

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 25, 2020

TO: Budget and Appropriations Committee

FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO //

POSITION: Support

SUBJECT: Council Bill No. 20-0599

Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation – Department of Housing

and Community Development – \$6,000,000

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill 20-0599 introduced by the Council President.

PURPOSE

For the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$6,000,000 to the Department of Housing and Community Development – Service 809 (Retention, Expansion, and Attraction of Businesses), to provide funding for additional expenditures resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic; and providing for a special effective date.

BRIEF HISTORY

This Bill provides funding to assist small businesses in Baltimore City that were negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Business assistance includes grants, adapting public spaces through the Design for Distancing initiative and the purchase of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) for City personnel.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation Supports City Council Bill 20-0599.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kimberly Clark at kclark@baltimoredevelopment.com.

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