



**Agenda**  
**Budget & Public Employees Committee**  
**Meeting**  
**St. Louis Board of Aldermen**  
**Wednesday, July 30, 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**

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

**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 Funds**

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

**VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony**

**VIII. Announcements**

**IX. Excused Members**

## **X. Adjournment**



**Minutes  
Budget & Public Employees Committee  
Friday, June 6, 2025  
10:00 AM  
Kennedy Room**

**Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved**

**I. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**II. Roll Call**

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll and the following members answered their names: Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Mr. Devoti, and Chair Aldridge. 4 members were present. A quorum was established.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes from Saturday, May 31, 2025, and Monday, June 2, 2025, committee meetings.

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The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of Saturday, May 31, 2025, and Monday, June 2, 2025, committee meetings.

Mr. Devoti moved to approve the minutes of Saturday, May 31, 2025, and Monday, June 2, 2025, committee meetings.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

The following voted Aye: Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Mr. Devoti, and Chair Aldridge, **4 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 4 Aye votes were cast. The motion carried.**

#### **IV. Board Bills for Review**

(The committee will discuss the following. No public comment will be taken)

##### **Board Bill Number 1**

**Introduced by President Megan Green**

**Cosponsors: Alderman Rasheen Aldridge**

An ordinance making appropriation for payment of Interest, Expenses and Principal of the City's Bonded Indebtedness, establishing City tax rates, and making appropriation for current year expenses of the City Government, Water Division, St. Louis Airport Commission, Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Health Care Trust Fund, Use Tax Excess Trust Fund, Building Demolition Fund, Assessor, Police Contracts Fund, Communications Division, City Employee Pension Trust Fund, Forest Park Fund, Child Support Unit (Circuit Attorney's Office), Circuit Attorney Training and Collection Fee Funds, Public Administrators Fund, Port Administration Fund, Fire Department EMS GEMT Fund, Peace Officer Training Fund, Capital Improvement Projects Fund, Capital Improvements Sales Tax Trust Fund, Metro Parks Sales Tax Fund, Centralized Mailroom and Equipment Services Fuel Internal Service Funds, Tourism Fund, Lateral Sewer Fund, Public Safety Trust Fund, Public Safety Sales Tax Trust Fund, Economic Development Tax Trust Fund, Local Parks Fund, Public Safety Sales and Use Tax Fund (Prop P), Neighborhood Parks Fund, BJC/City Trust Fund, Miscellaneous Special Funds, Trustee Lease Fund, Riverfront Gaming Fund, Various Grant Funds, Tax Increment District Special Allocation Fund, City Convention and Sports Facility Trust Fund, Judgment Fund, and Employee Benefits Fund (Department of Personnel) for the Fiscal Year beginning July

1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of One Billion, Four Hundred Eight Million, Eight Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars (\$1,408,839,432), which sum is hereby appropriated from Revenue and Special Funds named for the purposes hereinafter enumerated and containing an emergency clause.

The Chair recognized Paul Payne, Budget Director, to discuss Board Bill Number 1 as amended.

Mr. Payne discussed Board Bill Number 1 and its amendments. He spoke about the suggestions and changes that were recommended to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment by the members of the Budget and Public Employee Committee. He discussed increases and reductions in salaries and positions, additional changes that weren't adopted, and software licenses.

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

Hearing no questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair entertained a motion to put Board Bill Number 1 as Amended before the committee.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

**The motion was carried by unanimous consent.**

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Members of the committee asked questions and made comments. After no further questions or comments from members of the committee, Ms. Sonnier entertained a motion to En Banc Board Bill Number 1 as Amended.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

**The motion was carried by unanimous consent.**

The Chair entertained a motion to pass Board Bill Number 1 as Amended out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Mr. Browning moved to pass Board Bill Number 1 as Amended out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

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, Mr. Devoti, and Chair Aldridge. **4 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:  
None

The following voted Present:  
None

The following were present but did not vote:  
None

**A total of 4 Aye votes were cast. The motion carried.**

#### **V. Resolutions for Review**

None

#### **VI. Committee Discussions**

None

#### **VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony**

None

#### **VIII. Announcements**

None

#### **IX. Excused Members**

Ms. Velazquez was excused for a necessary absence. Ms. Tyus was not excused from the meeting.

