



Agenda
Budget & Public Employees Committee
Meeting
St. Louis Board of Aldermen
Thursday, September 4, 2025 - 6:00 PM
Kennedy Room

President Megan Green
Alderman Rasheen Aldridge, Chair
Alderman Michael Browning, Vice Chair
Committee Members:
Alderwoman Sharon Tyus
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 the Wednesday, July 30, 2025, committee meeting.

IV. Board Bills for Review

None

V. Resolutions for Review

None

VI. Committee Discussions

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

Discussion Item Number 1

Rams Funds

The committee will discuss and receive a report on Rams Settlement Fund expenditures.

Rams Interest Powerpoint Presentation

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

VIII. Announcements

IX. Excused Members

X. Adjournment



**Minutes
Budget & Public Employees Committee
Wednesday, July 30, 2025
6:00 PM
Kennedy Room**

Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from Friday, June 6, 2025, committee meeting.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Friday, June 6, 2025, committee meeting.

Ms. Sonnier moved to approve the minutes of the Friday, June 6, 2025, committee meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll.

The Associate Clerk called the roll and the following votes were recorded:

The following voted Aye: Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Ms. Velazquez, Chair Aldridge, and President Green. **5 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted Aye:

Five

The following voted No:
None

The following abstained:
None

The following were present but did not vote:

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

Minutes from the Friday, June 6, 2025, committee meetings.

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None

VI. Committee Discussions

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

Discussion Item Number 1 **Rams Funds**

The committee will discuss and receive a report on Rams Settlement Fund Expenditures.

The Chair recognized Julian Nicks, Chief Recovery and Neighborhood Transformation Officer, to discuss the Rams Funds.

Mr. Nicks gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation outlining the three phases of recovery: Response, Restore, and Rebuild. He explained the amount of funds and the number of years it would take to complete the recovery efforts. He discussed the efforts and aid from various organizations, including local organizations, state, federal, and FEMA.

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 opened the discussion up to members of the public for public testimony.

Rams Funds/Undecided

1. Jim Roos 7th ward
2. Kayla Reed
3. Yolanda Owens
4. Linda Braboy, 9th ward
5. Ali Rand
6. Cynthia Jordan, Creve Coeur
7. Kim Squalls, 13th ward
8. Wesley Klaus, Lake of St. Louis
9. Tina Cramer 10, 11, & 13th ward
10. Christopher Gladney, 11th ward
11. Tamara Williams, 10th ward
12. Kelly McGowan, 9th ward
13. Madison Boukas, 8th ward
14. Demetrius Muhammad, 11th ward
15. Chris Willcox, 14th ward
16. Justin Idleburg 10th ward
17. Melanie Marie, The People Response, Ferguson
18. Darcella Craven
19. Julia Allen
20. Larry Powell, 10th ward
21. Maureen Wagener, 3rd ward
22. Bill Atkins, 10th ward
23. Precious Jones, 13th ward
24. Paula Vickers, 12th ward
25. Carroll Lehmhoff-Bell, 10th ward
26. Darrell Crumpton, 1 ward
27. Felice McClendon, 9th & 10th ward
28. Tameka Stigers, 9th & 10th ward
29. Shellie Johnson, Operation Help STL.
30. Tabitha Hunt, 11th ward
31. James Stringfellow, 4th ward

Hearing no further testimony from members of the public, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the committee for questions and comments.

Members of the committee asked questions and made comments.

After no further discussion, the Chair thanked members of the committee, Mr. Nicks, and members of the public for attending the meeting before he adjourned.

Update on Rams Settlement Interest

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

None

VIII. Announcements

None

IX. Excused Members

The Chair did not excuse Ms. Tyus from the meeting.

X. Adjournment

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

Ms. Sonnier moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

The vote was carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

[MIN_SIGNATURES]



BOA Budget & Public Employees Committee Update: Rams Interest

September 4, 2025

REMINDER: Where are we in the Recovery effort?

