

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0047
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
Introduced and read first time: March 24, 2025
Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Supplementary Federal Fund Operating Appropriation – M-R Office of Employment**
3 **Development – Service 795 (Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents) – \$206,822**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Federal Fund Operating Appropriation in the
5 amount of \$206,822 to the M-R Office of Employment Development – Service 795
6 (Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents), to provide funding for a Recovery-Friendly
7 Workplace pilot (RFW) to educate the business community about the benefits of providing
8 resources for employees struggling with substance use disorder, and for job seekers in
9 recovery that have barriers to employment because of their previous struggles with substance
10 use; and providing for a special 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 federal funding from the Maryland
18 Department of Health’s Office of Overdose Response in excess of the revenue relied on by the
19 Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year
20 2025.

21 That funding could not have been expected with reasonable certainty when the Ordinance of
22 Estimates for Fiscal Year 2025 was formulated.

23 On February 19, 2025, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City
24 Council.

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

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1 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
2 \$206,822 shall be made available to the M-R Office of Employment Development – Service 795
3 (Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents) as a Supplementary Federal Fund Operating
4 Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2025, to provide funding for a Recovery-Friendly Workplace pilot
5 (RFW) to educate the business community about the benefits of providing resources for
6 employees struggling with substance use disorder, and for job seekers in recovery that have
7 barriers to employment because of their previous struggles with substance use. The source of
8 revenue for this appropriation is the federal funding from the Maryland Department of Health’s
9 Office of Overdose Response in excess of the amount from this source that was relied on by the
10 Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year
11 2025.

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