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BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Mission Statement

The Budget and Appropriations Committee (BA) is responsible for ensuring taxpayer dollars are expended prudently and equitably. BA will exercise regular oversight of the funding and spending practices of City agencies, the City's budget, expenditures, loans, and other financial matters. The committee's areas of jurisdiction include all budgets & appropriations, taxation, financial services, consumer protection, audits, and the Comptroller's Office.

The Honorable Danielle McCray

Chairwoman

PUBLIC HEARING

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025

9:10 AM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- Council Bill 25-0045 - Supplementary **State Fund Operating** Appropriation – Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654 (Urban Forestry) – **\$90,000**
- Council Bill 25-0046 - Supplementary **State Fund Operating** Appropriation – Health Department (Service 723 - Advocacy for Seniors) – **\$90,236**
- Council Bill 25-0047 - Supplementary **Federal Fund Operating** Appropriation – M-R Office of Employment Development – Service 795 (Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents) – **\$206,822**
- Council Bill 25-0048 - Supplementary **Federal Fund Operating** Appropriation – M-R Office of Employment Development – Service 795 (Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents) – **\$1,375,655**

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BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Budget and Appropriations

Bill Numbers 25-0045 through 25-0048

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Sponsor: President Cohen at the request of the Department of Finance (Administration)

Introduced: March 24, 2025

Purpose:

See attachments along with the First Reader Copies.

Effective: **On the date it is enacted** – All Bills Herewith

Agency Reports

See attached paperwork

Analysis

Current Law

§ 8. Deficiencies; Supplementary appropriations.

(b) *Supplementary appropriations* — when authorized.

(2) Additional appropriations are permitted during the fiscal year only in the following circumstances and under the following conditions:

(iii) *Material changes; new programs.*

Further appropriations for programs included in the proposed Ordinance of Estimates made necessary by a material change in circumstances, or additional appropriations for new programs that could not reasonably be anticipated at the time of the formulation of the proposed Ordinance of Estimates may be made available to the appropriate municipal agency for expenditure by a supplementary appropriation ordinance recommended to the City Council by the Board of Estimates, duly passed by the City Council by a vote of three-fourths of its members and approved by the Mayor.

(c) *Supplementary appropriations – Requisites of ordinance.*



Every such further or additional appropriation shall be embodied in a separate ordinance limited to a single program, purpose, activity or project therein stated, and each such supplementary appropriation ordinance shall also, anything contained in the Charter to the contrary notwithstanding, provide the revenue necessary to pay the appropriation by a source, other than the full rate property tax, imposed under the authority of Article II. The revenue shall be levied and collected as directed in the ordinance. The estimate of the revenues to be derived from any source proposed in a supplementary appropriation ordinance shall be made by the Board of Estimates.

Background

All four (4) Supplementary Fund Operating Appropriations are granted funded. **See attached information regarding the grants.**

Once approved by the City Council and enacted by the Mayor it will complete the process necessary to allow the funds to be allocated as requested.

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: Grants

Information Source(s): Baltimore City Charter, Board of Estimates Agenda(s), Council Bills 25-0045 through 25-0048 and all agency reports received as of this writing.

Analysis by: Marguerite M. Currin
Analysis Date: May 2, 2025

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Supplemental Appropriations 25-0045 through 25-0048

TWO (2) SUPPLEMENTARY STATE FUND OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS

- **25-0045** - Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654 (Urban Forestry) – **\$90,000**
 - This grant, received from the State of Maryland will be used to address deer overpopulation and to hire one person in a contractual position to conduct deer population surveys in eight (8) parks (Gwynn Falls Leakin, Druid Hill, Hanlon, Ft. Armistead, Herring Run, Moore's Run, Power Mill and Farring Baybrook).¹

Additionally, a local match of \$150,000 will be provided by the Office of Sustainability for the Gwynn Falls Leakin Park deer enclosure fence and native plants.

Law Department	Favorable - approved for form & legal sufficiency
Finance Department	Favorable
Board of Estimates	Approved on February 7, 2025

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- **25-0046** - Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Health Department (Service 723 - Advocacy for Seniors) – **\$90,236**
 - This grant is for a new program, authorized by State legislation, was initiated by and received from the Maryland Department of Aging for the Long-Term Care and Dementia Care Navigation program which provides support for dementia related information and assistance, dementia preventive programs, caregiver support, and staff training. Period covered: 7/1/24 through 6/30/25.²

Note: Notification of the Grant Award was received late which delayed processing.

Law Department	Favorable - approved for form & legal sufficiency
Finance Department	Favorable
Board of Estimates	Approved on October 2, 2024

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TWO (2) SUPPLEMENTARY FEDERAL FUND OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS

- **25-0047** - Supplementary Federal Fund Operating Appropriation – M-R Office of Employment Development (MOED) – Service 795 (Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents) – **\$206,822**
 - This grant is from the Maryland Office of Overdose Response (MOOR). The grant will allow MOED to better define how the job developer(s) engages with the larger MOED business service teams and to determine how best to absorb this role into the City's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WOA) funding while continuing to specialize in serving people in recovery and educating business on the Recovery-Friendly Workplaces (RFW).³

¹ Board of Estimates Agenda, dated February 5, 2025

² Board of Estimates Agenda, dated October 2, 2025

³ Board of Estimates Agenda, dated February 19, 2025

Law Department	Favorable - approved for form & legal sufficiency
Finance Department	Favorable
Board of Estimates	Approved on February 19, 2025

