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# Fiscal 2024 Recommended Budget

Minority & Women's Business Opportunity Office

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# Fiscal 2024 Agency Overview

## Agency Mission

- The Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office (MWBOO) is responsible for overseeing the City's Minority and Women's Business Program and engages in small and minority business advocacy & development. The MWB Program is "necessary to overcome the effects of past discrimination and to prevent ongoing discrimination in the City's contracting process, while assuring that high quality goods and services are obtained through the competitive bidding process." City Code § 28-3(a)(4).

## Fiscal 2024 Goals

- Implement B2G contract compliance & goal setting modules
- Implement the Disparity Study recommendations

**Minority and Women's  
Business Development**

**Service 834**  
MWB Opportunity  
Office

# MWB Opportunity Office

**Pillar:** Equitable Neighborhood Development

**Service Number:** 834

**FY24 Rec. Budget:** \$5,853,754

**Service Description:** This service is responsible for certification of MBE/WBEs; maintaining a directory of certified businesses; investigating alleged violations of the MWBE ordinance; maintaining statistics on availability and utilization of MBEs and WBEs; setting annual and contract participation goals; and providing assistance to bidders and developers in identifying MBE/WBE firms.

## Major Budget Items

The Fiscal 2024 budget reflects an increase of over \$3.5 million. This funding will support increased staffing to expand services and provide oversight and support for the new Office.

The recommended budget includes \$250,000 in Casino funding for Baltimore Main Streets, Park Heights Economic Development, and lighting and safety enhancements.

## Performance Measures

Measure	FY19 Actual	FY20 Actual	FY21 Actual	FY22 Target	FY22 Actual	FY23 Target	FY24 Target
Average # of days for application review	30	90	11	15	62	12	35
# of training/outreach sessions provided	21	6	2	10	32	15	30