## **X. Adjournment**

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

Mr. Devoti moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

**The motion was carried by unanimous consent.**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.**

The background image shows a demolition site. In the center, a yellow truck with a crane arm is parked on a street. The truck has "STLRECOVERS" written on its side and a license plate that reads "53H-0XL". On either side of the truck, workers in safety gear are standing on the partially demolished brick walls of houses. The sky is overcast, and the overall scene is one of active construction or demolition work.

# BOA Budget & Public Employees Committee Update: Rams Interest

July 30, 2025

# Where are we in the Recovery effort?

## THREE PHASES IN RECOVERY

### Respond.

#### *Last 2 months*

- 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.

#### *Next 1-2 years*

- Resident support (case mgmt and recovery needs)
- Debris removal and demolition (incl. private property)
- Building stabilization and repair
- Intermediate housing
- Public infrastructure restoration (sidewalks & tree canopy)

### Rebuild.

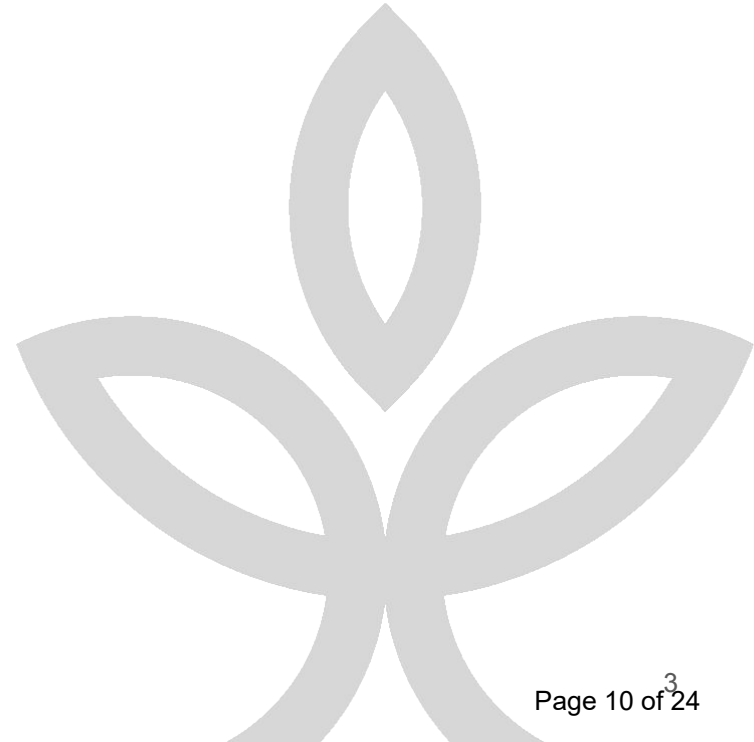
#### *Next 7-10 years*

- Neighborhood vision & planning
- Long-term housing (rebuild and infill housing)
- Business corridor development
- Communal infrastructure and campus/institutional anchors

**FOCUS NOW OF THE RECOVERY OFFICE**

# AGENDA FOR TODAY

- **Overview of the Recovery Office**
- Update on Ram's interest and role in the recovery

