



Agenda
Budget & Public Employees Committee
Meeting
St. Louis Board of Aldermen
Wednesday, January 28, 2026 - 6:00 PM
Webinar

President Megan Green
Alderman Rasheen Aldridge, Chair
Alderman Michael Browning, Vice Chair
Committee Members:
Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier
Alderwoman Daniela Velazquez
Alderman Matt Devoti

Order of Business

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from Wednesday, January 14, 2026, committee meeting.

IV. Board Bills for Review

None

V. Resolutions for Review

None

VI. Committee Discussions

(The committee will discuss and take public comment on the following)

Discussion Item Number 1

Rams Settlement Interest Monies

The committee will discuss the use of Rams Settlement Funds and interest monies.

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

VIII. Announcements

IX. Excused Members

X. Adjournment



**Preliminary Minutes
Budget & Public Employees Committee
Wednesday, January 14, 2026
12:00 PM
Kennedy Room**

Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:07pm.

II. Roll Call

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll and the following members answered with their names: Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Ms. Velazquez, Mr. Devoti and Chair Aldridge. **5 members were present. A quorum was established.**

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the Thursday, January 8, 2026, committee meeting.

The Chair stated they would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, December 10, 2025, committee meeting.

Mr. Devoti moved to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, December 10, 2025, committee meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, December 10, 2025, committee meeting.

The Associate Clerk called the roll and the following votes were recorded: The following voted Aye: Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Ms. Velazquez, Mr. Devoti, and Chair Aldridge. **5 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:
None

The following abstained:
None

The following were present but did not vote:
None

A total of 5 votes were cast. The motion carried.

Due to an oversight on the agenda, the Chair approved the incorrect minutes and had to reconsider the motion on the approval of the minutes of Wednesday, December 10, 2025, committee meeting.

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Mr. Aldridge moved to reconsider the approval of the minutes of the Wednesday, December 10, 2025, committee meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

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IV. Board Bills for Review

None

V. Resolutions for Review

Resolution Number 194

Introduced by Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that the

assessment and equalization maintenance plan prepared by the Assessor is hereby approved as required by law.

The Chair recognized Ms. Schweitzer for introducing Resolution Number 194 before the committee.

Ms. Schweitzer gave a brief description of Resolution Number 194.

After no further discussion, Ms. Schweitzer stated that she had a committee substitute to Resolution Number 194 that she wanted to put before the committee.

Hearing no further discussion, the Chair entertained a motion to adopt the committee substitute to Resolution Number 194.

Mr. Browning moved to adopt the committee substitute to Resolution Number 194.

Seconded by Mr. Devoti.

Mr. Aldridge requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the previous roll, the Chair stated that the committee substitute to Resolution Number 194 was adopted.

The Associate Clerk recorded the following votes from the previous roll. The Associate Clerk recorded the following votes. The following voted Aye: Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Ms. Velazquez, Mr. Devoti, and Chair Aldridge. **5 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:
None

The following voted Present:
None

The following Abstained:
None

The following were present but did not vote:
None

A total of 5 votes were cast. The motion carried.

After no further discussion, the Chair recognized Shawn Ordway, Assessor for the City of St. Louis before the committee.

Mr. Ordway discussed the assessment and equalization maintenance plan.

After no further discussion, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the committee for questions and comments.

Members of the committee asked questions and made comments.

Hearing no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair recognized Ms. Schweitzer for her final closing statement.

Ms. Schweitzer gave her final statement on Resolution Number 194 Committee Substitute before asking for favorable consideration on Resolution Number 194 Committee Substitute.

After no further discussion, the Chair entertained a motion to pass Resolution Number 194 Committee Substitute out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Mr. Browning moved to pass Resolution Number 194 Committee Substitute out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

Mr. Aldridge requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the previous roll, the Chair stated that Resolution Number 194 Committee Substitute passed out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation.

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VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

None

VIII. Announcements

None

IX. Excused Members

All members were present.

X. Adjournment

Having no other business to discuss, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Aldridge moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

The Chair requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the previous roll, the Chair adjourned the meeting.

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The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

The background image shows a demolition site. A yellow truck with a hydraulic excavator arm is in the center, facing the viewer. The truck has "STLRECOVERS" and "53H-0XL" on its front. Two workers in high-visibility vests and hard hats are on the roof of a partially demolished brick house to the right. Another worker is visible on the left. The scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

BOA Budget & Public Employees Committee Update: Rams Interest

January 28, 2026

Current Priorities

January-March 2026

1

Winter safety:

Ensure everyone is safe this winter.

2

Visible debris removal & repairs:

Drive PPA applications and accelerate visible progress.



RECOVERED RESIDENTS

10,000+ impacted households below 80% of the area median income

- ✓ **655 cases supported** across 20 Disaster Case Managers and **971 cases** across 10+ Community Health Workers
- ✓ **64 approved** for emergency rental assistance
- ✓ **73 approved** for grants from impacted tenants fund
- ✓ **89 households** placed in hotels with housing support
- ✓ **24 of 230 rental units** contracted for repairs available
- ✓ **\$14M allocated** to support 50+ nonprofits



REPAIRED PROPERTIES

7,000+ properties damaged, 7+ parks impacted, and **900K tons of debris to be removed

- ✓ **112 homes** stabilized by City (>70 underway)
- ✓ **19 homes** repaired by City (acceleration in March)
- ✓ **13 buildings** demolished by City (20 underway)
- ✓ **6,000 estimated** public trees cut or trimmed
- ✓ **146K+ tons** debris removed (553K+ washing machines)
- ✓ **119 debris removals** and **29 tree removals** (private)
- ✓ **574 residential building permits** in tornado zone

What's Happening Next?