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- 25-0048 - Supplementary Federal Fund Operating Appropriation – M-R Office of Employment Development (MOED) – Service 795 (Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents) – \$1,375,655
 - This grant, Fiscal Years 2024, 2025 and 2026 Key Bridge Disaster Recovery Grant is from the Maryland Department of Labor. The funds will provide case management, barrier removal, supportive services, and skills training to workers dislocated by the disaster, as well as occupational skills training to prepare workers to assist with disaster recovery efforts and, eventually, the reconstruction of the bridge.⁴

Law Department	Favorable - approved for form & legal sufficiency
Finance Department	Favorable
Board of Estimates	Approved on February 19, 2025

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⁴ Board of Estimates Agenda, dated February 19, 2025

AGENCY REPORTS

Bills 25-0045 through 25-0048

Per the Board of Estimates Agendas, all Supplementary Operating Appropriations herewith:

1. Finance (BBMR) has been reviewed and approved for funds.
2. The Law Department has reviewed and approved for form and legal sufficiency

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0045
(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 State Fund Operating Appropriation –**
3 **Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654 (Urban Forestry) – \$90,000**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the
5 amount of \$90,000 to the Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654 (Urban
6 Forestry), to provide funding for addressing the pressing concerns surrounding the
7 detrimental impact of deer on the forested natural areas within Baltimore City parks,
8 particularly those affecting forest ecology in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) Inflation Reduction Act (“IRA”) Disadvantaged Communities; and providing for a special
9 effective date.
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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 State funding from the State of
18 Maryland Department of Natural Resources Community Catalyst Fund in excess of the revenue
19 relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for
20 Fiscal Year 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 7, 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.

Council Bill 25-0045

1 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
2 \$90,000 shall be made available to the Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654 (Urban
3 Forestry) as a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2025, to
4 provide funding for addressing the pressing concerns surrounding the detrimental impact of deer
5 on the forested natural areas within Baltimore City parks, particularly those affecting forest
6 ecology in EPA IRA Disadvantaged Communities. The source of revenue for this appropriation
7 is the State funding from the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources Community
8 Catalyst Fund in excess of the amount from this source that was relied on by the Board of
9 Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

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

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0046
(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 State Fund Operating Appropriation – Health Department**
3 **(Service 723 - Advocacy for Seniors) – \$90,236**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the
5 amount of \$90,236 to the Health Department – Service 723 (Advocacy for Seniors), to
6 provide funding for assisting and guiding care givers of persons with dementia, building
7 community awareness of dementia, and strengthening the ability of area agencies on aging to
8 provide services to the growing number of Marylanders with ADRD and their family care
9 givers; and providing for a special effective date.

10 BY authority of

11 Article VI - Board of Estimates
12 Section 8(b)(2)(ii) and (c)
13 Baltimore City Charter
14 (1996 Edition)

15 **Recitals**

16 The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents money from the Maryland
17 Department of Aging State fund in excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in
18 determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

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

21 On October 2, 2024, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City
22 Council.

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

Council Bill 25-0046

1 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
2 \$90,236 shall be made available to the Health Department – Service 723 (Advocacy for Seniors)
3 as a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2025, to provide funding
4 for assisting and guiding care givers of persons with dementia, building community awareness of
5 dementia, and strengthening the ability of area agencies on aging to provide services to the
6 growing number of Marylanders with ADRD and their family care givers. The source of revenue
7 for this appropriation is State funding from the Maryland Department of Aging in excess of the
8 amount from this source that was relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy
9 required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

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

**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

AN ORDINANCE concerning

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

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Federal Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$206,822 to the M-R Office of Employment Development – Service 795 (Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents), to provide funding for a Recovery-Friendly Workplace pilot (RFW) to educate the business community about the benefits of providing resources for employees struggling with substance use disorder, and for job seekers in recovery that have barriers to employment because of their previous struggles with substance use; and providing for a special effective date.

BY authority of

Article VI - Board of Estimates
Section 8(b)(2)(ii) and (c)
Baltimore City Charter
(1996 Edition)

Recitals

The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents federal funding from the Maryland Department of Health's Office of Overdose Response in excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

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

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

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

Council Bill 25-0047

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.

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0048
(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 –**
3 **M-R Office of Employment Development – Service 795**
4 **(Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents) – \$1,375,655**

5 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Federal Fund Operating Appropriation in the
6 amount of \$1,375,655 to the M-R Office of Employment Development – Service 795
7 (Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents), to provide funding for case management,
8 barrier removal, supportive services, and skills training to workers dislocated by the Francis
9 Scott Key Bridge collapse, as well as offering occupational skills training to prepare workers
10 to assist with disaster recovery efforts and, eventually, the reconstruction of the bridge; and
11 providing for a special effective date.

12 BY authority of
13 Article VI - Board of Estimates
14 Section 8(b)(2)(ii) and (c)
15 Baltimore City Charter
16 (1996 Edition)

17 **Recitals**

18 The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents federal funds from the Maryland
19 Department of Labor in excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining
20 the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 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.

Council Bill 25-0048

1 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
2 \$1,375,655 shall be made available to the M-R Office of Employment Development – Service
3 795 (Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents) as a Supplementary Federal Fund Operating
4 Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2025, to provide funding for case management, barrier removal,
5 supportive services, and skills training to workers dislocated by the Francis Scott Key Bridge
6 collapse, as well as offering occupational skills training to prepare workers to assist with disaster
7 recovery efforts and, eventually, the reconstruction of the bridge. The source of revenue for this
8 appropriation is federal funding from the Maryland Department of Labor in excess of the amount
9 from this source that was relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required
10 to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

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