

Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency



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TO: Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission
John Martin, Director

FROM: Paula Yocum, Managing Director, CFO

DATE: March 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Report for the March Commission Meeting

This is a status update of ongoing and special projects in Accounting.

I. BUDGET

- **FISCAL YEAR 2026 Appropriation**

Program	Appropriation	Budget Amendments	Revised Appropriation
Lottery	\$105,387,507	\$0	\$105,387,507
VLT General Fund	9,509,836	37,230	9,547,066
VLT Special Fund	13,684,335	0	13,684,335
Sports Wagering and Fantasy Gaming	3,874,584	62,208	3,936,792
Total	\$132,456,262	\$99,438	\$132,555,700

- **FISCAL YEAR 2027 Budget Request**

The Governor has included the Agency in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Request as follows:

Program	Proposed
Lottery	\$107,336,098
VLT General Fund	\$10,050,126
VLT Special Fund	\$13,638,893
Sports Wagering and Fantasy Gaming	\$4,080,762
Total	\$135,105,879

II. ACCOUNTING/FINANCE

- **Promotion Fund (Unclaimed Prizes)**

○ Beginning Balance as of January 31, 2026	\$8,391,706
○ Estimated increase in February, 2026	\$2,116,709
○ Estimated usage in February, 2026	<u>(\$1,092,561)</u>
○ Estimated Ending Balance as of February 28, 2026	\$9,415,854

III. FANTASY COMPETITION

- Fantasy Competition Operator quarterly tax forms and tax revenue for the quarters ending:

QUARTER ENDING	AMOUNT COLLECTED FOR QUARTER
September 30, 2025	\$268,864.74
December 31, 2025	\$318,450.34
March 31, 2026	Not available yet
June 30, 2026	Not available yet
FY 2026 Total	\$587,315.08

IV. CUSTOMER RESOURCE CENTER

- **Claims:** Customers continue to make appointments to claim prizes using the scheduling page on mdlottery.com. Lottery winners without internet access can schedule appointments by phone. All Lottery retailers are authorized to cash winning tickets up to \$600; Expanded Cashing Authority (XCAP) retailers can cash tickets up to \$5,000; Winning tickets up to \$25,000 can be cashed without appointments at all Maryland casinos.

Data concerning the number of and amount of winners’ claims processed by the Lottery, the casinos, and XCAP retailers are noted below:

CLAIMS PROCESSED BY LOTTERY AND CASINOS – February, 2026				
LOCATION	COUNT	AMOUNT	YTD COUNT	YTD AMOUNT
Baltimore - HQ	779	\$9,154,316	7,488	\$67,243,687
Casinos	80	\$837,222	881	\$10,373,557

XCAP PROCESSING – February, 2026			
COUNT	AMOUNT	YTD COUNT	YTD AMOUNT
5,954	\$9,999,810	56,053	\$102,753,458

- **Subscriptions:** The Lottery’s Customer Resource Center is also responsible for processing subscriptions. Multi-Match®, Powerball®, and Mega Millions® subscriptions can be purchased for 13, 26, or 52 weeks.

Data concerning subscriptions is noted below:

SUBSCRIPTIONS – February, 2026		
GAME	NUMBER PROCESSED FOR THE MONTH	NUMBER OF ACTIVE
Multi-Match®	210	1,261
Mega Millions®	137	1,036
Powerball®	282	1,910
TOTAL	629	4,207

- **Prize Interceptions:** The Lottery is required by statute to withhold any Child Support or Central Collections Unit (CCU) debts that winners of prizes over \$600 owe.

Data concerning prize interceptions is noted below:

PRIZE INTERCEPTIONS – February, 2026		
TYPE	INTERCEPTED THIS MONTH	INTERCEPTED FYTD 2026
Child Support	\$9,385	\$77,207
Central Collections Unit	\$106,189	\$1,132,048