REJUVENATED NEIGHBORHOODS

800+ businesses & non-profits and 7 schools in neighborhoods impacted

- ✓ **40 small businesses** supported with no-interest loans
- ✓ **3 of 7 St. Louis Public Schools impacted** reopened
- ✓ **1 of 3 neighborhood plans** in tornado zone drafted and adopted (2 still underway)

Jan: Continue winter safety operations and housing supports

Feb: Launch home repair pilot and expand outreach to increase new private property assistance applications

March: Scale home repair pilot and launch state- and city-led private property demolition and debris removal

Resident Recovery Programs and Funding

TOTAL RECOVERY FUNDING

TOTAL ALLOCATED:
\$439

- Across City (\$134M)
- Federal (\$211M)
- State (\$104M)

CITY ALLOCATED:
\$134M

- \$115M contracted/ committed
- \$61M spent

KEY:

- ACTIVE
- LAUNCHING
- ONGOING/ NO NEW APPLICATIONS



RECOVERED RESIDENTS, \$72M

- Case Mgmt, \$3M**
Connecting residents to resources to recover
- Shelter, \$8M**
Temporary shelter and supports to find stable housing
- Rental Assistance & Imp. Tenants, \$5M**
Rental assistance and impacted tenants grant to support housing transition
- Resident Support Services, \$7M**
Funding non-profits to provide services (e.g., food, legal aid, mental health, utility assist.)
- Warehouse, Supplies & Resilience Hubs, \$4M**
Connecting residents with meals, supplies, case workers, counseling, and more
- FEMA Individual Assistance, \$45M**
Cash assistance for housing and other needs



REPAIRED PROPERTIES, \$335M

- Public Debris Removal, \$27M**
Remove debris from streets & alleys and provide dumpsters
- City Infrastructure, \$2M**
Repair traffic lights, street lights, street signs, and damage to parks and city buildings
- Sidewalk & Tree Restoration, \$6M**
Repair sidewalks and restore lost tree canopy
- Vacant Unit Turns, \$12M**
Make affordable vacant units available for residents



REJUVENATED NEIGHBORHOODS, \$18M

- Neighborhood Planning, N/A**
Funds for infill and other housing production
- Long-Term Housing, \$18M**
Funds for infill and other housing production
- Business Supports, N/A**
\$2M available and \$250k awarded in zero-interest rate loans



ADMINISTRATIVE, \$14M

- Recovery Office, \$1M**, Dedicated staff and operating budget
- Cost Recovery, \$2M** Consulting to maximize FEMA reimbursement
- City Emergency Response, \$11M** Police, fire, and emergency costs



Agenda for today

Recovery Office Strategic Updates

Recovered Residents: Winter Update

Repaired Properties: Demolition, Debris, Repairs

Resourced Plans: Funding Update

Reminders & Next Steps

2026 focus is our people and our neighborhoods

Vision	<i>Restoring our communities. Reimagining our future.</i>			
Mission	<i>Every impacted resident is safe and has a viable path to remain in or return to the city. Every impacted neighborhood and community has a plan and a future.</i>			
Strategic Pillars <i>What We Deliver</i>	Recovered Residents <i>Keep residents safe and build a trusted path forward.</i>	Repaired Properties <i>Preserve what we can, and clear what we can't.</i>	Rejuvenated Neighborhoods <i>Reopen anchors, revive businesses, and restore momentum.</i>	
Strategic Enablers <i>How Delivery Happens</i>	Renewed Trust <i>Communicate clearly and often with proof that people can see and monitor.</i>	Rallied Support <i>Mobilize political/civic advocacy to secure decisions, funding, and action.</i>	Resourced Plans <i>Get dollars out the door, identify unmet needs, and track them transparently.</i>	Reported Results <i>Know who and what was impacted, what's been done, and what remains—and show it clearly.</i>

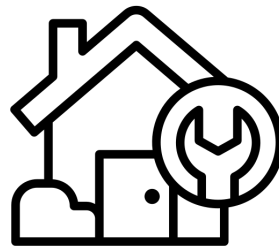
January to March recovery priorities

Winter Safety



Ensure everyone is safe this winter.

Visible Debris Removal & Repairs



Drive PPA applications and accelerate visible progress in neighborhoods.

How we are measuring success

Strategic Pillars Key Outcomes

P1: Recovered Residents

- # of **homeowners staying** in damaged homes know their next step in securing SSF housing
- # of **renters staying** in damaged homes know their next step in securing SSF housing
- # of **displaced residents in hotels** have found housing they can stay in for at least 5 months

P2: Repaired Properties

- # of **repaired homes and structures** (safe, sanitary, functional) for residents to return
- # of **unsafe structures demolished or parcel debris cleared** where residents are living or returning
- # of **trees/stumps removed and sidewalks repaired**
- # of **tons of debris removed** from public right-of-way

Where are we focused for the next 3 months?

December

January

February

March

Recovered Residents: Winter Safety (Housing)

**Repaired Properties: Private Property
Assistance Applications**

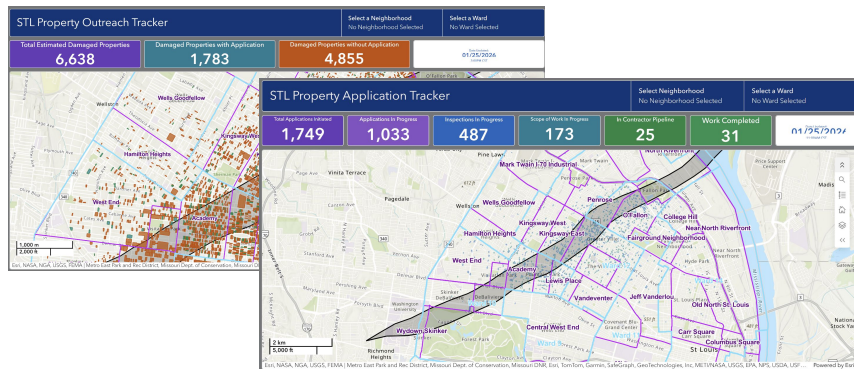
**Repaired Properties:
Home Repair Pilot and Acceleration**

