



TO: Board of Estimates, Office of Comptroller

FROM: AGC4301 - Mayoralty

DATE: 02/05/2026

Submission #: SB-25-14257

SUBJECT: Governmental/Charitable Gift Solicitation Waiver Application -
Connect 2 Success Squeegee Alternative Plan

ACTION REQUESTED OF BOARD OF ESTIMATES:

The Board is requested to approve a Governmental/Charitable Gift Solicitation Waiver Application - Connect 2 Success Squeegee Alternative Plan.

PERIOD OF CONTRACT/AGREEMENT: 01/01/2026 to 12/31/2026

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDS:

Transaction Amount: \$ 0.00

Project Fund	Amount
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BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The Board is requested to endorse a Governmental/Charitable Solicitation Application for submission to the Board of Ethics of Baltimore City to benefit the Mayor's Office of African American Male Engagement—Connect 2 Success Squeegee Collaborative/Squeegee Alternative Plan 2026-27 fiscal year. It is estimated that donations will be received in both in-kind and monetary forms. Andrey Bundley, Director of the Mayor's Office of African American Male Engagement; Tracey Estep, Chief of Operations; Vernon Horton, Manager of Youth Engagement; and Members of the Squeegee Collaborative will request donations. The period of this solicitation is January 1, 2026, to December 2026.

Mayor Scott's Administration continues to refine the initial strategy developed by MOCFS and MOAAME, reestablishing collaboration with academic partners, corporate leaders, and community leaders to formulate a strategic action plan for disconnected young men and boys, grounded in public health principles and informed by best practices and research. This strategy emphasizes rigorous case management, ongoing adolescent engagement, and access to immediate financial resources to attain this objective. The approach to eliminating squeegeeing must not involve criminalizing poverty; instead, we must improve educational attainment, better integrate human service resources, and implement intervention strategies rooted in empathy for all individuals.

A potential donor list will comprise individuals, corporate entities, churches, and foundations that contribute to Baltimore City's economic, social, and cultural vitality. Most individuals and corporate entities fitting that description are not controlled donors. However, those potential donors who are controlled donors concerning the City Council or the Board of Estimates will not be targeted or singled out in any way and will be solicited in the same manner as other potential donors.

Baltimore City Code Article 8, Section 6-26, prohibits solicitation or facilitating the solicitation of a gift. An exception was enacted in 2005 to permit certain solicitations for the benefit of an official governmental program or activity or a City-endorsed charitable function or activity. Ethics Regulation 96.26B sets out the standards for approval, which include the requirement that the program, function, or activity to be benefited and the proposed solicitation campaign must be endorsed by the Board of Estimates or its designee.

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

EMPLOY BALTIMORE:	LIVING WAGE:	LOCAL HIRING:	PREVAILING WAGE:
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

1% FOR PUBLIC ART: N/A.

ENDORSEMENTS:



Clerk, Board of Estimates

01-21-2026