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16-103	1	7	Mt. Airy HVAC and Energy Improvement Project, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities, Lori Peterson, 651-726-2582 Lpeterson@bgc-tc.org	The Boys & Girls Club, a non-profit organization providing childcare, programming and meals for at-risk children, is requesting funding to install HVAC into a 54-year-old, former school building to address safety issues during summer programming due to condensation making the floors slippery. This new HVAC system would upgrade a city-owned Parks building and create a welcome environment for both non-profits housed in the space as well as the numerous community meetings held in the building.	690 Jackson Street, 55130	125,000	125,000	0
16-105	4	11	Burning Brothers Brewing Patio Rebecca Foss, 651-444-8882, rebecca@burnbrosbrew.com	This is the first gluten free craft beer establishment in the City of Saint Paul. Their plan is to improve the appearance of their building by installing garage doors opening onto a new 12' by 24' patio to increase capacity, address rain-water management and add one full time and one part time staff. This business fits in with the Central Corridor Development Strategy small area plan for the Fairview LRT Station.	1750 Thomas Avenue, 55104	22,950	10,000	10,000
16-107	6	5	Cookie Cart Urban Bakery Matt Hailey 612-521-0855, grants@cookiecart.org	This non-profit entity is dedicated to providing a job training and life readiness program to teens through employment at a new neighborhood bakery on Payne Avenue. This remodeling project will include new classrooms, offices, a store front café and non-profit bakery.	946 Payne Avenue, 55130	742,070	100,000	100,000
16-110	1	7	Frogtown Curling Club Deb Strafaccia 651-558-2200, deb.strafaccia@gmail.com	Since 2010, this 350 person non-profit organization has leased and managed the Biff Adams Ice Arena from Ramsey County. The club offers curling lessons, games and tournaments. Every summer the facility is rented to Ryder Academy for motorcycle training classes. STAR funds would be used to install new LED lighting. According to a Xcel Energy Lighting System Analysis, once the new lighting is installed, the club would qualify for a \$4,284 utility rebate, CO2 gasses would go down by over 46% annually and the club would realize an annual savings of \$2,743. These savings will be used towards replacing the ice chiller.	743 Western Avenue N., 55103	9,130	9,130	0
16-111	2	3	Purchase and Renovation of 160 Wabasha Gemini LLC Casimir Sienkiewicz 651-291-8007 caz@cazteck.com	Gemini LLC is a for-profit LLC connected with Caztek, an engineering services company and Pedalbiz, LLC. The two firms have been located in downtown Saint Paul for 12 years. Plans are to purchase and renovate a bigger vacant building in order to move and grow these companies, add 15 full-time positions with seven (7) more full-time jobs being created within the next 5 years.	160 Wabasha Street S., 55107	1,550,000	40,000	190,000
16-114	4	12	Independent Filmmaker Project Minnesota (IFP) Andrew Peterson 651-644-1912 apeterson@ifpmn.org	IFP is a non-profit entity with over 400 active members serving more than 800 youth annually through film education, professional development, seminars, exhibitions and screenings in their new, 2015, media arts center in Vandalia Tower. Their request is to purchase and install acoustic ceiling tiles (a sound cloud) for approximately 1/3 of their space.	550 Vandalia St., Suite 120, 55114	5,000	5,000	0
16-115	2	17	2016 Perimeter Balustrade Restoration James J. Hill Reference Library, Danielle Parish 651-265-5500 events@jjhill.org	The James J. Hill Center is a historic, landmark structure in downtown Saint Paul overlooking Rice Park. Their mission is to connect business, entrepreneurs and the community to technology and innovation by providing free access to information. Funds are being requested to repair the balustrade to prevent replacement in the future.	80 West Fourth Street, 55102	12,000	12,000	0