THREE PHASES IN RECOVERY

Respond

May – July 2025

- Emergency declarations
- Immediate safety
- Shelter, hot meals and basic needs
- Connection to resources (DAC and DRC)
- Clearing the right of way of debris and public property
- Basic infrastructure (electricity, traffic lights)
- State and federal support and deployment (FEMA)



Restore

2025 - Mid-2027

- ▶ Intermediate housing and home stabilization/repair
- ▶ Debris removal and demolition (incl. private property)
- ▶ Resident support (case mgmt and recovery needs)
 - Public infrastructure restoration (sidewalks & tree canopy)
 - Communal infrastructure and campus/institutional anchors

Reimagine

Now -2035

- ▶ Neighborhood vision & planning
 - Long-term housing (rebuild and infill housing)
 - Business corridor development

▶ = Top RO immediate priorities

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Reminder: St. Louis City Recovery Office Priorities

1 Care for one another

Provide the support impacted residents need to stabilize, stay in St. Louis, and recover

2 Remove debris and restore infrastructure

Clean up affected areas to ensure safety, prevent further decline, and create opportunities for new growth and development

3 Restore & rebuild housing

Transform our impacted communities into thriving places with housing people can proudly call home

4 Accelerate communal planning & development

Proactively address administrative barriers to recovery and build local capacity to support resident-driven neighborhood development

5 Catalyze neighborhood economies

Support neighborhood businesses and anchor nonprofits to build back stronger

Four focused efforts within these priorities through 2025

1

Maximize
Available
**Intermediate
Housing** by
Winter

2

Establish
**intermediate
community
resource** hubs

3

Eliminate **debris
and demolish**
unsafe
structures

4

Launch formal
**community
engagement**
and
neighborhood
planning efforts

Additional work still ongoing, but these are top priorities.

1

Housing: STL Recovers Programs

= Immediate Focus

Intermediate Housing

Stabilization & Home Repair

Emergency Stabilization (*Kwame*)Healthy Home Repair Program
(*Mission STL*)Home Repair Partners
(*HRN, MHDC awardees*)

Intermediate Housing Production

Vacant Unit Turns

Temporary
(*Trailers, RVs, Tiny Homes*)

Financial Assistance: Rental & Direct Lease

FEMA

St. Louis City

Other (*MHDC, ARC*)

Transitional Housing: Shelters

Hotels (*UL/ARC*)COC Shelters (*COC*)

Long-Term Housing

Reconstruction & Home Ownership Assistance

TBD (Home STL)

Rebuild Financial Incentives

TBD (*tax incentives, forgivable loans, bonds, etc.*)

Long-Term Housing Production

Conversions (*Schools, Comm.*)New Trad Housing (*LHTC, CDC, Market*)Innovative Housing (*Modular, Pallet, Prefab*)

②

Intermediate Community Resource Hubs: Designing and launching support model through early 2026

Tentative Goals of Intermediate Resource Hubs

- Collective **effort in community care** in response to trauma and direct individual needs created by the tornado
- Maintain a **physical presence in community** to support healing, managing loss of home and support for basic food & supplies, social, financial, legal and spiritual needs
- Multiple **physical hubs with equitable access** across communities and consistent resources support
- **Collective collaboration with groups** on the ground who have already developed trust and demonstrated responsiveness to community needs in immediate tornado aftermath

Overall plan still in development with community groups

③ Intermediate Debris Removal: Three phases for debris removal

Phase I:

Emergency Debris Removal

Clearing streets and alleys (or high build up on street curbs)

COMPLETE



Phase II:

Intermediate Debris Removal

Clearing parks, temporary debris sites, and property debris placed on street side; emergency demolitions



EXECUTION UNDERWAY



Phase III:

Long-term Debris Removal

Clearing debris on public and private property including structural safety demolitions

PLANNING UNDERWAY

Intermediate debris removal: Two components

Focused Debris Removal Work



- 4 SLPS temporary debris sites (complete)
- 2 large temporary debris sites (complete)
- Debris on the right of way
 - Phase 1 (July-Aug): Spirtas
 - Phase 2 (Sept-Oct): Looks Great Services
- [In-Design] Private property debris removal volunteer support (dumpsters and materials)

Emergency Demolitions



- Demolition of structures that pose an immediate risk to an occupied structure
- 29 identified and under review
- 21 confirmed for demolition
 - 4 executed, 5 contracted awaiting execution, 3 out for bid, and 9 pending owner contact

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Community Engagement: We announced two advisory committees to help drive recovery

