



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 8, 2021  
**TO:** Education, Workforce, and Youth Committee  
**FROM:** Colin Tarbert, President and CEO  
**POSITION:** Support  
**SUBJECT:** Council Bill No. 21-0022R  
Assisting Baltimore City Artists

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to respond to City Council Bill No. 21-0022R introduced by Councilmembers Dorsey, Burnett, Cohen, and Middleton.

### **PURPOSE**

This Resolution calls on the Administration, if it receives future COVID-19 relief funds from the United States Congress, to invest a minimum of \$1,000,000 to establish an emergency fund to assist Baltimore City artists.

### **BRIEF HISTORY**

Independent artists make up a unique part of the City's workforce, many being self-employed and freelance workers. Due to these distinctions, many of the individuals that make up the artist workforce have gone without regular or pandemic unemployment assistance.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None

### **AGENCY POSITION**

BDC **supports** City Council Bill No. 21-0022R.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kimberly Clark at [kclark@baltimoredevelopment.com](mailto:kclark@baltimoredevelopment.com) or at 410-837-9305.

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