**Repaired Properties:
Demolition, debris removal,
trees, sidewalk repairs**

Rejuvenated Neighborhoods: Neighborhood Planning and Anchors Restoration

Repaired Properties: We are launching public dashboards to track progress; three have launched

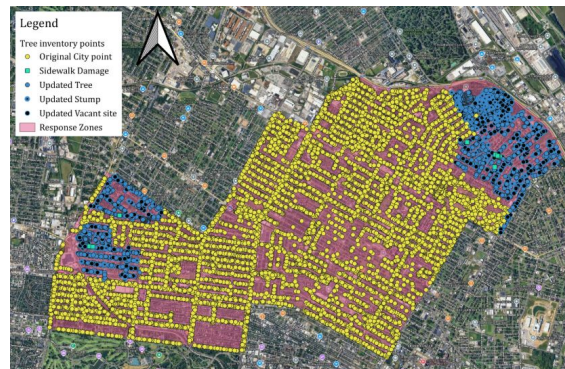
Private Property: Demolition, Debris Removal, and Repairs



- Outreach tracker
- Application detail tracker
- Operations progress tracker (repair, demolition/debris removal, other)

Already Launched
(app.stltrecovery.com)

Public Infrastructure Recovery



Operations progress trackers:

- ROW debris removal (incl. trees)
- Tree/stump removal & sidewalks

February Launch

Key takeaways for today

- **Winter safety systems are fully operational**—case management, shelter, and transportation are saving lives.
- We are **refining eligibility and processes to support safe housing transitions**, across rental assistance and impacted tenants fund program.
- **Visible neighborhood recovery**—including debris removal, demolition, repairs, and tree and sidewalk work—**will accelerate in March** as State and City contractors mobilize.
- **Private Property Assistance applications close February 14—remind individuals to apply**; more than 5,000 damaged properties have not yet applied, creating risk to FEMA funding.
- Most **core city recovery contracts are in place with funding flowing**; additional large contracts for demolition and debris removal, tree removal, and sidewalk repair are mobilizing.
- Remaining **identified program recovery gaps under review** include reimbursement working capital, home repair funding, solutions for insured homeowners with existing contractors, deductible support for low-income housing providers, and small-business support grants.

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11.5K households–26.5K individuals–impacted by tornado (FEMA estimates)

- ~4,600 (40%) HHs living in habitable home that was damaged (may be repaired)
- ~3,900 (34%) HHs secured new permanent or temporary safe housing
- **OUR PRIORITY FOCUS: ~3,000 (26%) HH unhoused or in an unsafe dwelling (as of last FEMA reporting)**

GOAL: Every impacted resident has a place to be safe and warm.

Winter Safety Outreach: Everyone safe and warm

Objectives	Results
Residents create winter safety plans	• Outreach to 3,028 households identified as at-risk; 2,425 completed winter safety intake forms • All households reached received information about emergency shelters and winter safety messaging • 605 referrals; 89 households accepted placement in hotels • 228 households applied for rental assistance; 64 applicants approved; 4 leases approved
Identify critical unmet needs for case workers and connect to support	• 971+ referrals to Community Health Workers who meet immediate needs and then refer to Disaster Case Managers for longer term supports as needed • 310+ referrals to Action St. Louis for winterization • 208+ referrals to AmeriCorps for debris support • Top 3 unmet needs: repair funding, utility assistance and food/water • Both Ameren and Spire working with case workers to restore utilities

Winter Safety Outreach: Everyone safe and warm

Objectives	Results
Identify insights for next step in recovery	• Strong desire exists to not relocate among those in damaged properties – homeowners and renters – even with financial supports • Indication of deep poverty on rental assistance applications that show 62% with household incomes below \$20,000 • Few solutions exist for those who did not apply for FEMA (39% of rental assistance applicants)
Follow up with households still in unsafe dwelling to ensure safety throughout winter	• 258 households prioritized for follow up by CHWs throughout winter and in emergency weather situations with targeted supports offered • 36 households re-connected to utilities or stopped pending service interruption • 39+ households moved by CHWs to shelter options during the most recent winter storm

Recovered Residents Programs

1

Case Management

- Community Health Workers: 971 cumulative cases with 10+ FTEs
- DCM program fully staffed at 20+ staff across 4 agencies
- 655 DCM cases
- 1/3 of applicants express housing reconstruction as a need
- 74 agencies with 90 services registered to support those in DCM

2

Shelters

- Non-congregate Shelters (NCS): 605 eligible; 89 HHs accepting placement
- Congregate shelters: 602 census the evening of 1/27 (88% of total capacity); ~40 tornado-impacted individuals

3

Housing Supports

Rental Assistance

- 226 applications
- 64 applicants approved
- 62 denied (38 under review for new eligibility)
- 4 leases (\$53,700) approved and paid

Impacted Tenants Fund

- 218 applications
- 73 approved applicants
- \$96,259 approved

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Non Profit Supports

- Resilience Hubs: 314 Oasis
- Utility Assistance: Heat Up St. Louis
- Legal supports: Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
- Food: HOSCO
- Behavioral health: State Crisis Counseling (Show Me Hope) and Better Family Life

Continued Efforts Necessary to Integrate Services to Improve Resident Experience

Rental Assistance: Adapting to Resident Needs

Current Statistics

- 226 applications
- 64 approved (4 leases approved and paid at \$53,700)
- 102 applications in review
- 60 denied (38 under review for expanded eligibility)

Applicant Vulnerability

- 27% unhoused
- 26% in damaged structures
- 47% with family/friends
- 62% incomes under \$20K w/many no income, making finding housing more challenging
- 39% had not applied for FEMA

Program Improvements

Monitoring program experience and making changes to increase approval rates. Have expanded eligibility to:

- Those already in a new rental unit in the City
- Those who received FEMA rental assistance but not Continued Temporary Housing Assistance to avoid duplication of benefits
- Those who did not apply to FEMA
- Those whose homes may not have been deemed uninhabitable this summer but now are



Insights Informing Next Steps

For a majority of residents, recovery means their home is repaired even if they were a renter.

