1       **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That  
2       \$784,251 shall be made available to the Circuit Court for Baltimore City – Service 110  
3       (Circuit Court) as a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2026, to  
4       provide funding for the installation of aluminum storefront framing and Level 3 bullet-resistant  
5       glazing at doors and service windows in multiple locations within the Mitchell and Cummings  
6       Courthouses, and the installation of an audiovisual intercom system to enable communication  
7       through bullet-resistant materials. The source of revenue for this appropriation is the grant from  
8       the State of Maryland’s Administrative Office of the Courts in excess of the amount from this  
9       source that was relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to  
10      balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

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

# BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL



## BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

26-0166

*Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Circuit  
Court for Baltimore City – \$784,251*

# Agency Reports

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CITY OF BALTIMORE

BRANDON M. SCOTT,  
Mayor



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May 7, 2026

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 26-0166 – Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Circuit Court  
for Baltimore City – \$784,251

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department reviewed City Council Bill 26-0166 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$784,251 to the Circuit Court for Baltimore City – Service 110 (Circuit Court), to provide funding for the installation of aluminum storefront framing and Level 3 bullet-resistant glazing at doors and service windows in multiple locations within the Mitchell and Cummings Courthouses, and the installation of an audiovisual intercom system to enable communication through bullet-resistant materials. The bill would take effect on its date of enactment.

Council Bill 26-0166 identifies the revenue appropriated as “a grant from the State of Maryland’s Administrative Office of the Courts 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.” The grant could not have been expected with reasonable certainty at the time the Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2026 was formulated, and the bill has been recommended by the Board of Estimates to the City Council. The Council bill cites as authority for the supplementary appropriation Section 8(b)(2)(ii) of Article VI of the City Charter. This section provides that grants from private or governmental sources that could not be expected with reasonable certainty at the time the Ordinance of Estimates was formulated may be made available to the appropriate municipal agency for expenditure.

A supplementary appropriation must be recommended by the Board of Estimates and approved by the Mayor and City Council via an ordinance. The ordinance must identify the source of the funds and may only involve a “single program, purpose, activity or project.” City Charter, Art. VI, § 8(c). Since the bill meets these requirements, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michele Toth".

Michele Toth  
Assistant Solicitor

cc: Ebony Thompson  
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CITY OF BALTIMORE  
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

<b>TO</b>	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
<b>FROM</b>	Bob Cename, Deputy Finance Director <i>Bob C</i>
<b>DATE</b>	April 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
<b>SUBJECT</b>	26-0166, Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Circuit Court for Baltimore City – \$784,251

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 26-0166, Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation- Circuit Court for Baltimore City - \$784,251, the purpose of which is to increase the Fiscal 2026 appropriation of State Funds by \$784,251 for Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Service 110: Circuit Court.

**Background**

The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents a grant from the State of Maryland’s Administrative Office of the Courts. In Fiscal 2026, the Circuit Court for Baltimore City did not have an appropriation for unallocated State grant funds. However, the Circuit Court for Baltimore City received this grant for \$784,251 in State funds. This bill will make \$784,251 available to Circuit Court for Baltimore City-Service 110 (Circuit Court) for the installation of aluminum storefront framing and Level 3 bullet-resistant glazing at doors and service windows in multiple locations within the Mitchell and Cummings Courthouses, and the installation of an audiovisual intercom system to enable communication through bullet-resistant materials.

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**

Circuit Court for Baltimore City requires supplemental appropriation due to an unanticipated grant. This supplemental appropriation of \$784,251 is necessary to accommodate these unbudgeted grant funds from the State of Maryland’s Administrative Office of the Courts.

**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 State of Maryland’s

Administrative Office of the Courts to support security upgrades to the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

**For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance supports City Council Bill 26-0166.**

cc: Michael Mocksten  
Nina Themelis