



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Bob Cennane, Deputy Finance Director <i>Bob Cennane</i>
DATE	April 13 th , 2026
SUBJECT	26-0171 Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Office of the State’s Attorney – \$2,000,000

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 26-0171, Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation- Office of the State's Attorney - \$2,000,000, the purpose of which is to increase the Fiscal Year 2026 appropriation of State Funds by \$2,000,000 to AGC6900 - State's Attorney, SRV0786 Victim and Witness Services.

Background

The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents a grant from the Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy. In Fiscal 2026, the Office of the State's Attorney did not have an appropriation for unallocated State. However, the Office of the State's Attorney received this grant for \$2,000,000 in State funds. This bill will make \$2,000,000 available to Office of the State's Attorney- SRV0786 (Victim and Witness Services) to provide funding for personnel, travel, relocation assistance, and other items to help support the State's Attorney's victim witness program.

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

Office of the State's Attorney requires supplemental appropriation due to an unanticipated grant. This supplemental appropriation of \$2,000,000 is necessary to accommodate these unbudgeted revenues. The grant from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy 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 to support the State's Attorney's victim witness program.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance supports City Council Bill 26-0171.

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