



BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL EDUCATION, YOUTH, & OLDER ADULTS COMMITTEE

Mission Statement

On behalf of the Citizens of Baltimore City, the mission of the **Education, Youth, and Older Adults (EYOA)** Committee is to study, review, and recommend policies that enhance educational opportunities, support the well-being and development of young people, and improve the quality of life for older adults. The committee is committed to fostering equitable access to high-quality education, advocating for youth empowerment, and ensuring that aging residents have the resources and services necessary to thrive.

The Honorable John Bullock

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PUBLIC HEARING

March 19, 2026

12:00PM

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LO25-0014

Baltimore City Children and Youth Fund

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CHAIR**Legislative Oversight Hearing***LO25-0014**Baltimore City Children and Youth Fund*

For the purpose of holding a committee hearing to give updates on the status of and/or activities associated with the fund.

BACKGROUND

The Baltimore Children & Youth Fund (BCYF) was authorized and established in 2016 by voters in Baltimore through a charter amendment approved as Ordinance 16-26. The amendment created a dedicated funding stream to support programs and services for children and youth in the city.

Under the charter amendment, the Fund receives revenue through a mandatory annual appropriation included in the City's Ordinance of Estimates. The required appropriation is at least \$0.03 for every \$100 of assessed or assessable value of all real property in Baltimore City, derived from property tax revenues. These funds are intended to support programs and initiatives that benefit children, youth, and young adults across the City.

The charter amendment also authorizes the Mayor and City Council to establish, by ordinance, the oversight and administrative structure for the Fund. In 2018, the City enacted Ordinance 18-103, which created a temporary governance structure and authorized the designation of an interim fiscal agent to administer the Fund while a permanent intermediary organization was established. Under this ordinance, Associated Black Charities was designated as the interim fiscal agent responsible for administering the Fund and overseeing early grantmaking activities. The ordinance also authorized the Department of Finance to adopt rules and regulations governing disbursements from the Fund.

The interim fiscal agent authorization was originally scheduled to expire on July 1, 2019, unless the City Council determined that a permanent intermediary was not yet prepared to administer the Fund. The Council subsequently extended the interim arrangement for an additional year through Ordinance 19-271.

In 2020, the City adopted Baltimore City Council Bill 20-0519, which amended sections of the Baltimore City Code related to the administration of the Fund and designated Baltimore Children and Youth Fund, Inc. as the permanent fiscal agent responsible for administering the Fund. The legislation established a governance structure requiring the organization to be overseen by a Board of Directors consisting of at least nine members, including several City officials or their designees, such as the City

Solicitor, the Director of the Mayor’s Office of Children and Family Success, the Director of Finance, and a member of the City Council designated by the City Council President.

The legislation also established oversight and accountability requirements for the Fund. These include the submission of an annual proposed financial plan to the Baltimore City Board of Estimates, a public hearing prior to the disbursement of funds, and a requirement that the City Council hold annual public hearings on the activities of the fiscal agent by March 31 each year. The fiscal agent and its Board of Directors are also subject to the provisions of the Baltimore City Ethics Code.

Through this structure, the Baltimore Children & Youth Fund administers grant funding to community-based organizations that provide services and programming for children and youth throughout Baltimore City, including youth development programs, out-of-school time programming, mentoring, arts and athletics initiatives, and other services designed to support positive youth outcomes.

Information Source(s): Ordinances 16-26; 18-103; 19-271

FISCAL NOTE

This legislative oversight shall have no fiscal impact.

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