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	<b>AGENCY NAME &amp; ADDRESS</b>	Bureau of the Budget and Management Research Room 469, City Hall		
	<b>SUBJECT</b>	City Council Bill 24-0477 – Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation-Department of General Services-\$8,700,000		

DATE:

**TO**

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall, Room 400

January 23, 2024

**Position: Support**

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 24-0477, Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation- Department of General Services -\$8,700,000, the purpose of which is to increase the Fiscal Year 2024 appropriation of funds by \$8,700,000 to the Department of General Services, Service 734: Capital Projects Division – Design and Construction.

**Background**

Baltimore City experienced a strong economic rebound in Fiscal Year 2023 as a result of unanticipated revenue increases from income investment earnings. The City ended the Fiscal Year with a surplus of \$90.4 million. Most of these funds were allocated to balance the budgets of various agencies to ensure the City ended the Fiscal Year in balance. The remaining funds are proposed to be used for the Department of General Services for emergency repairs to the Baltimore Police Department headquarters’ parking garage.

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. These supplemental appropriations are required to meet the Charter requirements to provide funding for this new capital project.

**Fiscal Impact**

The Department of General Services requires supplemental appropriation for emergency repairs to the Baltimore Police Department headquarters’ parking garage. This supplemental appropriation of \$8,700,000 is necessary to accommodate these costs. Surplus General Funds from Fiscal Year 2023 will be used to cover these supplemental expenses.

**Conclusion**

These supplemental appropriations are required to meet the Charter mandate to authorizing spending on new capital projects. These appropriations will be funded from General Fund from Fiscal 2023.

**For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance supports City Council Bill 24-0477.**

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