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	SUBJECT	City Council Resolution 21-0083R – Investigative Hearing – Baltimore City Sheriff's Office – Eviction Procedures		

TO

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

DATE:
 January 20, 2022

Position: Favorable

MOCFS supports the passage of City Council Resolution 21-0083R and would defer to the Sheriff's Office as the agency most directly impacted by this resolution.

The Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success (MOCFS) has been asked to respond to City Council Resolution 21-0083R, an investigative hearing about the current procedure followed by the Sheriff's Office during the eviction process, introduced by Councilmembers Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Middleton, Cohen, Torrence, Ramos, Dorsey, Glover. The below outlines the role of the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success in the eviction process and procedures.

Eviction Prevention

The Eviction Prevention Program is administered by the Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success through Baltimore City's Community Action Partnership centers. This program provides tenants with resources for long-term housing stability such as legal and relocation services, security deposit assistance, utilities assistance, and case management.

Eviction Prevention Program: Funding

Funding for the program is a mix of multiple federal, state and local grants, each with its own distinct spending timeline and eligibility requirements. Collectively, these grants total \$82,331,653 to date.

Eviction Prevention Program partners

Critical to the ongoing success of the city's Eviction Prevention Program is the partnerships MOCFS/BCCAP have entered into with local community partners:

- United Way of Central Maryland
 - bulk back-rent, relocation, case management
- Southeast CDC, CASA de Maryland and Latino Economic Development Center
 - ongoing feedback for program improvements, support expanding reach in Latinx community
- Public Justice Center
 - feedback, assistance securing local funding
- Collaborators' Council
 - monthly meetings since fall 2020
- Baltimore City Sheriff's Office
 - legal services/financial aid flyers

Eviction Prevention Program distribution

As of January 1, 2022, Baltimore City had distributed \$33,453,863 in back-rent payments to landlords on behalf of tenants who had fallen behind on rent.

The Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success thanks the Economic and Community Development Committee for the opportunity to respond to Council Resolution 21-0083R and stands ready to answer any questions the committee may have.

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