Those who have remained in their damaged homes this long are unlikely to leave for almost any reason.

Those most in need faced significant financial challenges before the tornado; recovery to their status at the time of the tornado is insufficient for stability. Most programs are designed to return people to pre-disaster status.

Government programs, including FEMA benefits and rental assistance, don't match the reality of what's possible for the most vulnerable to navigate successfully.

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Repaired Properties

Jan 28 Updates

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE RECOVERY	PRIVATE PROPERTY ASSISTANCE		
Streets & Parks Tree Removals Sidewalk Repairs Tree Canopy Restoration (in planning) Right-of-Way (ROW) Debris Removal	Outreach & Application Structural Inspections & Site Assessments Program Eligibility & Contract Routing Feb 14 Deadline	Stabilization & Repair Emergency Stabilization (tarps & boards) Rapid Repair Minor Interior & Exterior Debris Removal	Demolition & Debris Removal Demolition Exterior Debris & Hazardous Material Removal Hazardous Tree Removal



Public Infrastructure: Streets & Parks Tree Removal & Sidewalk Repairs

Currently surveying remaining:

- **Hazardous trees in the public right-of-way** (street trees)
- **Hazardous trees in parks**
- **All tree stumps** to be removed
- **Sidewalks for repair** due to uprooted trees



**Remaining tree and stump removal, and sidewalk repairs will begin at scale in March.
Long-term tree canopy restoration plan under development.**

Public Infrastructure: Right-of-Way (Curbside) Debris Removal

Last call for debris piles: February 14

- 1. APPLY FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY ASSISTANCE**
- 2. Request dumpster services for events**
 - Request on stlrecovers.com
 - 2 weeks in advance
- 3. Use existing bulk pickup services**
 - Free bulk pickup once per month
- 4. Use free trips to the City dump**
 - Up to 12 free loads per year
 - Mon-Fri 8-4 @ 71 Angelica St



Private Property Assistance

Support for Damaged Properties

Applications Due Feb 14

Site Assessment

may include

Structural Inspection

Arborist Inspection

Asbestos Survey
& Testing

Debris Documentation

Scope of Work
Development

Repair applicants receive review of title issues, if any, and referral to Neighborhood Advocacy (LSEM) where needed.

Stabilization & Home Repair

Emergency Stabilization
(temporary weatherization,
e.g. tarp & board)

Rapid Home Repair
(safe, sanitary, functional)

Emergency Stabilization provides temporary weatherization until repair. Repair is to habitability status.

Demolition & Debris Removal

Debris Removal
(damaged personal belongings and yards, hazardous trees)

Demolition (of destroyed or unrepairable structures)

In the event of demolition, owner retains full property ownership of resulting lot.

Private Property Assistance: Adapting Program to Resident Needs

Current Statistics

- 1,869 applications initiated
- 1,126 applications completed
- 506 site inspections in progress
- 133 scopes of work under development
- 73 in contractor pipeline
- 31 work completed

Current Challenges

- Outreach teams unable to locate/contact
- Right-of-entry form language creates concern
- Needed clarifications
 - All eligible: income, insurance, property types
 - City not “taking” property

Vulnerabilities:

- 69% uninsured
- Funds needed for repair often far exceed assessed property value

Program Improvements

Monitoring programs and making changes to improve resident experience:

- Streamlined single application for all property repair/cleanup needs
- Onboarded repair program management and construction management firm to scale/speed up
- Prioritized outreach and processing for occupied homes
- Reduced documentation requirements for completed applications
 - Government ID
 - Insurance information, if insured
- Removed clear title requirements for eligible non-demolition services
- Removed program application barriers (e.g., income limits); city will manage on back-end where needed for funding sources



Private Property Assistance Application Tracker

as of end of day 1/27/26

Total Applications Initiated

1,869

Applications In Progress

1,126

Inspections In Progress

506

Scope of Work In Progress

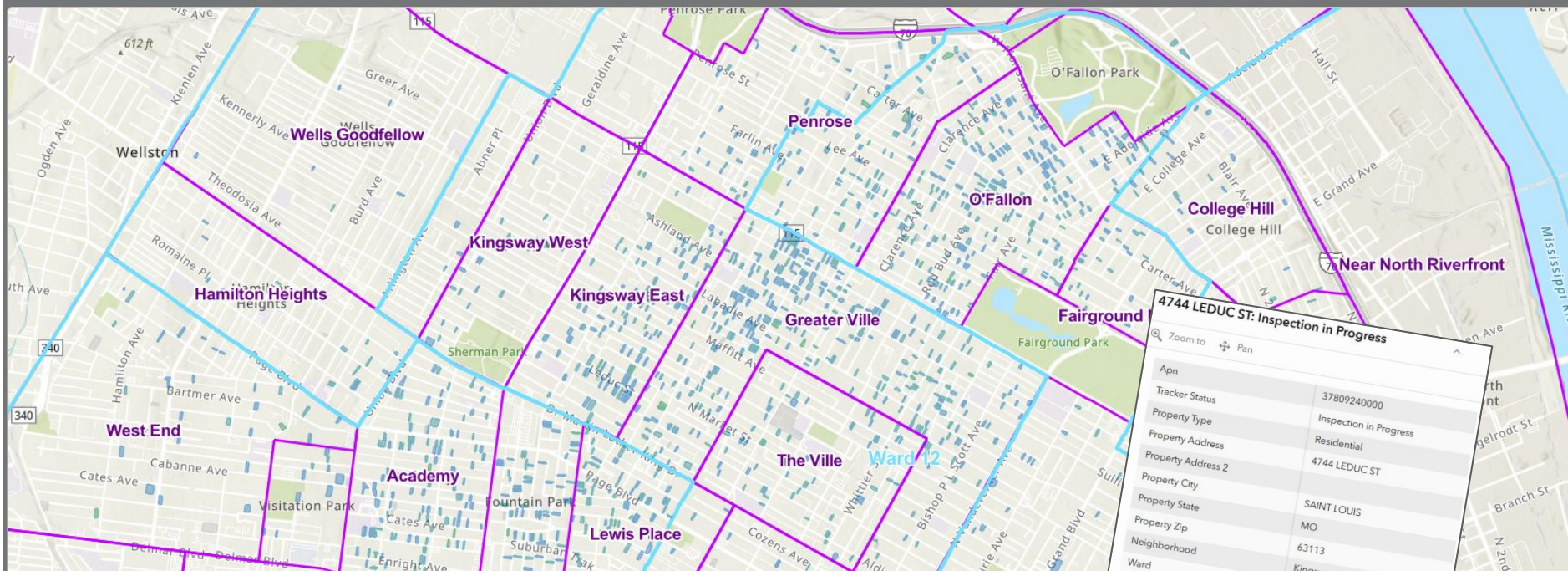
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In Contractor Pipeline

