



CITY OF BALTIMORE  
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

<b>TO</b>	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
<b>FROM</b>	Bob Cennane, Deputy Finance Director <i>Bob Cennane</i>
<b>DATE</b>	April 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
<b>SUBJECT</b>	26-0166, Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation – Circuit Court for Baltimore City – \$784,251

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 26-0166, Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation- Circuit Court for Baltimore City - \$784,251, the purpose of which is to increase the Fiscal 2026 appropriation of State Funds by \$784,251 for Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Service 110: Circuit Court.

**Background**

The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents a grant from the State of Maryland’s Administrative Office of the Courts. In Fiscal 2026, the Circuit Court for Baltimore City did not have an appropriation for unallocated State grant funds. However, the Circuit Court for Baltimore City received this grant for \$784,251 in State funds. This bill will make \$784,251 available to Circuit Court for Baltimore City-Service 110 (Circuit Court) for the installation of aluminum storefront framing and Level 3 bullet-resistant glazing at doors and service windows in multiple locations within the Mitchell and Cummings Courthouses, and the installation of an audiovisual intercom system to enable communication through bullet-resistant materials.

The Baltimore City Charter authorizes agency spending based on the amount enacted in the Ordinance of Estimates. The Department of Finance recommends appropriation transfers and supplementary appropriations when an agency receives unanticipated revenue, such as grants, or implements new programs that could not have been anticipated at the time the budget was developed. This supplemental appropriation is required to meet the Charter requirements.

**Fiscal Impact**

Circuit Court for Baltimore City requires supplemental appropriation due to an unanticipated grant. This supplemental appropriation of \$784,251 is necessary to accommodate these unbudgeted grant funds from the State of Maryland’s Administrative Office of the Courts.

**Conclusion**

This supplemental appropriation is required to authorize agency spending beyond the amount enacted in the Ordinance of Estimates and is necessary due to new grant funding from the State of Maryland’s

Administrative Office of the Courts to support security upgrades to the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

**For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance supports City Council Bill 26-0166.**

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