



CITY OF BALTIMORE  
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

<b>TO</b>	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
<b>FROM</b>	Ernestina Simmons, Executive Director, Mayor's office of Homeless Services
<b>CC</b>	Mayor's Office of Government Relations
<b>DATE</b>	May 12, 2026
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Bill Report- BILL 26-0168

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**Position: Favorable**

**BILL SYNOPSIS**

*The Mayor's Office of Homeless Services is the collaborative applicant for the Continuum of Care. As a result, our agency receives direct funding from federal, state and local government agencies to assist the City of Baltimore in providing services that includes rental assistance and supportive services for clients that are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.*

*The Mayor's Office of Homeless Services has increased our partnership with Baltimore City Department of Social Services by working to provide housing and supportive services for transitional aged youth (ages 18-21) as they age of foster care.*

*This funding is intended to support long-term housing stability for homeless youth and families by providing sustained case management and supportive services over a multi-year period for youth that are referred to two housing programs that are administered by the Housing Authority of Baltimore City (Restoration Gardens and Geraldine Young Family Life Center).*

*Through this investment, the City will be able to connect vulnerable populations, particularly transitional-aged youth, former foster youth, and families at risk of displacement, to resources such as housing support, employment assistance, and essential life skills, helping them achieve self-sufficiency. The multi-year structure of the funding allows for consistent service delivery and deeper impact, ensuring individuals and families not only secure housing but maintain it over time.*

**Restoration Gardens** will provide permanent housing to 44 transitional aged youth. This funding will enable the program to provide critical services that includes supportive services.

*Geraldine Young Family Life Center will serve 12 parenting youth with transitional housing and supportive services. Upon successful completion of the program, youth will be connected to permanent housing vouchers.*

## **SUMMARY OF POSITION**

*This funding will strengthen the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services' ability to deliver sustained, wraparound support to some of the City's most vulnerable populations, particularly youth and families at risk of or experiencing homelessness. Operationally, it will require ongoing coordination with the Baltimore City Department of Social Services and contracted providers, including procurement, contract management, performance monitoring, and compliance oversight over the five-year term. Programmatically, the funding enhances the agency's case management infrastructure by expanding services that focus on housing stability, employment, and family preservation, allowing for more intensive and longer-term engagement with clients. It also supports alignment with existing initiatives aimed at making homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring by reinforcing permanent housing outcomes rather than short-term interventions. Overall, the multi-year funding provides stability for program planning and execution while requiring consistent administrative oversight to ensure performance goals and service delivery standards are met.*

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

*This funding will not impact the General Fund. The \$2.5 million grant, distributed over five years, is fully supported by external state funding and includes administrative costs within the awarded budget, which will be used to support existing staff managing grant-funded programs rather than requiring new hires. From a fiscal standpoint, the majority of funds will be allocated toward contracted case management and supportive services delivered through external providers, with procurement processes already aligned to support vendor selection and oversight. There are no anticipated equipment costs beyond standard operational needs, and existing infrastructure will be utilized to manage reporting, compliance, and performance tracking. Overall, the funding allows us to provide youth with more permanent housing opportunities as they exit foster care without creating additional financial burden on City resources by maximizing opportunities to partner with local government agencies.*

## **AMENDMENTS**

*No Amendments*