



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Shamiah T. Kerney, Chief Recovery Officer, MORP
CC	Mayor's Office of Government Relations
DATE	February 6, 2025
SUBJECT	25-0007 - Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation

Position: Favorable

BILL SYNOPSIS

The bill provides Opioid Restitution Settlement funds for the Mayor's Office of Recovery Programs.

SUMMARY OF POSITION

The \$270,000 in supplemental funds for FY25 will enable the Mayor's Office of Recovery Programs to address critical staff needs to effectively and efficiently implement and monitor the financial and programmatic aspects of funding recipients. Specifically, these funds will be used for partial salary for the Chief Recovery Officer and Deputy Director, an accountant, an administrative assistant and program manager who will assist with establishing the framework for a grant program.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Mayor's Office of Recovery Program is solely funded by the American Rescue Plan Act—a federal grant used to establish this office. Federal grant rules prohibit the use of federal grant dollars for purposes other than to administer the federal grant funded activity. As such, the Recovery Office staff that work on activities outside of ARPA cannot be compensated using this grant. The opioid restitution funds are a necessary funding source to compensate staff that will be working on opioid related issues and to ensure compliance with federal grants management rules.

AMENDMENTS

No amendments requested.