

2025 Neighborhood STAR Program Recommendations									
Rank	Score	Ward	Applicant	Project Title	Address	Project Description (summary)	Grant Request	Board Recommendation	Mayor Recommendation
1	18.71	Ward 2	West 7th/Fort Road Federation, Inc.	Revitalize West 7th Program	Commercial properties and public right of way located in District 9, the West 7th/Fort Road Federation neighborhood.	The Revitalize West 7th Program offers local businesses an opportunity to enhance their building facades, contributing to the revitalization and vibrancy of our community. With grants of up to \$10,000 available per business, this initiative aims to support small businesses in implementing improvements that not only beautify their premises but also create a more welcoming and engaging neighborhood.	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
2	18.14	Ward 2	Victoria Best Steak House, INC.	Masonry Restoration - The Best Steak House	860 University Ave. W.	Replace lintels and thru-wall flashings at (11) openings. Provide solid tuckpointing at (6) sills and replace (4) other sills. Replace (60) bricks. Spot tuckpoint. Tuckpoint 50% of the South wall. Rebuild (3) corners of building at grade. Remove/reinstall electrical as necessary to complete repairs. Paint the areas of new work to match the adjacent finishes. Skim coat. Aluminum flashing.	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
3	17.63	Ward 2	TKP LLC	HVAC Duct Modifications & Dishwasher Ventilation	367 Wabasha St N	HVAC duct modifications in main dining area & dishwasher ventilation in the dishwasher room.	\$14,954.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
4	17.27	Ward 6	East Side Neighborhood Development Company	Friendly Storefronts (Program)	This is a program based at ESNDIC's office (925 Payne Ave, Suite 201). It will serve businesses along Payne Ave, Arcade St, and nearby Maryland and 7th Street corridors. Participating businesses will provide proof of site control or property owner permission for permanent improvements.	The Friendly Storefronts program builds on the Lower Payne CVZ and supports NRSA goals by funding permanent improvements that boost business visibility, attract customers, and maintain competitiveness amid disruptions like MNDOT's Arcade Street construction. This investment helps strengthen the resilience, vibrancy, and cultural identity of East Side commercial corridors.	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
5	17.13	Ward 5	MORE	Empowering Futures	96 E Wheelock Parkway	MORE is a nonprofit in Saint Paul's North End supporting immigrants with free education and basic needs support. STAR funds will be used to create an expanded parking area, repave the driveway, and install a fence to protect the food garden. The fence will feature a mural created with the help of the MORE community.	\$23,124.15	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00
6	16.91	Ward 6	52 MARKET & TRADING, INC	990 Arcade Rehab	990 Arcade Street Saint	Funds would be used to help rehab our commercial building due to fire damage resulting from arson on 8/9/23. Rehab includes but not limited to electrical, plumbing, HVAC, walls, flooring, is possible siding. It is essentially rebuilding the inside to make it operable as the Asian grocery store serving the East Side for the last 18 years.	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
7	16.88	Ward 6	Payless Tires North	Updates	847 White Bear Ave N.	We would repair our parking lot, sidewalk, exterior sign, paint interior and exterior, replace damaged ceiling tiles, shop lights, haz doors and bathroom.	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
8	16.88	Ward 1	Payless Tires Inc.	Remodel	698 University Ave W.	New sign, new restroom, tile flooring in office/ waiting room, patch and paint interior, paint exterior, new entry door, interior doors .	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
9	16.86	Ward 1	St. Paul & Ramsey County Domestic Abuse Intervention Project	SPIP Roof and Parking Lot Project	394 Dayton Ave.	STAR dollars would fund if awarded, Redoing SPIP's Parking Lot = \$24,300; Tree Stump Grinding/Removal (2) on Parking Lot = \$988; Building's Roof Repair = \$18,700 and Replacement of Roof Hatch = \$5,950. Total Cost of Parking Lot and Roof Repair = \$49,938.	\$49,938.00	\$49,938.00	\$49,938.00
10	16.80	Ward 6	HOURLCAR	Electric Vehicle Maintenance Facility Improvement Project	880 Duluth St.	To support our East Side expansion of Evie Carshare, HOURLCAR needs to make a number of upgrades to our newly acquired electric vehicle maintenance facility. Specifically, we need to add electric vehicle charging stations, a vehicle lift, and an alignment rack to the north bay of the facility. All improvements will be permanently affixed and wired into the electrical system of the building.	\$50,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
11	16.75	Ward 3	Sohn Hee Eateries, LLC	Water Heater for Grand Ave	1328 Grand Ave.	Replace 27 year old water heater which, currently is barely meeting health inspection compliance requirements. A functional and in good working condition Hot water heater is an integral part of operating a commercial restaurant safely as well as, effectively when it comes to cleaning and sanitizing food cooking materials.	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
