

CITY OF BALTIMORE MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Laura Larsen, Budget Director
DATE	May 5 th , 2025
SUBJECT	25-0048 Supplementary Federal Fund Operating Appropriation – M-R Office of Employment Development – Service 795 (Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents) – \$1,375,655

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council City Hall, Room 400

Position: Support

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City 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, the purpose of which is to increase the Fiscal Year 2025 appropriation of Federal Funds by \$1,375,655 to M-R Office of Employment Development, Service 795 (Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents).

Background

The proposed ordinance amends the Fiscal 2025 budget by appropriating \$1,375,655 in Federal grant funding in the Mayor's Office of Employment Development-Service 795 Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents. The agency was awarded a three-year grant from the Maryland Department of Labor to provide case management, barrier removal, supportive services, and skills training for workers displaced by the disaster. The grant will also fund occupational skills training to prepare workers for disaster recovery efforts and, eventually, the reconstruction of the bridge.

Fiscal Impact

The funds will be appropriated in Service 795-Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents. The funding will be used to create 10 full-time positions and one part-time position to implement the program. The agency's Fiscal 2026 budget includes funding from this grant to continue supporting these positions.

Conclusion

This supplemental appropriation is required to authorize agency spending beyond the amount enacted in the Ordinance of Estimates. The grant funding was not included in the Fiscal 2025 Ordinance of Estimates because the agency was not notified about the grant award until after the budget was adopted. Authorizing this legislation will allow the agency to access the grant funds.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance supports City Council Bill 25-0048.

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