



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY GOVERNMENT RELATIONS OFFICE

Legislative and Fiscal Summary of Administration Legislation

To: Members, Anne Arundel County Council

From: Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Affairs /s/

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Subject: Bill No. 89 -25 – Current Expense Budget – Fund Transfer and
Supplementary Appropriations – Video Lottery Impact Aid – South River
Heights Special Community Benefit District – Capital Budget and
Program – Advance Land Acquisition Capital Project

This summary was prepared by the Anne Arundel County Government Relations Office for use by members of the Anne Arundel County Council during consideration of Bill No. 89-25.

Summary

The purpose of this Bill, introduced at the request of the Administration, is to make transfers of appropriations and supplemental appropriations in the current expense budget and capital budget. The appropriation transfers are a transfer of \$96,100 from the Video Lottery Local Impact Aid Fund - Public Libraries to Video Lottery Local Impact Aid Fund-County Executive-VLT Community Grants-Grants, Contributions & Other; a supplementary appropriation from revenues received from sources which were not anticipated in the budget or from revenues received from anticipated sources but which are in excess of budget estimates to the South River Heights Special Community Benefit District in the amount of \$38,075; and transfer of \$1,100,000 from the CAO Contingency Fund to the Office of Finance (Non-Departmental) Pay-As-You-Go and is designated for the C106700 Advance Land Acquisition capital project..

Legislation is necessary to effectuate these transfers, as Anne Arundel County Charter Sections 11(a) and 12 provide that the upon recommendation of the County Executive, the County Council may transfer funds between offices, departments, institutions, boards, commissions or other agencies of the County government and within the same fund of the Current Expense Budget. The same sections of the Charter also provide that the Council may make supplementary appropriations from contingent funds, from revenues received from anticipated sources but in excess of budget estimates, and from revenues received from sources not anticipated in the budget for the current fiscal year, provided that the Controller shall first

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certify in writing that such funds are available for appropriation. The County Executive has recommended the transfer and supplementary appropriation of certain funds, including contingent funds, and the Controller has certified in writing that such funds are available for appropriation. Additionally, Anne Arundel County Charter Section 716 authorizes the County Council, upon request of the County Executive and by affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, to amend the Capital Budget. The County Executive has recommended amending the Capital Budget by making a supplementary appropriation to the Advance Land Acquisition capital project, Project No. C106700. In accordance with Section 716 of the Charter, the Planning Advisory Board recommended this amendment to the Capital Budget at its October 22, 2025 meeting (See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ReJ4fqHQQyw>). No alternatives were considered to effectuate these three transfers, as the Charter requires legislation for transfers and supplemental appropriations.

The appropriation transfer of \$96,100 from the Video Lottery Local Impact Aid Fund - Public Libraries to Video Lottery Local Impact Aid Fund-County Executive-VLT Community Grants-Grants, Contributions & Other is to correct the FY2026 Operating Budget. As adopted, the operating budget for the current fiscal year included an appropriation from the VLT fund to the Public Libraries for interior renovations at the Providence/Severn Library. These funds should have been appropriated to Arundel Community Development Services, as provided in the letter from the Anne Arundel County Local Development Council (LDC) dated April 2, 2025, which has been provided to the Council. These funds will still be used for interior renovations at the Providence/Severn Library and this correction has no net impact on the amount or use of LDC funding, but aligns the budget with the intent of the LDC.

The supplementary appropriation for the South River Heights Special Community Benefits District (SCBD) stems from a request from the South River Heights Residents Association, Inc., which manages the SCBD, for an appropriation of \$38,075. This funding was collected in FY25 but not dispersed because of the Association's failure to comply with county regulations. The SCBD was delinquent on several years of audits and financial statements that were required to be submitted to the County Auditor, and also failed to file annual reports/property tax filings with the State and therefore was not in "good standing" from 2019-2025. The Association has since submitted the missing filings to the County Auditor and is currently in "good standing" with the State of Maryland, and is now requesting the funds be appropriated.

The transfer of \$1,100,000.00 from the CAO Contingency Fund to the Advance Land Acquisition capital project, Project No. C106700, is to support the acquisition of two parcels of property that have become available since approval of the FY2026 Budget and which are the subject of a separate Resolution. One property, located on Shipley Ave. in Harmans, will be utilized as a bus transportation facility for Anne Arundel County Public Schools, fulfilling the need that was previously expressed via Resolution 48-24, which would have approved the acquisition of property at 1699 Millersville Road and the Administration asked to be withdrawn. The other property, Glebe Forest in Edgewater, is intended to be conserved for passive recreation and will be managed by the Department of Recreation & Parks. Should the transfer of appropriations not be approved, the County will be unable to acquire one or both of the properties.

Purpose

The purpose of this Bill is to make three transfers of appropriations and supplemental appropriations in the current expense budget and capital budget from the the Video Lottery Local Impact Aid Fund - Public Libraries to Video Lottery Local Impact Aid Fund-County Executive-VLT Community Grants-Grants, Contributions & Other; from revenues received from sources which were not anticipated in the budget or from revenues received from anticipated sources but which are in excess of budget estimates to the South River Heights Special Community Benefit District, and a transfer from the CAO Contingency Fund to the Advance Land Acquisition capital project, Project No. C106700.

Fiscal Impact

Please see the Fiscal Note the Budget Office has prepared for an explanation of the fiscal impact of this Bill.

Additional Information

The Government Relations Office is available to answer any additional questions regarding this Bill. Specific questions should be directed to Steven Theroux or Naomi McAllister, Budget Office, or Lori Blair Klasmeier, Office of Law,. Thank you.

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