



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Mary Beth Haller, Interim Commissioner of Health, Baltimore City Health Department
CC	Mayor's Office of Government Relations
DATE	January 24, 2025
SUBJECT	25-0011 – Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation – Baltimore City Health Department – \$500,000

Position: Favorable

BILL SYNOPSIS

This ordinance seeks to provide a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$500,000 to the Baltimore City Health Department – Service 715 (Health - Administration), to provide funding for planning costs for a replacement facility for the Westside clinic.

SUMMARY OF POSITION

The Druid Health Clinic, located at 1515 W. North Avenue, has been in continuous operation since 1960 serving clients from across Baltimore City and providing critical healthcare, particularly to those who are uninsured or underinsured. Unfortunately, building and infrastructure age combined with such sustained use have resulted in structural failures and facility systems that are now classified as “beyond their useful life,” requiring more than normal maintenance service for continued operation. Additionally, the building is not up to code in several regards, including the presence of asbestos tile and several office spaces not meeting code in terms of door size and accessibility.

In addition, health needs and programming have grown beyond what was originally provided in the space. To truly serve our residents, the size of the physical plant must increase and an improved design must be created to reflect the current standards of wellness care. This can best be done through relocation and construction or renovation of a different site.

FISCAL IMPACT

This appropriation will be used for planning costs for a new facility.

AMENDMENTS

None.