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	Subject	18-0237 – Supplementary Federal Fund Operating Appropriation - Health Department - \$1,059,448		

**To: President and Members
of the City Council
c/o 409 City Hall**

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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is pleased to have the opportunity to review #18-0237 – Supplementary Federal Fund Operating Appropriation - Health Department - \$1,059,448. The purpose of this legislation is to provide funding for a demonstration project for HIV/STD prevention programs to help implement a systems-wide organizational trauma-informed approach and cultural shift to support client health and well-being.

A trauma-informed approach is critical in encouraging individuals to seek out HIV/AIDS testing and treatment, with the ultimate goal of reducing HIV/AIDS transmission and related deaths. By having our staff and partner providers adopt a trauma-informed approach, we anticipate even greater participation with our services. For this reason, the Health Department urges a favorable report on Council Bill #18-0237.