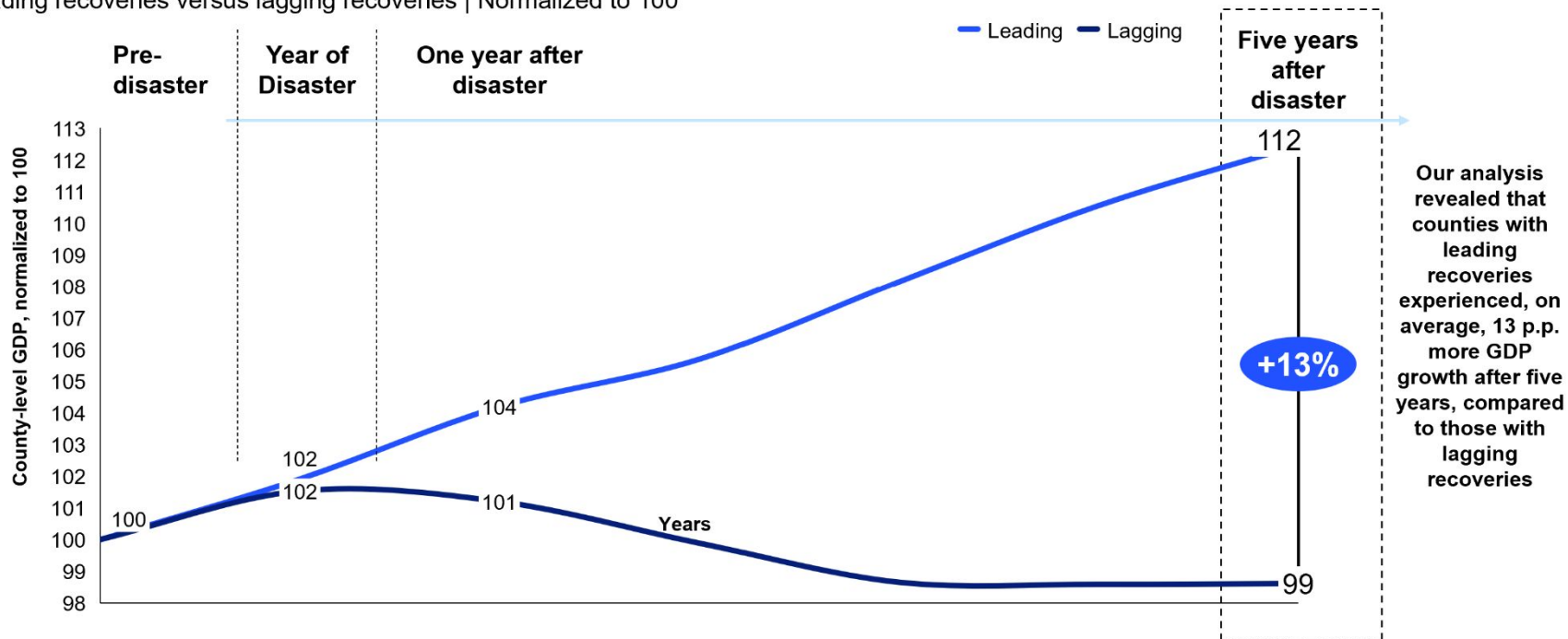


# Getting the details right for St. Louis City's recovery

## organization and strategy matters for long-term impact

County-level economic output from the pre-disaster period to five-years post-disaster

Leading recoveries versus lagging recoveries | Normalized to 100



## Few best practices driving our St. Louis approach

- Develop a **clearly aligned upon vision and priorities** that guide “restore” and “rebuild” phase of recovery effort in collaboration with community
- Launch a dedicated “**Recovery Office**” to **develop and coordinate a comprehensive strategy and implementation** to achieve priorities
- Convene **cross-functional teams and external stakeholders to accelerate** speed of change and decision-making
- **Support our teams with additional capacity and expertise** to drive results
- Use the **Recovery Office to innovate and adopt successful pilots**