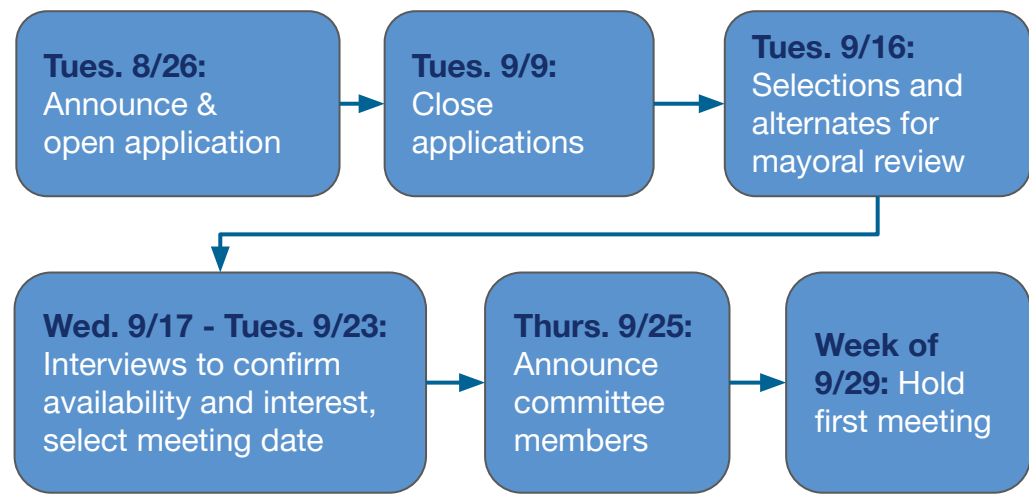


④ Resident & Community Advisory: Sign-up for Advisory Committee!

Selection Process:

- **Open call for applications** announced, posted on STLRecovers
- Modified **lottery selection to ensure broad representation** of geography, demographics and impacts from tornado
- Option to indicate **interest in Neighborhood Planning Committee**

Proposed Schedule:



APPLY HERE BY SEPT. 9

④ Civic Leaders Advisory: Thank you to our Committee Members!

Non-Profit: Human Services, Health, Faith and Advocacy

- Andwele Jolly, St. Louis Integrated Health Network
- Andre Alexander, Tabernacle
- Adolphus Pruitt, NAACP St. Louis
- Eddie Ross, Diamond Diva Empower Foundation
- Kayla Reed, Action St. Louis
- LaKricia Cox, American Red Cross St. Louis Chapter
- Linden Bowie, Spirit of St. Louis
- Dr. LJ Punch, 314Oasis
- Michelle Tucker, United Way of Greater St. Louis
- Mike McMillan, Urban League of Metro St. Louis

Non-Profit: Neighborhood Building

- Aaron Williams, 4theVille
- Dara Eskridge, Invest STL
- Linda Nguyen, Community Builders Network

Education & Workforce Development

- Don Pohl, Ranken Technical College
- Jeff Pittman, St. Louis Community College
- Millicent Borishade, Saint Louis Public Schools

Architecture and Design

- Karl Grice, Grice Group Architect
- Stacy Bourne, The Bourne Group

Business and Economic Development

- Dustin Allison, Greater St. Louis
- Karen Branding, Regional Business Council

Infrastructure/Utilities

- Chris Peoples, Great Rivers Greenway
- Meredith McAvoy Perkins, Forest ReLeaf of Missouri
- Patrick Brown, Ameren
- Taulby Roach, Metro Bi-State