73

Work Completed

31



Available at app.stlrecovers.com

Repaired Properties: Results and pipeline

as of end of day 1/27/26

Curbside Debris Removal

>146k tons

Public Tree Trims & Removals

>6,000 trees

AmeriCorps Debris Removal

54 in progress
119 complete

Private Tree Removals

28 in progress
29 complete

Emergency Stabilizations

77 in progress
112 complete

Home Repair

72 in progress
19 complete

Emergency Demolitions

20 in progress
13 complete

State/FEMA Demolitions

33 in progress
24 submitted to
State/SEMA
0 complete

Note: In progress are properties where scope of work (SOW) is in process or work is underway with contractor; complete is SOW is fully done

Repaired Properties - Next 3 Months

December

January

February

March

Emergency Stabilizations

AmeriCorps STL Private Property Debris Removal

Private & LRA Hazardous Tree Removals

Private Property Assistance Outreach & Applications

CDA Healthy Home Repair Program

PPA Home Repair Pilot and Acceleration

Windshield
Surveys

Demolition, Debris Removal,
Street Trees, Sidewalks



Ways to Apply:

Online: www.app.stlrecovers.com

STLRecovers Outreach Center:

Urban League Entrepreneurship & Women's
Business Center

4401 Natural Bridge Ave., St. Louis, MO 63115

Mon–Fri 8 AM–6 PM, Sat 9 AM–1 PM

STLRecovers Call Center: 1-833-925-0977

or stlrecovers@tetrattech.com



Demolition & Debris Removal Program

The Demolition & Debris Removal (DDR) program is to help individuals with properties impacted by the tornado event in St. Louis, Missouri, who either do not have the means or have exhausted their means to remove disaster debris or demolish unrecoverable structures on their property. If you have disaster debris on your private property from the tornado that occurred on May 16, 2025, or if tornado damaged structures on your property might need to be demolished, the City and its partnering agencies have a program to help. Click the Frequently Asked Questions button at the top right of the page for more information and apply using the buttons below.

[Apply for Assistance](#)

[Required Documents](#)

