



City of Saint Paul Capital Budget Proposal

Funding years 2022-2023

Thank you for your interest in the Saint Paul Capital Improvement Budget. Through the capital improvement budget process, we strive to reflect and uphold the values of our community. Our funding decisions are guided by the principles of equity and inclusion, strategic investments, and fiscal responsibility.

Please respond to each question listed below as it applies to your project. Please do not submit your proposal until the application is complete.

Before proceeding with the application, please read and indicate your awareness of the following requirements.

ADA requirements available at: <https://www.ada.gov>

I am aware of ADA requirements.

CERT requirements available at: <https://cert.smwbe.com/>

I am aware of CERT requirements.

Saint Paul's public art ordinance available at: <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/financial-services/public-art-ordinance-program>

I am aware of the City's public art ordinance.



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Project Overview

1. Project Title:

[CIB 5 Year Plan- New Central District Police Building](#)

2. Brief (1-2 sentence) Summary of Project:

This CIB proposal is for a new Central District building to be located in the heart of St. Paul’s North End, Rice St area. The new district will house a full complement of police officers assigned to the Central District, which currently has around 100 sworn officers and civilian staff. The building will include office space, locker rooms, community meeting rooms, and parking lots for department vehicles, as well as visitor parking. This new building will be a safe and welcoming location to host police/community meetings as

3. Project Location:

Projected for the North End, Rice St area, though the exact location is to be determined. It could be placed in two different Wards and two District Council areas.

4. Affected Ward(s): *See the* [Saint Paul District Council and Ward Lookup](#)

- Ward 1 Ward 5
- Ward 2 Ward 6
- Ward 3 Ward 7
- Ward 4

5. Affected Neighborhood District Council(s): *See the* [Saint Paul District Council and Ward Lookup](#)

- District Council 1 District Council 6 District Council 11 District Council 16
- District Council 2 District Council 7 District Council 12 District Council 17
- District Council 3 District Council 8 District Council 13 Citywide
- District Council 4 District Council 9 District Council 14
- District Council 5 District Council 10 District Council 15

6. Estimated Project Completion Date:

[12/31/2024](#)



7. Submitting Department:

St Paul Police Department

8. Department Priority (numerical priority out of total submitted projects, ex. 3 of 6):

This project is the top priority of the department.

9. Which category best describes your project?

- Buildings
- Streets and Utilities
- Residential and Economic Development
- Parks and Trails
- Other

Project Description

10. Please describe the project including a physical description of the project noting important sub-elements and information on project timing and/or phasing.

In phase 1, the St Paul Police Department will work with City Real Estate to identify a suitable land location to acquire for this project. This would happen in the first year along with planning, consulting, architecture plans and community input.

Phase 2 would be acquiring or purchasing a suitable location, as well as land development and clean up.

Phase 3 would consist of the construction of the new building. Ideally, the building would be very similar to the Western District building which consists of two stories, both inside & outside parking, and a large welcoming community room. The Western District is an excellent example of a community themed building that serves a dual purpose.

Purpose and Justification

11. Please provide pertinent information on the purpose and justification for this project. Please consider the following questions in your response:

- Why is this project important? (eg. opportunity for collaboration, condition, significant need, etc.)
- What problem is this project trying to solve?
- What benefits does it provide to residents or users? What is the historical context of this project?
- Is this a new project, an improvement or expansion project, or maintenance on an existing asset?
- Does this project address any specific health and safety concerns?
- Does this project address an inequity or otherwise support diversity and inclusion?



Building a new Central District in the North End would remedy a problem that the North End community has faced for over 25 years. They were told that the moving of the old Central District at Rice St. and Arlington St. (to 367 Grove St.), would be a temporary situation and that it would be replaced. The North End community has previously organized petition lists and community meetings trying to get this building replaced to no avail. Completing this project now would be a positive step for the community in the following ways:

- Remove the isolation of the current Central District location
- Increase the perception of safety on the North End
- Promote partnerships with residents and businesses
- Engage key populations including immigrants and refugees
- Improve response times for calls for service

Placing the district building back on the North End would provide increased visibility for the police department and allow better engagement with residents and business owners. It also allows for the Central District to have its own identity and space to grow, while relieving the space crunch at the Griffin Building.

Funding Request

Anticipated Funding Source*	Prior 5 Years	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	5-Year Total
[Eg. Grants]							
[Eg. Bonds]		1,000,000	8,550,000	8,550,000			
Total		1,000,000	8,550,000	8,550,000			

Anticipated Expenses*	Prior 5 Years	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	5-Year Total
[Acquire Land, planning, Design]		1,000,000					
[Eg. Construction]			8,550,000	8,550,000			
Total		1,000,000	8,550,000	8,550,000			18,100,000

***Add rows if needed.**

Additional comments regarding funding request:

The above dollar figures are estimates provided by City Real Estate. Costs are divided over 3 years to help ease the financial burden.