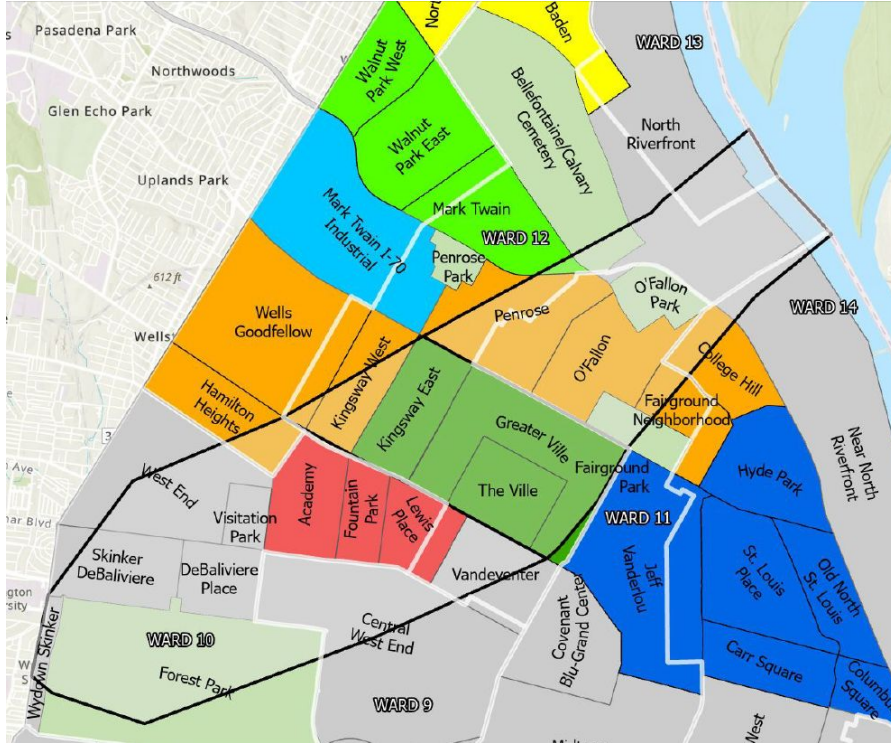
Foundations

- Jim Mann, Trustee, Crawford Taylor Foundation
- Dr. Dwayne Proctor, Missouri Foundation for Health
- Dr. Jason Q. Purnell, James S. McDonnell Foundation
- Dr. Kelvin Adams, St. Louis Community Foundation

Banks/CDFIs

- Alex Fennoy, St. Louis Community Credit Union
- Orvin Kimbrough, Midwest Bank Centre
- William Carson, U.S. Bancorp Impact Finance

④ Community Engagement: Neighborhood plans are beginning and will drive priorities



Tornado Areas

Neighborhoods

**Project Connect
by SLDC
(Underway)**

Jeff Vanderlou, Hyde Park, St. Louis Place, Old North St. Louis, Carr Square, Columbus Square

**Plan Area I
(Underway)**

The Ville, Greater Ville, Kingsway East

**Plan Area IV
(Starting)**

**West
Cluster**

Wells Goodfellow, Hamilton Heights, and Kingsway West

**Central
Cluster**

Penrose, O'Fallon

**East
Cluster**

College Hill, Fairground Neighborhood

**Plan Area V
(Starting)**

Academy, Fountain Park, and Lewis Place

**Formal Neighborhood Planning Committees and community
input forums will be developed as part of the effort**

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Federal and local funds secured thus far

Federal	• IA: ~\$40M in Individual assistance across over 8,600 applications • IA: \$20.4M offered and \$90.3M disbursed SBA Loans • PA: 75% federal local cost match reimbursement for select categories (e.g., debris removal, emergency protective measures, repair public infrastructure)
Local: State	• MDPS: \$100 million in disaster relief to the City of St. Louis • MHDC: \$25 million for emergency housing assistance (individual non-profits eligible to apply) • MDR: \$5,000 income tax deduction for affected individuals
Local: City	• MDR: \$20M+ in emergency response operations (e.g. Debris removal, immediate assistance, staff straightline, staff overtime, warehouse, etc.) • CDBG-DR/ARPA/Other: \$20M+ in funds targeted toward tornado zone • Ram's Settlement: \$30M in interest

Total tornado response incurred and obligated thus far

	Description	Incurred	Obligated/ Committed	Total
Debris Removal (Reimbursable)	ROW emergency debris removal	\$10.2M	\$5.0M	\$15.2M
Rams Funds	Details in next section	\$3.5M	\$26.5M	\$30M
Emergency Response (Reimbursable)	Police, Fire, EOC, Damaged City-Owned Vehicles, Boardup	\$4.1M	-	\$4.1M
Infrastructure Repairs (Reimbursable)	Traffic Signals, Street Lights, Buildings, Parks	\$1.3M	\$0.5M	\$1.8M
Total		\$19.1M	\$32.0M	\$51.1M

Note: Reimbursable means it is a likely eligible expense for reimbursement under Public Assistance (FEMA 75% and State 10% cost share)

Status of Cost Recovery

- \$7.5M in FEMA Public Assistance (PA) projects already submitted to FEMA for reimbursement
- Estimated \$15.6M FEMA PA costs incurred that are eligible for reimbursement
- Engaging leading FEMA consulting firm to expedite reimbursement (cost recovery work is eligible for 100% reimbursement from FEMA)

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\$30M has been announced and allocated across core priorities; ~16M in deployment/allocated

Community Resident Services / Cooling

\$9.00M

UW Fiscal Agent (\$8.0M):

- **\$3.5M** non-profit operational support grants
- **\$3.0M** disaster case management, legal resources support, and mental health and wellness
- **\$1.0M** unmet needs assistance (e.g., storage, rental assistance)
- **\$0.5M** for hunger relief

