



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 1, 2023
TO: Economic and Community Development Committee
FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO
POSITION: Favorable
SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 23-0387
Minority and Women's Business Program - Reauthorization

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INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill No. 23-0387 introduced by Council President Mosby on May 15, 2023.

PURPOSE

City Council Bill No. 23-0387 proposes to reauthorize and continue The Minority and Women's Business Program via The Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office (MWBOO).

BRIEF HISTORY

Past discrimination in the City's contracting process has resulted in significant underutilization of minority and women's business enterprises in contracts awarded by the City of Baltimore. As evidenced by the 2022 Disparity Study, minority-owned and women-owned firms are still being deleteriously impacted.

Article 5 Subtitle 28 of the Baltimore City Code allows for the City of Baltimore to continue the Minority and Women's Business Program by reauthorizing this section of the code every five years.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation respectfully takes a **favorable** position on City Council Bill No. 23-0387. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Clark at KClark@baltimoredevelopment.com and 410-837-9305.

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