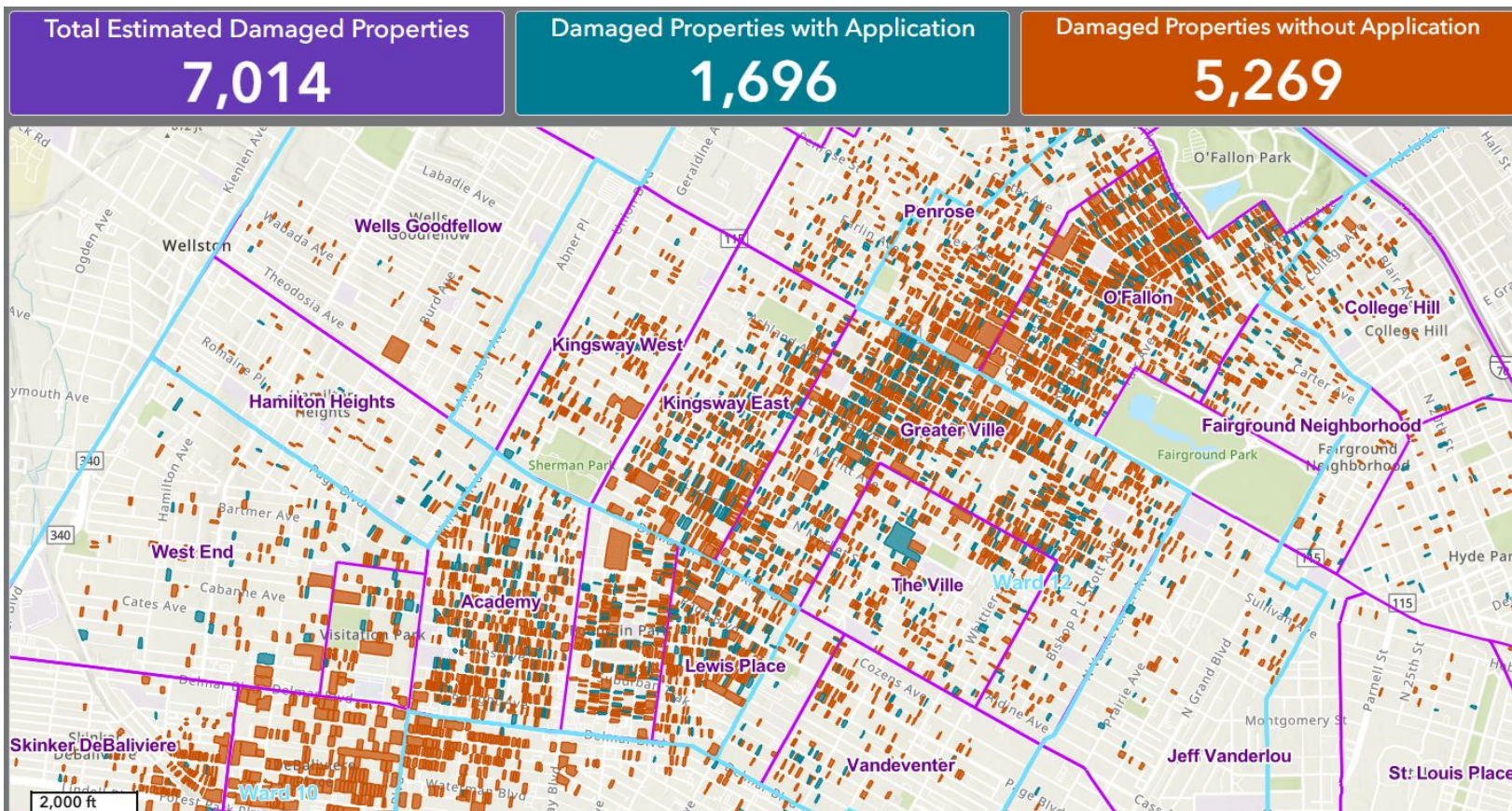
Program Overview

The Demolition & Debris Removal (DDR) program is an assistance program to remove disaster-related tornadoes in St. Louis. In severe disasters where debris removal is overwhelming to property owners, t

Deadline: February 14

Outreach Tracker

Low-End Damage Estimates as of 1/27/26*



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CDA Update: Vacant Unit Turns

 **Resourced Plans: Funding Update**

Reminders & Next Steps

What has changed since the last update - Rams Funds

- **Major Progress on Contracts:** Executed 11 contracts totaling \$12 million; two small contracts (\$55k total) routing for approvals; 21 outstanding in departments
- **Money is Moving Faster:** Additional \$2.6 million Rams Funds spent; awarded \$2M through E&A to increase non-congregate shelter funds in light of Code Blue and increased in forecast
- **Clear plans for \$4.5M unwarded** from BB31/93/94/95 funds, **\$156M FEMA** and **\$100M SB1**
- **Preparing Selection Process** for 1) expanded city demo and debris contractors, 2) sidewalk repairs, 3) hazardous street tree removal, and 4) water tap destruction; Plan to select contractors in February & launch work early March alongside FEMA/SEMA demo mission
- **Launching Project to Identify Gaps / Unmet Needs:** Reimbursement working capital, home repair funding, solutions for insured homeowners with existing contractors, deductible support for low-income housing providers, and small-business support grants.
- **FEMA Reimbursement Funding Flowing:** \$26.1M has been obligated from FEMA and will be flowing back to the City (critical to city cash flow to perform upcoming work)

Budgeted Funding by Source & Priority Area

Funding Source	Recovered Residents	Repaired Properties	Rejuvenated Neighborhoods	Administrative	Total Allocated/Spent
City Reimbursable Spending (FEMA Public Assistance)	-	\$35.1	-	\$12.8	\$47.9
Other Federal & State Funds: ARPA, CDBG-DR, CDBG, DED, MSD, HUD PRO Housing Grants	\$1.4	\$22.9	\$17.7	-	\$42.0
Rams Settlement Interest (BB 31)	\$14.0	\$14.3	-	\$1.7	\$30.0
Rams Settlement Interest (BB 93 & 94) + General Operating Reserve Funds (BB 95)	\$10.7	\$3.0	-	-	\$13.7
Total City Funds Allocated/Spent	\$26.1	\$75.3	\$17.7	\$14.5	\$133.6
Federal (FEMA IA, Demolition & Debris Removal Mission)	\$45.0	\$156.0	-	-	\$201.0
State (SB1 DPS & MHDC; MO DMH)	\$0.8	\$103.4	-	-	\$104.2
Total Funds	\$71.9	\$334.7	\$17.7	\$14.5	\$438.8

We have contracted out 90% of awarded dollars

Funding Source	Budget	E&A Award	Actual Award	Available for Award	Contracted	Spent
Rams Settlement Interest (BB 31)	\$30.0	\$28.8	\$27.9	\$2.1	\$24.8	\$10.4
Rams Settlement Interest (BB 93 & 94) + General Operating Reserve Funds (BB95)	\$13.7	\$11.3	\$11.3	\$2.4	\$11.3	\$1.2
Total BBs 31, 93, 94, 95	\$43.7	\$40.1	\$39.2	\$4.5	\$36.1	\$11.6

- Executed 11 contracts funded by BB31/93/94/95 totaling \$12M since last BOA meeting
 - 83% of \$43.7M BB31/93/94/95 funds are now under contract
 - \$3.0M of contracts in process: VUT - 13 CDA totaling \$1.6M & 1 AHC \$1.4M; RO Capacity Support (\$50K)
- \$11.6M spent (+\$2.6M since last BOA meeting) as key operational activities including ROE/HSA, Winter Shelter Operations, and Home Repair are launched and operating; Monthly spending will increase significantly in February

We have and are outlining plans for \$4.5M in unawarded and forecasts for spend down of contracted dollars.

What are the plans for \$4.6M in remaining unawarded funds?

Intentionally retained funds (~10%) for strategic, targeted deployment for unknown costs. Uses will/could include:

- Recovered Resident Priorities (\$2.6M budgeted):
 - \$1.0M for the DHS **Impacted Tenants Fund** (on 2/9/26 Special E&A)
 - **Additional Winter Shelter Operations** dependent on expected Code Blue demand
 - Additional **Rental Assistance**, if needed based on applications
- Repaired Properties Priorities (\$2.0M Budgeted):
 - \$2.0M for CDA **Vacant Unit Turns** (evaluating with CDA projections for use)
- **Evaluating above for use and will re-allocate to other unmet needs**
 - Other unmet needs include: Reimbursement working capital, home repair funding, solutions for insured homeowners with existing contractors, deductible support for low-income housing providers, and small-business support grants

Why the disconnect between contracted and spent?