City Distributed (\$1.0M):

- **\$0.9M** donations to nonprofits to provide cooling and heating for individuals
- **\$0.1M** water station lofts, sprinkler/misting equipment, water messaging

Resource Hubs

\$3.50M

UW Fiscal Agent (\$1.5M) :

- **\$1.5M** disaster resource hub and/or distribution non-profit operations

City Distributed (\$2.0):

- **\$1.5M** procurement and distribution of supplies
- **\$0.5M** resource hub equipment and appliances

Intermediate Housing

\$10.50M

City Distributed:

- **\$5.0M** in home repair funds
- ▶ **\$5.0M** in intermediate housing (e.g., vacant unit turns, rental assistance)
- **\$0.5M** disaster case work
- *Additional to \$5.4M in emergency stabilization funds (ARPA)*
- *Add'l \$1.2M shelter (CDBG)*

Debris Removal

\$5.35M

City Distributed:

- ▶ **\$5.35M** in private property debris removal

Recovery Office

\$1.65M

City Distributed:

- ▶ **\$1.00M** Recovery Office staffing
- ▶ **\$0.65M** cost recovery consulting services

▶ = Announced since last meeting

Status Update by Fund: Community Resident Services/ Cooling

Area	Item	Amount	Status	Details
Community Resident Services / Cooling	Non-Profit Grants	\$3.5M (UW)	Deployed/ In-Deployment	- Fund is active with over 65 applications in progress requesting \$1.0M; application deadline is Sept 19th 17 complete applications with over \$1.0M requested; 5 approved at \$387K and award letters in progress; 4 follow-up required; 8 applications denied
	Disaster case mgmt	\$1.9M (UW)	Deployed/ In-Deployment	- October 1 target launch of case manager services available - Sole-sourced to Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, Lifewise and Hope for 25 FTEs (finalizing budget and making awards) - Submitting 9/5 joint FEMA disaster case management application
	Legal resources / mental health	\$1.1 (UW)	Deployed/ In-Deployment	NOFA is live and accepting applications as of 9/3
	Unmet needs	\$1.0M (UW)	Not Deployed	Will be distributed alongside disaster case management
	Hunger relief	\$0.5M (UW)	Deployed/ In-Deployment	NOFA is live and accepting applications as of 9/3
	Cooling/heating: Misting stations, water	\$0.1M (City)	Deployed/ In-Deployment	\$0.1M already deployed toward summer cooling
	Cooling/heating: Non-Profits	\$0.9M (city)	Not Deployed	Finalizing plan for \$0.9M focused on homeowner heating and cooling

Status Update by Fund: Resource Hubs, Intermediate Housing, and Debris Removal

Area	Item	Amount	Status	Details
Resource Hubs	Resource Hubs	\$1.5M (UW)	Not Deployed	Finalizing plan with community groups (announcement details coming soon)
		\$2.0M (City)	Not Deployed	\$1.2M distribution allocation (tentative award; awaiting E&A) \$0.8M not yet deployed
Intermediate Housing	Home Repair	\$5.0M (City)	Deployed/ In-Deployment	Deployed and allocated to Health Home Repair program (administered through CDA)
	Intermediate Housing	\$2.3M (City)	Deployed/ In-Deployment	~\$2.3M deployed or slated for approval with E&A
		\$2.7M (City)	Not Deployed	~\$2.7M still being identified for focused deployment
	Disaster Case Work	\$0.5M (City)	In-Deployment	Full \$0.5M allocated to Red Cross for shelter resident transition support in collaboration with Urban League
Debris	Debris Removal	\$5.35M (City)	Not Deployed	- RFP posted for ROE and HSA services for private property debris removal - Defining program for dumpsters and materials support for non-profits in collaboration with community partners

Status Update by Fund: Recovery Office

Area	Item	Amount	Status	Details
RO	RO Staffing	\$1.0M (City)	In-Deployment	Recovery Office staffing fully allocated and approved
	Cost recovery	\$0.65M (City)	Not Deployed	\$0.65M cost recovery allocation (tentative award; awaiting E&A)



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Path forward for this forum

- **Cost recovery consulting support** to begin next week (pending E&A approval); will accelerate cost recovery and provide more timely regular external financial reporting
- BOA Budget and Public Employees committee **updates moving forward to focus on finance only** (e.g., financial spending and status of cost recovery), led by Jim Hill
- Recovery Office will begin to hold **regular program updates as separate forum in the impacted community** (details in design and to be announced)

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