12	16.75	Ward 6	Saint Paul Parks Conservancy	Honoring John Thao Through a Legacy of Sport, Community, and Cultural Pride	1020 Duluth St.	We are seeking funding to design and install a permanent sign honoring John Thao, a beloved community member and world-class sepak takraw athlete at one of the nation's first public sepak takraw courts at Duluth & Case Rec Center in Saint Paul. The sign will celebrate John's legacy, uplift Hmong cultural identity, and inspire future generations through his story of excellence, kindness, and community.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

13	16.73	Ward 4	Ezitec LLC	Community Tech Repair Building Upgrade	1141 University Ave. W.	Would be used to renovate and update the exterior of the building located at 1141 university ave W. Including windows, front door, adding building and streetlighting, building signage, security system, roof and gutters, awning, an art mural on the west wall (which is seen from the Green Line Light Rail), relining the parking lot, and putting a small green space & fence in the rear of the property.	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
14	16.71	Ward 2	Union Gospel Mission Association of St Paul	UGMTC Men's Campus Expansion	435 University Ave E.	Add 6,000 square feet to our men's campus and revamp the existing layout to increase emergency shelter beds from 190 to 254; double the capacity of our dining room; increase our day-space from 1,300 sq ft to 2,600 sq ft; add a secure, year-round outdoor space; and add new windows. We plan to offer a more spacious, safe, dignified space to our guests.	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
15	16.55	Ward 6	Cibkoob Asia Fresh LLC	Cibkoob Asia Fresh Market - 2025	1401 Maryland Avenue E.	If awarded, STAR funds will help us cover a portion of the cost to purchase and install new commercial refrigeration units essential for our start-up grocery store on Maryland in Saint Paul. These permanent fixtures, quoted at \$199,901.57, are critical for food storage and safety. Remaining costs will be covered through owner equity and additional private funding sources.	\$49,900.00	\$49,900.00	\$49,900.00
16	16.50	Ward 2	Park Square Theatre	Park Square Door Accessibility Improvement Project	408 St. Peter Street	The accessibility project is to replace six front doors on Park Square Theatre's facility, install reliable motors on the handicap doors, and integrate new accessible push-button controls to ensure everyone can enter independently and safely while improving the energy efficiency, sustainability, and accessibility of our historic downtown space.	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00
17	16.50	Ward 1	Frogtown Farm	Frogtown Farm Fence Upgrade Project	946 Minnehaha Ave W.	Frogtown Farm seeks STAR funds to replace nearly 3,000 feet of failing fence. New fencing will protect crops, reduce damage, and keep the space safe and welcoming. As a vital green space and incubator for seven emerging farmers, this upgrade supports local food, entrepreneurship, and small business development.	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
18	16.44	Ward 1	Springboard for the Arts	Capital Request: Springboard for the Arts	262 University Avenue W.	Support from Neighborhood STAR will fund our capital project to add a new entry vestibule and welcome area on the Community Hall side of our building and relocate a stormwater collection cistern. This capital improvement will enhance safety, visibility, accessibility, and public use of our site, which includes a multi-use hall, public green space, and outdoor gathering area.	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
19	16.38	Ward 6	Preferred Choice Insurance Agency Inc	1073 Payne Ave	1073 Payne Ave.	Install Fence along Payne Ave, repaint exteriors, install new exterior basement door, redo chimney, new business signage on the side and front.	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
20	16.18	Ward 6	Face to Face Health & Counseling Service, Inc.	Face to Face Parking Lot Project	1165 Arcade Street	We are proposing capital rehabilitation of the parking lot of our building at 1165 Arcade Street. The current lot is in dire disrepair and affects the staff and participants of not only our nonprofit, but also St. Paul Public School's Face to Face Academy, Vue Eye Clinic, Arcade Phalen American Legion Post 577, neighbors at 1148 Arcade Street, and other residents of the neighborhood.	\$38,584.63	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
21	16.18	Ward 1	105 University Ave W	Pay-As-You-Can Community Cafe Storage Upgrades and Expansion	105 University Ave W.	Shob's Table, a pay-as-you-can mobile cafe, seeks to increase food storage capacity through installation of a walk-in refrigerator, as well as upgrading an existing room for food storage through NSF certified flooring, walls, and ceiling. These capital improvements will allow us to double our impact, responding to the increased need for food and community building in St. Paul neighborhoods.	\$49,912.76	\$49,912.76	\$49,912.76
22	16.14	Ward 1	The Rondo Community Land Trust	843 Selby Site Renewal	843/845 Selby	Demolition, environmental remediation, and initial site buildout at 843 Selby Ave, including utility preparation, foundation work, and early framing. This first phase will prepare the site for the future construction of Bubble Line Brewing Co., Minnesota's first Black woman-owned independent brewery.	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