Fiscal Responsibility

12. Have grants or other matching funds for this project been secured?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please explain: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

13. How does this project further City goals of fiscal responsibility? As applicable, include details such as:

- Status and timing details of grants applied for and/or secured or other non-City funding sources.
- Estimated annual increase or decrease in operating costs for this project.
- How operating cost increases or decreases were determined (include details such as personnel costs, materials, maintenance, contracts, energy savings, etc.).
- If new infrastructure, how the department will pay for the increased operating costs.
- Whether the project is currently underway.
- If/how the project prevents a measurable financial loss or reduces future expenses.
- If/how the project contributes to growth in the City's tax base.

The Police Department has not applied for other funding at this time. The timeframe that has been laid out will allow for future funding sources/grants to be identified and explored. Delaying this project will only increase costs.

Condition

14. **Facility/Pavement Condition Index:** [New Construction](#)

15. **Expected useful life of the project:** [50 plus years](#)

16. Please elaborate on any issues relating to condition. Consider things such as:

- Whether/how this project remediates health or safety issues that pose a danger to users.
- Whether/how this project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements.

[New Construction](#)

Usage

17. Describe the current and potential usage of this project, using the following questions as a guide:

- If this is an existing asset, who currently uses it?
- How is it used?



- Who might use it if this project is funded? community/those who do or will use it?
- How will this project/improvement meet the needs of the surrounding

This new facility would be an asset to the North End community as it could be used for public meetings and gatherings. Historically, a police department district building has been a focal point of the local community. Families use it for a safe meeting place and to tell their children where to go if they need help or a safe place to be. This facility would house the nearly 100 sworn and civilian staff assigned to the Police Department’s Central District, who would be coming and going from the building 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The current Central District is housed within the SPPD Headquarters, on the first floor. SPPD Headquarters is in a commercial area of the city where residents of the district have a hard time accessing the building and do not feel connected with their police department. There are very few, if any, Central District community meetings held within the building because of the detachment that has occurred since 2003 when the old district office was moved out of the North End.

Equity and Inclusion

The City of Saint Paul and the Capital Improvement Budget Committee are committed to advancing equity and inclusion in Saint Paul.

Moving the Central District from its current industrial location to the residential North End, will strongly support the police departments mission of reaching historic levels of community engagement. In fact, the police department employ’s Community Engagement Specialists for the purpose of becoming truly inclusive and reaching communities that have sometimes felt underserved. The new district will include an open and welcoming community room for public meetings or gatherings that are inclusive and equally available to all.

Economic Impact

18. Describe the economic development impact of the project, using the following questions as a guide:

- How does this project create jobs?
- How does this project promote business opportunities?
- How does this promote economic development in underserved or underdeveloped neighborhoods?

A new city building project on the North End would be welcomed, not only by the residential community, but also by area businesses and by those looking towards future development in the area. Having a police district in the North End will help improve socioeconomic challenges in the area by encouraging new businesses to move into the area and increasing public safety through increased police presence. 7



Any construction project currently undertaken with public funds will come with stipulations of hiring a local labor force to assist the professionals in the construction phase.

Community Impact

19. Please describe the impact this project will have on the community. As applicable, address issues such as:

- Potential to enhance neighborhood stability or quality of life
- Right fit (supports or enhances the cultural characteristics of the surrounding community)
- Proximity to Area of Concentrated Poverty where 50% or more of residents are people of color (ACP50)
- Art/aesthetics
- Unmet need
- Accessibility
- Transportation
- Potential long term positive/negative effects on community
- Historical or cultural significance of asset
- Public safety
- Equitable and inclusive design

The North End community last had their own district police building in 2003. When it was moved, the community was told it would be a temporary move. The Police Department has tried several times to acquire a building or build a new one to replace what was lost in 2003. Replacing this building now would have a long-term positive impact on the affected community. The North End neighborhood falls into the ACP50 zone in St. Paul. In 2019, it was reported that this neighborhood had a 43% poverty rate and 67% of its residents were people of color (*Mncompass.org 2019, Wilder Foundation*). There is a public perception that this area is unsafe and therefore undesirable. Placing Central District back to the North End will help to alleviate that perception and give people a better sense of security in their neighborhood. Shorter response times on calls for service and 911 calls will also be noticed in the community.

Strategic Investment

20. How does this project further City goals of strategic investment? As applicable, include details such as:

- Collaborative arrangements with outside project partners, including who they are and what their role is with the project.
- Collaborative arrangements with other City departments for this project (example: bundling materials).
- How this project promotes innovation (incorporates new technology, uses resources strategically, etc.).
- How this project takes climate change/environmental sustainability/energy efficiency into account.
- How this project complies with a need or goal identified in an adopted City or neighborhood plan.



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The Griffin Building at 367 Grove Street, which currently houses the Central District, has reached its maximum capacity. Moving Central District operations to a new location would allow for the SPPD to better utilize the Griffin Building as its headquarters. The proposed new Central District building will be constructed as a certified, sustainable green building, with all the advancements afforded with new construction. Partnerships with City Real Estate would ensure the proper location and strategic acquisition of property.

Other

What else you would like to tell us about this project that was not addressed in the questions above?

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