Council Bill 49-2026 Fiscal Analysis
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Legislative Intent: This legislation authorizes the issuance of up to $670,397 in bonds through the Maryland Water Infrastructure Financing Administration (MWIFA) to finance capital project W8604, the County's Lead and Copper Rule Compliance Program, specifically the lead service line (LSL) inventory required to comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR).

ANALYSIS

Fiscal Impact:

This bond issuance authorization will allow the County to issue $670,397 in bonds through MWIFA. Specifically, Council Bill 49-2026 authorizes two MWIFA general obligation bond series, Series 2026A ($167,599) and Series 2026B ($502,798). Series 2026A is a standard repayable loan while Series 2026B is a forgivable loan. Per the Administration, the full $502,798 is expected to be forgiven, contingent on the County meeting its other loan obligations outlined in the agreement. According to the Administration, no fiscal impact is anticipated in the current fiscal year for the loan repayment as debt service on Series 2026A does not begin until the year following delivery and future-year impact depends on the actual amount drawn and final terms set at issuance.

Series	Principal (max)	Interest Rate	Repayment
2026A	$167,599	2.5% (projected by the Administration/50% of Index)	Interest semi-annual (Feb/Aug); principal in 29 annual installments; level debt service
2026B (Forgiven amount)	$502,798	0% unless demanded (at 100% Index)	Due on demand only (10-yr window). Full amount expected to be forgiven if compliant.

Budget Implications:

FY 2027 Capital Budget Line[1]: The FY2027 budget approved a total of $33.67 million in Water Quality MWIFA bonds with $670,397 appropriated for the County's Lead and Copper Rule Compliance Program project.

Other Notes:
None

[1] Page 614 in HC FY27 Approved Capital Budget.