23	16.13	Ward 5	TMREIT, LLC	The Mall Center Solar Panel & Mansa Tech Hub Projects	576 Front Avenue	The NSTAR dollars will be used to purchase and install solar panels as well as convert an existing office into an AI tech hub. More specifically, the grant will cover all materials, labor, permits of electrical wiring, network cabling, and other necessary infrastructure to support AI training equipment. The equipment will be secured via additional grant funding (LISC) and in-kind commitments.	\$50,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
24	16.10	Ward 2 Ward 3	Grand Avenue Business Association	Renovate, Revive, Reopen Storefronts on Grand Ave	Grand Avenue from Dale to Cretin	Grand Avenue Business Association (GABA) will support small businesses by creating a business improvement grant round. Businesses will be able to use funding to support aesthetic and functional improvements to buildings, signs, sites, landscaping, or interior amenities, as well as any suitable arts related street activation.	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00

25	16.00	Ward 6	Sunlight Services LLC	Empower Center Care - 2025	1109 Hazel St N.	Empower Center Care is requesting \$45,000 in STAR funds to support our kitchen expansion project, aimed at accommodating our growing number of residents. The funds will be used for permanent, physical improvements, including upgraded plumbing and electrical work. These essential upgrades will ensure our facility can meet the increasing demand for services and continue to operate efficiently.	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
26	16.00	Ward 6	Roots Wellness Center	RWC Roof and Brick Repair	1908-1916 W University Ave.	Roots Wellness Center purchased a building in 2024 which we have been renovating to fit our needs as a community wellness hub. STAR funds would be used to update the roof of our building that is in need of significant repairs, yet not a full replacement. This is an essential repair that is needed for continuity of services.	\$19,100.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
27	16.00	Ward 6	Family Foods Market	Install/Renovation 2Bathrooms	950 Arcade St.	Installation/renovation bathrooms. Install a new bathroom on first level floor for emergency used by our customers. Secondly, renovate the existing bathroom in the basement.	\$55,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
28	15.86	Ward 1	Walker West Music Academy	Walker West Outdoor Amphitheater	650 Marshall Avenue	Walker West Music Academy requests funding to support outdoor space renovations at our new location on 650 Marshall Ave. Renovations will enable us to host concerts by professional musicians, performances by Walker West students, and private events for community members. Additionally, renovations will beautify the space for community use and install music-themed play equipment for children.	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
29	15.80	Ward 5	Hamemick's Flooring Solutions	Hamemick's Exterior Remodel 2025	1381 Rice Street North and 1392 Rice Street North	With the Rice Street Visioning and Reconstruction project finally starting, we want to enhance our buildings to match the new streets and sidewalks at our Saint Paul stores. We are planning on new paint, awnings, a new front entrance, replacement or a broken windows, and new signage. We want our building to look new and fresh to match the new streets and sidewalks.	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
30	15.73	Ward 3	AshEli Threading llc D.B.A Brow Jefa	Commercial Renovation	419 Cleveland Ave S	STAR funds will upgrade my brow studio by building two treatment rooms with new walls, drywall, and three interior doors, constructing two headers, removing two walls, installing new flooring, upgrading electrical systems, adding baseboard heaters, installing salon chairs, drawers to stations, shelves, mirrors and installing a new sink while updating an existing sink for better client service.	\$50,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
31	15.70	Ward 6	Far East Inc	bathroom plumbing, electrical	959 Arcade St.	1. Update and remodel both Men and Women bathroom, especially the plumbing 2.Update electrical panel other electrical work	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
32	15.64	Ward 6	Cook St Paul, LLC	Commercial Kitchen Buildout	1124 Payne Ave.	Turn what is a current garage/storage space into commercial kitchen. Bring walls, floors, ceiling up to MDH code. Add electrical and plumbing needing for a commercial kitchen.	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
33	15.63	Ward 1	ROLU, LLC	Rolu - Mi Linda Tierra Expansion	461 University Avenue W.	New Construction Residential of a 2nd Floor Apartment (only one apartment exists now), Reno/Rehab Commercial -back end of building to add new storage space - extends footprint of building. Renovation of basement below existing storage to create secure foundation, Renovation of current first floor storage to create new commercial kitchen. Overall: Demo, HVAC unit, Electrical, New Windows, Roofing.	\$225,000.00	\$225,000.00	\$225,000.00
34	15.57	Ward 6	Tee Pwo Market LLC	Tee Pwo Market - 2025	1654 White Bear Ave.	If awarded, STAR funds will be used to repair a garage panel damaged during a recent break-in, install a new sign in front of the store to highlight our deli, and create new in-store signage to better direct customers to products. Additionally, STAR funds will cover the cost of a new menu sign for the deli area. Any non-permanent items, such as display fixtures, will be funded privately.	\$49,900.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
