

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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March 8, 2016

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 16-0628 – Supplementary Federal Fund Operating  
Appropriation – Health Department – \$6,833,333

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0628 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$6,833,333 to the Baltimore City Health Department. The bill has an immediate effective date.

The City Charter establishes the criteria for making supplementary appropriations. City Charter, Art. VI, §8. Section 8(b)(2) of Article VI of the City Charter permits such a supplementary appropriation when it is made necessary by a government grant that could not reasonably have been anticipated at the time the Ordinance of Estimates was formulated. The supplementary appropriation must be recommended by the Board of Estimates and must be approved by the Mayor and City Council via an ordinance, which may only encompass a “single program, purpose, activity or project.” This is the appropriate method to accept this federal grant from the Centers for Disease Control.

The Law Department approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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Chief Solicitor

cc: George Nilson, City Solicitor  
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