- All **contractors begin work based on E&A approval**, so work is ongoing
- Most **work is future focused and paid on an invoice reimbursement basis** as work is performed
- Many contracts for **scope of work performed over multiple months**, some over the full year
- Dollars will **show as spent as companies submit for reimbursement**
- **Smaller contractors are often being structured as cash advances** to address any liquidity issues

What is happening with the FEMA \$156M and State SB1 \$100M? Focused on Demolition & Debris

Funding Categories	FEMA \$156M: Demolition Project	FEMA Debris Removal (TBD)	State SB1 \$100M
Eligible Uses	Demolition of residential properties (<2 residential units)	Other non-demolition hazardous debris	25% local cost match for FEMA projects - FEMA-ineligible demolition and debris removal
Next Steps	- Awaiting FEMA clarification on eligible uses since 12/9 - Sending all potentially eligible packets to state	SEMA submitted request and awaiting FEMA review/approval	- City finalizing contract with state for funds - City completing window surveys to define potentially eligible projects - City will submit potential projects to state for approval

State contract for work still under way; residents can expect to see dollars flowing into community projects in March

FEMA & State Reimbursement Update

UPDATE: AS OF TODAY: CITY APPROVED FOR \$26.1M FEMA REIMBURSEMENT

City Spending on tornado response and eligible for FEMA reimbursement *(amounts in millions)*

City Spent (not Rams Funds)	Received (FEMA)	Current City Exposure	Pending Receipt (FEMA)
\$18.9 +\$10.2 obligated	\$0.1	\$(18.8)	\$22.2*

- **Obligated Projects:**
 - Small projects - City should receive funding this week (\$2.5M)
 - Large projects - SEMA to to a full review of all costs submitted for work completed: may take a couple of weeks for SEMA to complete their review and the City to receive funding
- Ongoing and future ROE, demo & debris removal, sidewalk repairs, stump & hazardous tree removal funding:
 - FEMA eligible: FEMA (\$156M) and MO SB1 (\$100M funds) - 100% match
 - FEMA ineligible: MO SB1 remaining \$100M funds (match TBD)

See **Exhibit VI** for costs submitted to FEMA for reimbursement

* \$22,175 from FEMA (75%) and MO (10%) of \$26,088 eligible costs submitted to and approved by FEMA

Look ahead priorities

- Finalize a **cash spend down forecast** to share—expect spend down to dramatically accelerate
- **Finalize outstanding contracts** through RFPs and approval in E&A:
 - Impacted Tenants Fund (February 9)
 - Issue core RFPs (Demolition & Debris, Hazardous Tree Removal and Sidewalk Repairs)
- Determine **finalized plans for remaining UW grants and unallocated BB31/94/95** dollars to priority unmet needs
- Begin **obligating \$100M from State SB1** to projects
- Conduct **unmet needs analysis to understand gaps** in long-term funding

Agenda for today

Recovery Office Strategic Updates

Recovered Residents: Winter Update

Repaired Properties: Demolition, Debris, Repairs

CDA Update: Vacant Unit Turns

Resourced Plans: Funding Update

 **Reminders & Next Steps**

How alders and residents can help

- **Share critical updates with residents:**
 - End of Right-of-Way Debris Removal on February 14
 - Private Property Assistance (PPA) Deadline of February 14
 - Work to accelerate in March on repairs, demolition and debris
 - Community and Resource Fair Meeting on Feb 17 and March 17 from 5:30p to 8:30p at O'Fallon Recreation Center (4343 W Florissant)
- **Check dashboard on damaged properties that have not applied for PPA and support us by:**
 - Flagging properties that are damaged, but not identified in our list
 - Sharing contact information or context for properties for us to outreach
 - Sending information via email to stlrecovers@tetrattech.org, call center 833-925-0977, or STL Recovers Outreach Center (4401 Natural Bridge Ave.)
- **Continue sharing feedback on experiences** you are hearing so we can improve programs

QUESTIONS?

Appendix/Exhibits

Recovered Residents: How various funding streams are supporting program infrastructure

Program	BB31	BB93/94/95	Repurposed Funds (CDA)	State / Federal	Total
Disaster Case Management / Case Work	\$2.9	-	\$0.2 (CDBG)	-	\$3.1
Congregate & Non-Congregate Shelter	-	\$6.7	\$1.2 (CDBG)	-	\$7.9
Rental Assistance & Impacted Tenants Fund	\$1.0	\$4.0	-	-	\$5.0
Resident Support Services	\$6.6	-	-	\$0.8 (MO DMH)	\$7.4
Warehouse, Supplies & Resilience Hubs	\$3.5	-	-	-	\$3.5
FEMA Individual Assistance	-	-	-	\$45.0	\$45.0
	\$14.0	\$10.7	\$1.4	\$45.8	\$71.9

Repaired Properties: How various funding streams are supporting program infrastructure

Program	City Funds	BB31	BB93/94/95	Repurposed Funds	State / Federal	Total
Debris Removal from the Right-of-Way	\$27.1	-	-	-	-	\$27.1
City Infrastructure	\$2.0	-	-	-	-	\$2.0
Sidewalk & Tree Restoration	\$6.0	-	-	-	-	\$6.0
Emergency Demolition	-	-	-	\$2.0 (LCRA, MSD)	-	\$2.0
PPA: Demolition & Debris	-	\$5.4	-	\$8.9 (CDBG, DED)	\$256.0 (FEMA + MO SB1)	\$270.3
PPA: Stabilization & Home Repair	-	\$4.9	\$2.0	\$5.4 (ARPA)	\$3.4 (MO MHDC)	\$15.7
Vacant Unit Turns	-	\$4.0	\$1.0	\$6.6 (ARPA)	-	\$11.6
	\$35.1	\$14.3	\$3.0	\$22.9	\$259.4	\$334.7

