



Legislation Text

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Introductory*

City of Baltimore Council Bill

Introduced by: President Mosby, Councilmembers Costello, Middleton, McCray, Conway, Schleifer, Stokes

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning American Rescue Plan Funds - Performance Oversight

For the purpose of requiring the Director of the Department of Finance, with input from collaborating agencies, to provide the City Council with monthly reports, quarterly briefings, equity assessments, and annual reports regarding the disbursement and management of the \$641 million in federal funding the City of Baltimore has received from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to improve transparency and accountability for the pivotal task of responding to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and providing for the termination of this Ordinance.

By adding

Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement
Sections 49-1 through 49-2, to be under the new subtitle,
“Subtitle 49. American Rescue Plan Funds”
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 5. Finance, Property, and Procurement

Subtitle 49. American Rescue Plan Funds

§ 49-1. Definitions.

(a) *In general.*

In this section, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

(b) *Director.*

“Director” means the Director of the Department of Finance or the Director’s designee.

(c) *Funds.*

“Funds” means the \$641 million Baltimore City has received from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

§ 49-2. Oversight.

(a) *In general.*

In order for the City Council to oversee the management of the Funds, the Director, in collaboration with leadership from other City agencies, shall provide the City Council with:

- (1) monthly reports;
- (2) quarterly briefings;
- (3) equity reports; and
- (4) annual reports.

(b) *Monthly reports.*

Each monthly report shall:

- (1) provide data and metrics regarding how the funds have:
 - (i) increased the effectiveness of City government services;
 - (ii) broadened the reach of City government services;
 - (iii) made City government services more efficient; or
 - (iv) made City government services more sustainable; and
- (2) identify key performance indicators, benchmarks, and targets relating to:
 - (i) equity, as defined in Article 1, § 39-1 of the Baltimore City Code;
 - (ii) population growth;
 - (iii) labor and employment;
 - (iv) economic growth, especially the growth of minority and women-owned businesses; and

(v) community benefit.

(c) *Quarterly briefings.*

Each quarterly briefing shall include financial disclosures regarding:

- (1) monthly funding allocations;
- (2) limitations on the use of the Funds;
- (3) operational expenses, including information regarding community outreach and marketing and promotional materials;
- (4) the creation of grants;
- (5) procurement procedures; and
- (6) disbursement procedures.

(d) *Annual report.*

(1) *Deadline.*

On or before June 30 of each year, the Director shall submit an annual report to the City Council and the Director of the Department of Legislative Reference.

(2) *Publication.*

The City Council shall publish the annual report online for public review.

(3) *Contents.*

The annual report shall include:

- (i) an assessment of disbursement and management of the Funds;
- (ii) disaggregated data of disbursement recipients;
- (iii) inequities addressed by the Funds;
- (iv) recommended steps to address and resolve identified inequities; and
- (v) updates regarding community engagement.

Section 2. And be it further ordained, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after the date it is enacted. It shall remain effective until September 24, 2024; and, immediately after that date with no further action by the Mayor and City Council, this Ordinance will be abrogated and of no further effect.