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MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission Members

From: Bob Hammer, Team Leader, Administrative & Financial Services  
Michele Swanson, Neighborhood STAR Program Coordinator

Date: April 3, 2015

Subject: **FY2015 Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR)  
Large Loan\Grant Applications**

Attached for your review and use please find a summary of FY2015 Neighborhood STAR loan and grant proposals. Quick facts on this year's program:

*Fifty-eight (58) proposals requesting over \$7 million in assistance will be vying for approximately \$1.7 million dollars from the Neighborhood STAR Program;*

*Nearly \$42 million in potential private matching dollars have been identified;*

*Average dollar request equals \$121,376.85;*

*(25) of the applicants have requested grant-only funds;*

*(39) proposals provide opportunities for commercial renewal;*

*( 7) proposals support improvements to housing or mixed use development; and*

*( 6) requests are for public enhancements;*

*( 6) applications seek funding to operate a relending/granting program.*

As you review the summary, please contact applicants directly with questions. The individuals listed in the Applicant section are in the best position to provide you with additional information. The STAR Board will conduct a public hearing and applicant interviews on May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup> with the intention of making funding recommendations to the Mayor and City Council in early-June. An important part of the STAR Board's analysis is an assessment of the applicant's ability to work with other members of our community. With that in mind, please contact STAR staff before May 13<sup>th</sup> if you have any recommendations and/or concerns with a particular applicant or proposal.

Thank you for your continued interest and assistance. If staff can provide you with additional information, or on any aspect of the Neighborhood STAR program, please call:

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