

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 08-0118
(First Reader)**

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Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice,
Office of Neighborhoods, Police Department, Department of Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Confiscated Assets for Neighborhoods**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a grant program to fund community-based safety initiatives;
4 providing for the funding of the program and the allocation of those funds; directing the
5 Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice to administer the program and to adopt rules and
6 regulation further defining program elements; providing for a special effective date; and
7 generally relating to the Confiscated Assets for Neighborhoods Grant Program.

8 By adding

9 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
10 Section(s) 25-1 to 25-6, to be under the new subtitle,
11 "Subtitle 25. Confiscated Assets for Neighborhoods"
12 Baltimore City Code
13 (Edition 2000)

14 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
15 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

16 **Baltimore City Code**

17 **Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies**

18 **SUBTITLE 25. CONFISCATED ASSETS FOR NEIGHBORHOODS**

19 **§ 25-1. PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.**

20 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

21 THERE IS A CONFISCATED ASSETS FOR NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT PROGRAM IN THE
22 MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

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

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1 (B) *PURPOSE.*

2 THE PURPOSE OF THE GRANT PROGRAM IS TO FUND COMMUNITY-BASED SAFETY
3 INITIATIVES.

4 **§ 25-2. FUNDING.**

5 (A) *SOURCE OF FUNDING.*

6 FUNDING FOR THE GRANTS PROGRAM SHALL DERIVE FROM A PORTION OF ALL MONEY
7 CONFISCATED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FORFEITED TO THE MAYOR AND CITY
8 COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, AS APPROPRIATED IN THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES.

9 (B) *ALLOCATION AMONG POLICE DISTRICTS.*

10 EACH YEAR, THIS FUNDING SHALL BE ALLOCATED AMONG THE VARIOUS POLICE
11 DISTRICTS, PRORATED GENERALLY ACCORDING TO THE PERCENTAGE THAT MONEY
12 CONFISCATED FROM A DISTRICT IN THE PRECEDING YEAR BEARS TO ALL MONEY
13 CONFISCATED CITYWIDE IN THAT YEAR.

14 **§ 25-3. APPLICATIONS.**

15 (A) *ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.*

16 ANY ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OR OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED
17 ORGANIZATION ACTIVE WITHIN A POLICE DISTRICT MAY APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE
18 FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THAT DISTRICT.

19 (B) *FORM.*

20 THE APPLICATION SHALL CONTAIN THE INFORMATION AND BE IN THE FORM THAT THE
21 MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE REQUIRES.

22 **§ 25-4. REVIEW BY COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL.**

23 (A) *REFERRAL TO COUNCIL.*

24 EACH APPLICATION FOR AVAILABLE GRANT MONEY IN A POLICE DISTRICT SHALL BE
25 REFERRED FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION TO THAT DISTRICT'S COMMUNITY
26 RELATIONS COUNCIL.

27 (B) *RECOMMENDATION BY COUNCIL.*

28 THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
29 MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

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1 **§ 25-5. DECISIONS BY OFFICE.**

2 (A) *OFFICE TO MAKE ALL DECISIONS.*

3 THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SHALL MAKE ALL DECISIONS APPROVING OR
4 DISAPPROVING AN APPLICATION AND, MAKING A GRANT, MAY IMPOSE ANY LIMITATIONS
5 OR CONDITIONS THAT IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE.

6 (B) *OFFICE'S DECISIONS FINAL.*

7 ALL DECISIONS OF THE OFFICE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE ARE FINAL AND NON-APPEALABLE.

8 **§ 25-6. RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

9 (A) *OFFICE TO ADOPT.*

10 THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO
11 CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE AND THE GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER IT.

12 (B) *SCOPE.*

13 AMONG OTHER THINGS, THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS MAY FURTHER DEFINE:

14 (1) WORDS OR PHRASES USED IN THIS SUBTITLE;

15 (2) QUALIFICATIONS FOR GRANT APPLICANTS;

16 (3) PROCEDURES FOR AWARDING GRANTS; AND

17 (4) PROCEDURES FOR MONITORING THE USE OF GRANT FUNDS.

18 (C) *FILING.*

19 A COPY OF ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED OR AMENDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE
20 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BEFORE THEY
21 BECOME EFFECTIVE.

22 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
23 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
24 Ordinance.

25 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it
26 is enacted.