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16-116	7	5	719 Payne Avenue Revitalization Karibu Grocery & Deli Karibu Grocery & Deli, LLC, Abdiwali Ali, 651-582-4171, Ali_abdiwali@yahoo.com	Owners of this for-profit LLC have lived in the neighborhood for 17 years and are working with the African Development Center to replace a long vacated commercial property at Payne and Minnehaha with a new building featuring a deli serving American, Middle Eastern and East African cuisine along with an outdoor patio and small grocery store for the neighborhood. Plans are to be open for business by the end of this year.	719 Payne Avenue, 55130	507,500	90,000	90,000
16-119	7	4	The GROW-IT Center Metropolitan State University Foundation, Maureen Acosta 651-793-1830 maureen.acosta@metrostate.edu	The Metro State University Foundation is partnering with neighboring non-profit Urban Roots to rehabilitate an old greenhouse building by the spring of 2017 to teach environmental issues to students, strengthen community outreach through workshops and grow edibles for community members.	445 Maria Ave., 55106	400,000	84,300	0
16-120	4	7	MINCAM Community Center Renovation and Upgrade MINNESOTA CAMEROON COMMUNITY - MINCAM Steve Ndely 612-387-7817 ndely.molasteve@gmail.com	The Minnesota Cameroonian Community (MINCAM) is a non-profit organization comprised of a consortium of independently operated organizations and individuals of Cameroonian origin or affiliated with the country of Cameroon in Central Africa. This non-profit assists an estimated 5,000 members of the twin cities Cameroon community by creating a gathering place for various events throughout the year. Participation in Cameroonian events exceeds 200,000 annually. Their request is to begin addressing the many upgrades and repairs needed to the historic building they purchased in 2013.	1020 Bandana Blvd. W.	37,000	37,000	0
16-123	5	6	MORE Cathy Rucchi 651-204-0497, crucchi@more-empowerment.org	MORE is a non-profit entity working with refugees and immigrants from neighboring McDonough Homes by distributing donated clothing and food, providing English and citizenship lessons and addressing poverty issues. So far this year 1,300 people from more than twenty cultures and ethnic groups have benefited from MORE's services. The requested public sidewalk on the west side of Jackson Street will provide handicap accessibility to the front of their building and the ramp will allow wheelchair access to second floor classrooms.	96 Wheelock Parkway E., 55117	11,000	11,000	0
16-125	7	4	Dayton's Bluff Business Incubator Neighborhood Development Center, Ben Johnson 651-291-2480 bjohnson@ndc-mn.org	The Neighborhood Development Center (NDC) is a non-profit community development financial institution providing entrepreneur training, small business lending, business services and real estate incubators to residents of low-income, inner-city neighborhoods. This project will renovate approx. 8,000 sq. ft. of retail and/or professional office space and 5,000 sq. ft. of warehouse space to lease to graduates of NDC's entrepreneurship training programs and other local entrepreneurs.	809 Seventh Street E., 55106	1,109,624	350,000	0
16-127	&	6	North End Business Development Program , North East Neighborhoods Development Corporation, Chuck Repke, 651-771-6955, chuckrepke@aol.com District 6 Community Council Area	North End Neighborhoods Development Corp. (NENDC) is a Minnesota nonprofit, neighborhood based, community development corporation providing incentives for long-term residency and business retention in St. Paul. When Sparc closed its doors, NENDC stepped in to work with the District 6 Community Council to serve this area. This sub-loan, sub-grant program will provide low interest loans (@ 2% to 3%) for fixed capital improvements to commercial properties within the District 6 Community Council area.	Projects would be located in the District 6 Community Council area as mapped by the City of Saint Paul	200,000	100,000	100,000

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16-128	2	9	North Garden Theater Façade Restoration 929 7th St. W., Ryan North, 612-272-5680, info@northgardentheater.com	This small, for-profit business purchased the old category 3, Garden Theater building in December, 2015 with plans to remodel/restore the façade, marquee and sign. When finished, planned use for the building will be small performance space for the community and rental space with a catering kitchen and bar for weddings, receptions, reunions, etc.	929 7th Street W.	66,875	24,999	25,000
16-129	1	8	Commercial Land Trust Enhancement Rondo Community Land Trust, Greg Finzell 651-221-9884 housing@broen.net	Rondo Community Land Trust is a community-based affordable housing land trust formed by local residents in 1993. This project will redevelop two long-vacant HRA-owned parcels along Selby Avenue into two floors of affordable housing and community space for area seniors and affordable commercial space on main floor targeting small, local businesses. The HRA has awarded Rondo tentative developer status for the properties and has dedicated funds to the project as well.	838 & 940 Selby Ave, 55104	9,342,000	124,600	0
16-131	1	13	Transforming Central , St. Paul Public Schools on behalf of Transforming Central (High School), Kris Hageman, 651-208-5178	In 2011, the Transforming Central volunteer committee comprised of St. Paul Central parents, students, alumni and community members along with St. Paul Public School facilities staff began addressing the deteriorated conditions of the school grounds by raising funds to design and create a welcoming, usable space for the 2,000 plus students and thousands of visitors to Minnesota's oldest high school.	275 Lexington Parkway N. 55104	560,249	100,000	0
16-132	1	7	Parking Lot Revitalization and Security Silhouette Bakery & Bistro and Anh's Hairstylists Ericka Trinh, 612-245-1696, erickatrinh@gmail.com	This family-operated, for-profit entity has been open for business on University Avenue for 26 years. Now, the next generation is planning to open an additional business two doors away. When light rail was being constructed, they were awarded a Ready for Rail forgivable loan. Unfortunately, by the time they were ready to make the improvements, the funds were no longer available. Security lighting is still needed in the back of their property to help thwart criminal activity as well as water mediation and new paving for their parking lot.	383, 393, 397 University Ave W	25,000	12,500	12,500
16-133	7	4	Sky Blue Waters LLC Hamms building # 3 building Elyse Jensen, 218-590-8513, elyse@skybluewatercapital.com	This family-owned, for-profit real estate development firm plans to purchase and develop building #3, a 9,000 sq. ft. space, in the old Hamm's complex into office space for their two-year old financial services business with plans to add 100 employees over the next 5 years. Phase two will be to create space for a new restaurant, daycare center, and residential rental units. Once this building is occupied, DSI will allow the fence to Swede Hollow Park to be removed thus allowing all park users access to the entire Hamm's complex.	678 Minnehaha Avenue, 55130	500,000	60,000	110,000
16-134	1	8	Western U Plaza Mixed Use Building St. Paul Old Home Retail, Jamie Thelen, 320-202-3100, JJThelen@sandcompanies.com	Non-profit Aurora/St. Anthony Neighborhood Development Corporation partnered with Sand Companies, Inc. who are experts in the field of property management and real estate development, on the redevelopment of the historic Old Home Dairy site. Sixty (60) new units of affordable residential units and two floors of commercial space will be created. STAR funds are being requested to build-out the commercial space for use by small neighborhood business entrepreneurs who are either from underserved populations or immigrants.	360 University Avenue W., 55103	100,000	50,000	50,000

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