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INTRODUCTORY*

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: Councilmember Henry

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning
Confiscated Assets for Neighborhoods

FOR the purpose of establishing a grant program to fund community-based safety initiatives; providing for the funding of the program and the allocation of those funds; directing the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice to administer the program and to adopt rules and regulation further defining program elements; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the Confiscated Assets for Neighborhoods Grant Program.

BY adding

Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
Section(s) 25-1 to 25-6, to be under the new subtitle,
"Subtitle 25. Confiscated Assets for Neighborhoods"
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

Baltimore City Code

Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

SUBTITLE 25. CONFISCATED ASSETS FOR NEIGHBORHOODS

§ 25-1. PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.

(A) IN GENERAL.

THERE IS A CONFISCATED ASSETS FOR NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT PROGRAM IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

(B) PURPOSE.

THE PURPOSE OF THE GRANT PROGRAM IS TO FUND COMMUNITY-BASED SAFETY INITIATIVES.

§ 25-2. FUNDING.

(A) SOURCE OF FUNDING.

FUNDING FOR THE GRANTS PROGRAM SHALL DERIVE FROM A PORTION OF ALL MONEY CONFISCATED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FORFEITED TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, AS APPROPRIATED IN THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES.

(B) ALLOCATION AMONG POLICE DISTRICTS.

EACH YEAR, THIS FUNDING SHALL BE ALLOCATED AMONG THE VARIOUS POLICE DISTRICTS, PRORATED GENERALLY ACCORDING TO THE PERCENTAGE THAT MONEY CONFISCATED FROM A DISTRICT IN THE PRECEDING YEAR BEARS TO ALL MONEY CONFISCATED CITYWIDE IN THAT YEAR.

§ 25-3. APPLICATIONS.

(A) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.

ANY ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OR OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION ACTIVE WITHIN A POLICE DISTRICT MAY APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THAT DISTRICT.

(B) FORM.

THE APPLICATION SHALL CONTAIN THE INFORMATION AND BE IN THE FORM THAT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE REQUIRES.

§ 25-4. REVIEW BY COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL.

(A) REFERRAL TO COUNCIL.

EACH APPLICATION FOR AVAILABLE GRANT MONEY IN A POLICE DISTRICT SHALL BE REFERRED FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION TO THAT DISTRICT'S COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL.

(B) RECOMMENDATION BY COUNCIL.

THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

§ 25-5. DECISIONS BY OFFICE.

(A) OFFICE TO MAKE ALL DECISIONS.

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SHALL MAKE ALL DECISIONS APPROVING OR DISAPPROVING AN APPLICATION AND, MAKING A GRANT, MAY IMPOSE ANY LIMITATIONS OR CONDITIONS THAT IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE.

(B) OFFICE'S DECISIONS FINAL.

ALL DECISIONS OF THE OFFICE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE ARE FINAL AND NON-APPEALABLE.

§ 25-6. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(A) OFFICE TO ADOPT.

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE AND THE GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER IT.

(B) SCOPE.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS MAY FURTHER DEFINE:

- (1) WORDS OR PHRASES USED IN THIS SUBTITLE;
- (2) QUALIFICATIONS FOR GRANT APPLICANTS;
- (3) PROCEDURES FOR AWARDING GRANTS; AND
- (4) PROCEDURES FOR MONITORING THE USE OF GRANT FUNDS.

(C) FILING.

A COPY OF ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED OR AMENDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BEFORE THEY BECOME EFFECTIVE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is enacted.

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