# 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

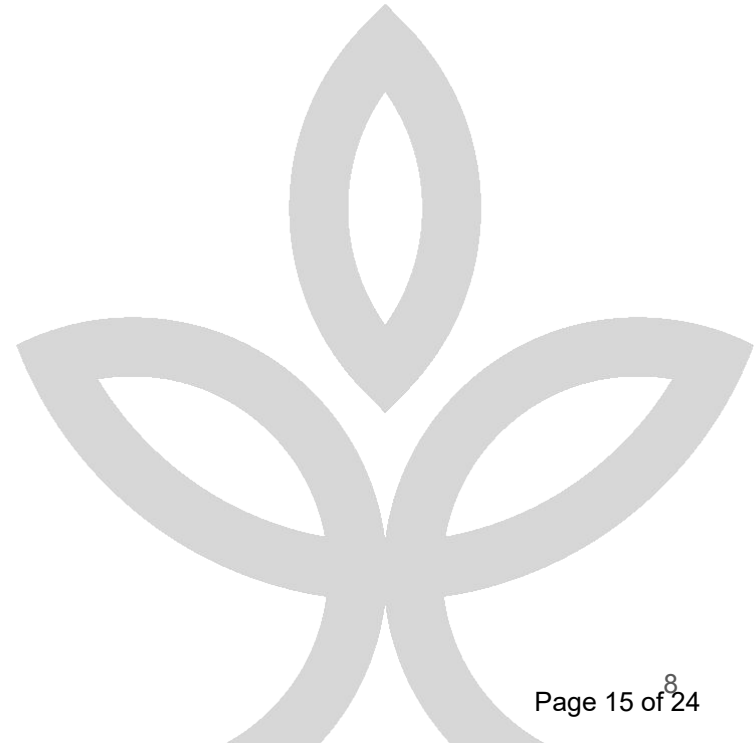
Support neighborhood businesses and anchor nonprofits to build back stronger

# To deliver priorities, the Recovery Office will start with 5 task forces enabled by centralized support

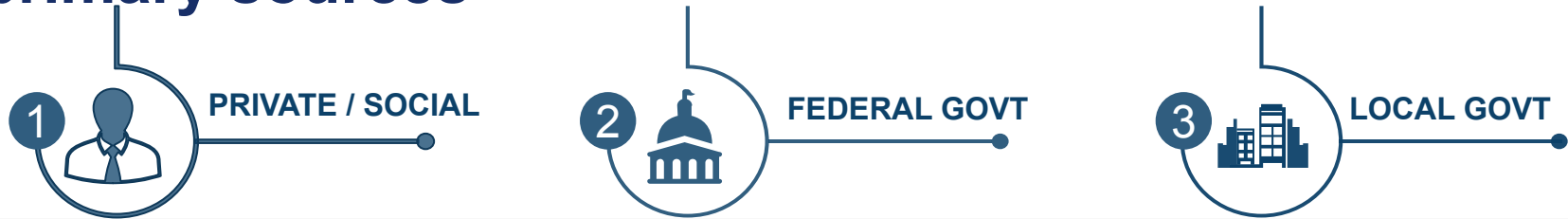


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- **Update on Ram's interest and role in the recovery**



# Funding for recovery tends to come from three primary sources



- Private insurance as critical typical source; low insurance rate makes St. Louis recovery effort difficult
- Addt'l philanthropic dollars as additional immediate safety net

- Current assistance programs:
  - Individual Assistance
  - SBA loans
  - Public Assistance (incl. PPDR)
- Other programs in discussion (e.g., CDBG-DR)
- Other requests coordinated with Congressional delegation (e.g., supplemental appropriations or specific programs requiring congressional approval)

- Required local match (state & city) to unlock some federal assistance
- Allocated city funds
- Potential future state funds requested for urgent and resilience initiatives

# Federal and local funds secured thus far...

## Federal

- **IA:** ~\$30M in Individual assistance across over 6,500 applications
- **IA:** \$13M+ in offered and disbursed SBA Loans
- **PA:** 75% federal local cost match reimbursement for select categories (e.g., debris removal, emergency protective measures, repair public infrastructure)

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## Local: State

- **MDPS:** \$100 million in disaster relief to the City of St. Louis
- **MHDC:** \$25 million for emergency housing assistance
- **MDR:** \$5,000 income tax deduction for affected individuals

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## Local: City

- **MDR:** \$20M+ in emergency response operations (e.g. Debris removal, immediate assistance, staff straightline, staff overtime, warehouse, etc.)
- **\$30M in Rams Settlement (focus for today)**