35	15.55	Ward 2	Burl Gallery	Burl Gallery	308 Prince Street	Install a utility sink and drain into existing plumbing in the adjacent #125 art studio/storage space adjacent to the Burl Gallery. The Burl Gallery is located in the Northern Warehouse in Lowertown Saint Paul, 308 Prince Street 55101.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
36	15.50	Ward 2	North Garden Theater, LLC	North Garden Theater Energy Efficiency Upgrades	929 West 7th St.	STAR dollars, if awarded, would fund the installation of spray foam insulation in the rear quarter of the building, the purchase and installation of new commercial-grade fans to improve air circulation, the necessary repair work on the front and rear entrances for weatherization, and the replacement of the main hot water heater with a new heat pump.	\$29,040.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
37	15.40	Ward 1	Friendly Grocery	window and door glass replacement	537 Rice St.	Update building, 6 new windows and new door.	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00

38	15.33	Ward 7	St. Paul Aerie No. 33 Fraternal Order of Eagles	Eagles Club Aerie 33 Improvements	287 Maria Avenue	If awarded, STAR dollars would be used to fund the following improvements to the Eagles Club: -New Doors (3 exterior doors, one front door and two side doors and interior doors throughout) -HVAC improvements, repairs and new mini-split -Kitchen improvements -New toilets for bathrooms -New ceiling lighting to replace outdated fluorescent	\$49,934.00	\$49,934.00	\$49,934.00
39	15.27	Ward 7	Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio	CLUES (Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio) Exterior Capital Improvements	797 E. 7th St. 461 Maria Ave.	CLUES will install new signage and public artwork on the exterior facade of our new Early Childhood Education and Family Wellness Center on Maria Ave and new public artwork on the exterior of our headquarters. These updates will make our buildings easier to identify, revitalize the critical 7th Street Corridor, and celebrate the beauty and diversity of the East Side through visual storytelling.	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
40	15.20	Ward 3	Due Focacceria	Enhancing Community Engagement and Safety at Due Focacceria	475 Fairview Ave S.	Due Focacceria is applying for STAR funds to complete key capital improvements to the leased property at 475 Fairview Avenue South. STAR dollars would fund resurfacing and re-striping of the parking lot, full roof replacement, installation of permanent LED lighting, permanent patio heaters, parameter fencing and construction of a shed enclosure to house a new permanently affixed walk-in	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00
41	15.18	Ward 4	Cadenza Music LLC	Expansion of Cadenza Music's in-house event space, Studio 20	149 Snelling Avenue N.	Expanding Cadenza Music's in-house event space, Studio 20, to almost double the capacity and construct sufficient fire exits.	\$47,000.00	\$47,000.00	\$47,000.00
42	15.00	Ward 2	W 7th Arts District	W 7th Arts District	943 W 7th Street	The Neighborhood Star Grant funds will be used for capital improvements to design light post banners and signs welcoming people to the West 7th Arts District. A competitive process will invite St. Paul based artists to use their artistic creativity to designate, identify and showcase the unique character of the West 7th Arts District. Artwork will be on metal materials to last well beyond 7 years.	\$50,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
43	15.00	Ward 6	Hmong Village Inc	Hmong Village - 2025	1001 Johnson Pkwy, Ste B18	We are a cultural marketplace located in the Great East Side of Saint Paul. Square footage of the building is approximately 105,000 square feet. Roof Repairs \$550,000 Exterior Painting \$50,000 Total Project Cost \$600,000 We are requesting a \$200,000 STAR grant, with the remaining \$400,000 funded through private investments, bank loans, and additional grants.	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
44	15.00	Ward 5	Highlight LLC	Golden Palace Asian Market and Deli - 2025	995 Rice Street	Golden Palace Asian Market and Deli is a local grocery store serving Saint Paul's North End community. We are seeking \$45,000 for permanent improvements, including installing a durable awning to improve visibility, provide weather protection, and enhance the storefront's appearance. Additionally, we plan to add a new sign on Rice Street for greater visibility, helping us attract more customers.	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
45	14.91	Ward 4	African Economic Development Solutions	Little Africa Plaza Cultural Infrastructure Improvements	678 Snelling Avenue N.	NSTAR funds will support permanent improvements to the African Museum, Art & Cultural Center (AMACC) & shared public areas at Little Africa Plaza, (LAP) including lighting, sound, & digital displays to spotlight exhibits, artists & entrepreneurs, promote AMACC's programming & AEDS programs, & extend its free, immersive art & cultural experiences to LAP's high traffic public common areas.	\$75,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Total:							\$2,416,387.54	\$2,300,684.76	\$2,300,684.76