



MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 8, 2021
TO: Education, Workforce, and Youth Committee
FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO
POSITION: Support
SUBJECT: Council Bill No. 21-0022R
Assisting Baltimore City Artists

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to respond to City Council Bill No. 21-0022R introduced by Councilmembers Dorsey, Burnett, Cohen, and Middleton.

PURPOSE

This Resolution calls on the Administration, if it receives future COVID-19 relief funds from the United States Congress, to invest a minimum of \$1,000,000 to establish an emergency fund to assist Baltimore City artists.

BRIEF HISTORY

Independent artists make up a unique part of the City's workforce, many being self-employed and freelance workers. Due to these distinctions, many of the individuals that make up the artist workforce have gone without regular or pandemic unemployment assistance.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

AGENCY POSITION

BDC **supports** City Council Bill No. 21-0022R.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kimberly Clark at kclark@baltimoredevelopment.com or at 410-837-9305.

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