



CITY OF BALTIMORE  
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

<b>TO</b>	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
<b>FROM</b>	Shamiah T. Kerney, Chief Recovery Officer, MORP
<b>CC</b>	Mayor's Office of Government Relations
<b>DATE</b>	February 6, 2025
<b>SUBJECT</b>	25-0008 - Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation

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**Position: Favorable**

**BILL SYNOPSIS**

The bill provides Opioid Restitution Settlement funds for the Mayor's Office of Recovery Programs.

**SUMMARY OF POSITION**

This funding will be used to fund three new positions within the Mayor's Office of Recovery Programs and provide partial funding the Chief Recovery Officer and Deputy Director. These positions will be responsible for coordinating with non-profits organizations receiving funding through the Opioid Restitution Fund. This funding also includes upfront payments for the non-profit organizations specifically named in settlement documents. Future year budgets will include the remaining balance of these grant awards.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The Mayor's Office of Recovery Program is solely funded by the American Rescue Plan Act—a federal grant used to establish this office. Federal grant rules prohibit the use of federal grant dollars for purposes other than to administer the federal grant funded activity. As such, the Recovery Office staff that work on activities outside of ARPA cannot be compensated using this grant. The opioid restitution funds are a necessary funding source to compensate staff that will be working on opioid related issues and to ensure compliance with federal grants management rules.

**AMENDMENTS**

*No amendments requested.*