Recovered Residents (BB31/93/94/95): United Way as Fiscal Agent

(amounts in 000s)

Item	Actual Awarded	Contracted	Sub-Awards	Subawards Remaining	Contracted Entity	Next Steps
Nonprofit Emergency Reimbursement Support	\$2,465	\$2,465	\$2,465	–	United Way → 49 nonprofits	Closed
Disaster Case Management (DCM)	\$2,345	\$2,345	\$2,345	–	United Way → Catholic Charities, LifeWise, HOPE & Salvation Army	Initial Funding Closed
Unmet Needs	\$942	\$942	\$942	–	United Way → To be allocated by DCMs	Initial Funding Closed
Legal Support	\$727	\$727	\$727	–	United Way → Legal Services of Eastern Missouri	Initial Funding Closed
Hunger Relief	\$450	\$450	\$450	–	United Way → HOSCO Shift Inc.	Initial Funding Closed
Behavioral Health	\$193	\$193	\$193	–	United Way → Better Family Life	Initial Funding Closed
Resource Hubs: Phase 1	\$199	\$199	\$199	–	United Way → 314 Oasis	Closed
Resource Hubs: Phase 2	\$1,215	\$1,215	–	\$1,215	TBD	City/UW finalizing SOW and agreement with groups
Other Unallocated (City determining focus)	\$418	\$418	–	\$418		City prioritizing next phase of focus for dollars with UW
United Way Admin Fee	\$546	\$546	\$546	–		Closed
United Way Total	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$7,867	\$1,633		



Recovered Residents (BB31/93/94/95) (continued) *(amounts in 000s)*

Item	Actual Awarded	Contracted	In Contracting	Contracted Entity	Next Steps
Utility Assistance	\$250	\$250	—	Heat Up St. Louis	\$250 potentially to be awarded to Utility Assistance
Distribution of Supplies	\$1,200	\$1,200	—	Diamond Divas	Closed
Purchase of Supplies	\$300	\$300	—	Various Vendors	Spent as needed
Winter Shelter Operations	\$6,300	\$6,300	—	Tetra Tech (\$1,300), SLS (\$3,000), Peter & Paul Community Services (\$2,000)	Funds remaining for supplies (food, porta potties, propane) and winter shelter operations
Rental Assistance	\$4,000	\$4,000	—	FORWARD	Closed
Housing Navigation	\$55	\$55	—	Tower Grove Community Development Corporation	Closed; \$45 to fund Housing Case Management (below)
Housing Case Management	\$539	\$539	—	Red Cross (\$87) & St Louis Integrated Health Network (\$452)	Red Cross: Closed IHN: Work Ongoing
Non-United Way Total	\$12,644	\$12,644	—		
United Way Total	\$9,500	\$9,500	—		
Total Recovered Residents	\$22,144	\$22,144	—		

Budgeted: \$24.7M (\$2.6M remaining for allocation)

Repaired Properties (BB31/93/94/95) *(amounts in 000s)*

Item	Actual Awarded	Contracted	In-Contracting	Contracted Entity	Next Steps
Home Repair	\$6,900	\$6,900	–	Mission St. Louis/CDA (\$2,050) & SLS (\$4,850)	Closed
Vacant Unit Turns	\$3,037	–	\$3,037	20 various contracted entities	CDA/AHC finalizing contracts with organizations; work on turns has already begun based on E&A letter
Debris Removal - ROE/HSA	\$5,000	\$5,000	–	TetraTech	Work Ongoing
Debris Removal - Community Support	\$400	\$400	–	R&R (\$150), Americorps (\$100), Purchase 2 stump removers (\$38), Urban League (\$30)	Finalizing plan with community groups for long-term resource hubs
Total Repaired Properties	\$15,337	\$12,300	\$3,037		

Budgeted: \$17.3M (\$2M remaining for allocation to Vacant Unit Turns)

Recovery Office / Administration (BB31/93/94/95) *(amounts in 000s)*

Item	Actual Awarded	Contracted	In-Contracting	Contracted Entity	Next Steps
Recovery Office Staffing	\$1,000	\$1,000	–		
Cost Recovery Consulting Support	\$650	\$650	–	Tetra Tech	
Recovery Office Capacity Support	\$50	–	\$50	KSG	
Total RO / Administration	\$1,700	\$1,650	\$50		

Budgeted: \$1.7M (None remaining for awards)

TOTAL

Item	Actual Awarded	Contracted	In-Contracting	Contracted Entity	Next Steps
Total Recovered Residents	\$22,144	\$22,144	–		
Total Repaired Properties	\$15,337	\$12,300	\$3,037		
Total RO / Administration	\$1,700	\$1,650	\$50		
TOTAL	\$39,181	\$36,094	\$3,087		

Overall Contracting Status

Includes all tornado related contracts (BBs 31/93/94/95, Tornado Recovery Account (FEMA reimbursable))

E&A Approval	Contracts Awarded *	Contracts Executed	Contracts in Process	Contracts In Process
July/August	13	13	-	
September	7	4	3	• 2 CDA (VUTs) • 1 AHC (VUTs)
October	8	5	3	• 3 CDA (VUTs)
November	15	10	5	• 4 CDA (VUTs) • 1 Recovery Office (\$50k)
December	14	3	11	• 10 CDA (VUTs) • 1 Dept of Forestry (CDA funds)
January	3	2	1	• 1 Recovery Office (\$5k)
Total	60	37	23	• 19 CDA (VUTs) • 1 AHC (VUTs) • 1 Dept of Forestry (CDA funds) • 2 Recovery Office

* Contracts awarded adjusted for awards subsequently cancelled.