

Neighborhood STAR Readiness Checklist

Instructions: This form is a tool to help determine if your project is eligible and ready for Neighborhood STAR funding. Completion of this checklist is NOT an application or a contract and completion of the checklist does not guarantee an award of STAR funds. Please refer to program guidelines for additional information.

Is my business or organization eligible?
Are you a public, non-profit, or for-profit entity located in or doing business in St. Paul? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Are you a church, religious organization (i.e., synagogue, mosque), City department, or other local quasi-governmental entity (no federal, state, or county agencies or departments may apply) with an application partner from a neighborhood and/or community group? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
Are you in good standing with the Minnesota Secretary of State? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If you answered NO to any of the above questions, your project is NOT eligible for NSTAR grants
Is This Project Eligible?
Is it for a project of \$5,000 or more? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If you are asking for \$50,001 or more, do you have matching funds equal to your request? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Is this for a capital project, meaning permanently affixed, physical, “bricks and mortar” enhancements? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Will this be project be used for funded purpose for 7 or more years? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Is your project for public or commercial use (not for home-based businesses, individual homeowners, or townhome owners)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If you are a religious organization, is your request for a project that is i) non-sectarian and does not advance nor inhibit religion; ii) for capital improvements for functions not associated with church-sponsored or religious-type activities, and iii) is open and available to the public at large on a regular basis? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
Does the project take place in St. Paul? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Do you have current proof of site control – the ability to modify a particular site – for the project in question (i.e., lease, deed)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Will your project begin AFTER the City Council approves funding and the contract process is executed (up to 9-12 months)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If you answered NO to any of the above questions, your project is NOT eligible for NSTAR grants
Am I ready to apply for STAR funds?
Have you read the Neighborhood STAR Guidelines (www.stpaul.gov/nstar)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Do you understand and are you willing to comply with the City compliance related to insurance, non-discrimination, and prevailing wage, among other compliance requirements? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Do you understand that you must incur costs before STAR funds are disbursed to you, and that you must furnish proof of how all STAR funds are spent? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Do you understand all the necessary code, permit, and licensing requirements for your project, or have you secured the services of a professional (engineer, architect) to help you understand these requirements, if applicable? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If you answered NO to any of the above questions, you may not be ready to apply for Neighborhood STAR funds just yet. Please consider applying when you feel prepared to meet the requirements of the program.