

**Amendment 1 6 to Council Bill No. 36-2025**

**BY: Liz Walsh**

**Legislative Day 8**  
**Date: May 21, 2025**

**Amendment No. 1 6**

*(This Amendment moves \$12,810,143 from the Non-Departmental Expenses fund to Contingency in the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget.)*

1. *Reduce – General Fund – (\$12,810,143)*
  - a. *Non-Departmental Expenses (9000) Administration*
    - i. *69. Operating Transfers – (\$12,810,143)*
2. *Increase – General Fund - \$12,810,143*
  - a. *Contingency Reserves (8800) Administration*
    - i. *99 – Contingencies - \$12,810,143*

1 In the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Howard County, Fiscal Year, 2026  
2 attached to this Act, make changes to pages 99, 100 and 104 of the expense budget, as indicated  
3 on the attached Worksheet Exhibit A to this Amendment.

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5 Correct all subtotals, totals, and other calculated figures within this Act to accommodate this  
6 Amendment.

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8 On page 3, immediately following line 27, insert the following:

9 **“Section 11. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland**  
10 **that the release of funds from Contingency Reserves to any Department or Entity is conditioned**  
11 **on the requirement that the Department or Entity may not receive Fiscal Year 2026 funds if the Department**  
12 **or Entity has unencumbered prior year appropriations.”.**

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14 On page 3, line 28, strike “**II**” and substitute “**12**”.

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**FY 2026 Proposed Operating Budget  
Points of Interest**

**Attachment B**

<b>One-Time PayGo Recipient</b>	<b>FY 2025 Approved</b>	<b>FY 2025 Expense</b>	<b>FY 2025 Unobligated</b>
Ammunition	321,000	93,032	227,968
Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Program	370,000	257,957	112,043
Bike Lane Leaf Removal Equipment	400,000	-	400,000
Blossom of Hope	17,100	17,070	30
Boys and Girls Club of Metropolitan Baltimore	221,600	221,600	-
Bright Minds Foundation	50,000	50,000	-
Bronze Villagers	12,300	12,300	-
Center for Elder Justice Education	55,000	55,000	-
Child Support	250,000	250,000	-
Climate Action Plan Implementation	75,000	19,000	56,000
Climate Infrastructure Rebate Program	250,000	200,366	49,634
Club Wilde Lake	100,000	100,000	-
Columbia Association - Historic Oakland Manor	300,000	300,000	-
Community Ambassador Program	25,000	5,170	19,830
Community Ecology Institute	40,000	40,000	-
CSP-Columbia Community Care	35,000	35,000	-
CSP-Columbia Housing Center	24,000	15,289	8,711
CSP-Living In Recovery	42,000	35,129	6,871
CSP-Maryland Turkish American Inhabitants	14,000	9,488	4,512
CSP-Power52 Foundation	35,000	35,000	-
CSP-Rebuilding Together Howard County	15,000	-	15,000
CSP-Winter Growth	35,300	35,300	-
Economic Assistance and Emerging Needs Fund	2,500,000	1,591,973	908,027
Economic Development Initiatives	1,070,000	1,070,000	-
Electric Vehicle Infrastructure and Initiatives	1,000,000	490,359	509,641
Elkridge Heritage Society	100,000	100,000	-
Environmental Land Banking Program	3,000,000	3,000,000	-

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Equipment	2,623,500	2,179,108	444,392
Flag Commission Honorarium	3,500	3,500	-
<b>Fleet (vehicle replacement backlog)*</b>	<b>6,000,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,000,000</b>
Flier Building - Redevelopment	20,000,000	20,000,000	-
Food Access Program	300,000	131,454	168,546
Forest Conservation Easements and Partnerships	1,000,000	238,647	761,353
Francis Scott Key Bridge - Economic Impacts & Needs	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
General Plan Implementation	500,000	174,690	325,310
Grants Consulting	484,000	58,000	426,000
Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Program	750,000	750,000	-
Hazardous Tree Removal	450,000	441,652	8,348
HoCo Lynching Truth & Reconciliation	45,000	45,000	-
HoCo STRIVES	300,000	67,087	232,913
<b>Housing Opprtunities Trust Fund*</b>	<b>10,000,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,000,000</b>
Howard County Arts Council - Public Art Program	1,500,000	1,000,000	500,000
Howard County Medical Ctr - Behavioral Health Unit	1,000,000	1,000,000	-
Howard County Medical Ctr - Emergency Dept	5,000,000	5,000,000	-
Howard County Tourism Council	200,000	200,000	-
Howard EcoWorks	300,000	300,000	-
Indoor Firing Range Safety Upgrades	850,000	-	850,000
Innovation and Modernization Fund	500,000	303,995	196,005
IT Software Purchase and Upgrade	360,000	236,255	123,745
Moving Cost	350,000	326,733	23,267
One-time Contracts (repair/replacement contracts, etc.)	468,000	315,610	152,390
Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)	2,500,000	-	2,500,000
Purchased Conservation Easement Program	1,000,000	41,933	958,067
Reproductive Health Program	500,000	-	500,000

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Retention/recruitment bonuses	850,000	570,245	279,756
Route One Redevelopment Initiative	1,000,000	1,000,000	-
Sheppard Pratt	1,000,000	1,000,000	-
Shock Trauma	2,850,000	2,850,000	-
Special Olympics	40,000	40,000	-
Summer SNAP Program	144,000	-	144,000
Teachers' Loan Program	300,000	-	300,000
Toys for Tots	50,000	50,000	-
Traffic Calming Pilot Program	500,000	406,010	93,990
Tree Planting and Tree Savers Marketing	335,000	309,684	25,316
Vehicles/Buses	1,358,000	1,085,690	272,310
Veterans Monument	1,500,000	1,500,000	-
Voices for Children	19,000	19,000	-
Volunteer Fire Stations	600,000	400,000	200,000
Youth Engagement Programming Initiatives	500,000	493,832	6,169
<b>Total</b>	<b>79,387,300</b>	<b>50,577,157</b>	<b>28,810,143</b>

\*The FY 2025 approved PayGo funding for the Housing Opportunities Trust Fund and Fleet Vehicle Replacement Backlog (\$10.0 million and \$6.0 million, respectively) had not been transferred to these projects in SAP as of May 5, 2025. The Administration indicated that these two amounts are properly budgeted as transfers out of the General Fund. The funds will be transferred to the Housing Opportunities Trust Fund and Fleet Vehicle Replacement Backlog Fund by the end of FY 2025.