# Ram's Interest Updates

- On **Monday, 8/4**, nonprofits serving residents can begin applying for up to **\$3.75M** in emergency grant support
- **Multiple phases in the roll out of committed \$18M in Rams Interest:**
  - Phase 0 (Already launched): \$2.1M Resource hub operations (procurement and distribution of supplies, and equipment and appliance for operations) and community cooling/hydration operations
  - Phase 1 (Launched in early August): \$5.75M with \$3.75M in emergency grant support for our non-profit community serving residents (resource hubs and broader non-profits) and \$2M in home repair
  - Phase 2 (Launched by end of August): \$9.15M in other community services (disaster case management, legal resources support, and mental health & wellness), remaining heating/cooling, and additional home repair
  - Phase 3 (Launched by end of September): \$1M in unmet needs program
- **\$12M in unannounced Rams Settlement interest still in discussion** with likely focus on intermediate housing, intermediate private property debris removal, and Recovery Office Staffing
- Multi-phased roll out allows us to be thoughtful about where to invest limited tax payer dollars, while focusing on deploying the most critical programs

# REMINDER: Mayor Spencer announced plan for \$18M of \$30M in Rams Settlement

| Community Resident Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Resource Hubs                                                                                                                                               | Home Stabilization & Repair                                                                                                                           | Cooling/Heating                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| \$10M                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | \$2M                                                                                                                                                        | \$5M                                                                                                                                                  | \$1M                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$3.5M disaster case management, legal resources support, and mental health and wellness</li> <li>• \$3.5M non-profit operational support grants</li> <li>• \$1.5M disaster resource hub and/or distribution non-profit operations</li> <li>• \$1.0M unmet needs assistance (e.g., storage, rental assistance)</li> <li>• \$0.5M for hunger relief</li> <li>• <i>Add'l \$1.2M shelter (CDBG)</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1.5M procurement and distribution of supplies</li> <li>• \$0.5M resource hub equipment and appliances</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$5.0M in home repair funds</li> <li>• <i>Addition to \$5.4M in emergency stabilization funds</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$0.1M water station lofts, sprinkler/misting equipment, water messaging</li> <li>• \$0.9M donations to nonprofits to provide cooling and heating for individuals</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Note:</b> Remaining \$12M in discussion primarily around intermediate shelter, private property debris and RO staffing</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

# We are rolling out the \$30M in Ram's interest in multiple phases

| PHASE 0: \$2.1M                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | PHASE 1: \$5.75M                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | PHASE 2: \$9.15M                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | PHASE 3: \$1.0M                                                                                         |
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| <i>Already launched</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <i>Early August</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <i>End of August</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <i>End of September</i>                                                                                 |
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# QUESTIONS?





## Overview of Rams Settlement Spend

Operational plan as of 07/30/2025

### Headline Messages

- On Monday, August 4, nonprofits will be able to apply for emergency operation grants of up to \$3.75M
  - Can be allocated for provable incurred expenses to assist survivors directly after the May 16th tornado and time-limited, forward-looking expenses to continue serving survivors
  - Eligible uses may include expenses related to food purchases, supplies procurement, dumpsters, housing costs for survivors, etc.
- \$18M in allocated Rams Settlement interest roll out is happening across multiple phases prioritizing need:
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**Funding Tracker** (Numbers are estimates and subject to change based on need)

| Purpose                                                                                                       | Allocated Amount | Spent | Dept.          | Vendor           | Status                                                    | Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Community Services:</b><br>Disaster case management, legal resources support, and mental health & wellness | \$3,500,000      | –     | Mayor's Office | TBA Fiscal Agent | <b>P2:</b> Committed, not obligated: In-Design            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disaster case management to focus on groups within COAD/VOAD in partnership with FEMA</li> <li>Designing application for legal and mental health &amp; wellness (mid/late August launch)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Community Services:</b><br>Non-profit operational support grants                                           | \$3,500,000      | –     | Mayor's Office | TBA Fiscal Agent | <b>P1:</b> Committed, not obligated: Preparing for launch | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grant applications to go live on Monday, August 4, 2025</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Community Services:</b><br>Disaster resource hub and/or distribution non-profit operations                 | \$250,000        | –     | Mayor's Office | TBA Fiscal Agent | <b>P1:</b> Committed, not obligated: Preparing for launch | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency grant procedures for city partnered resource hubs to go out on Monday, August 4, 2025</li> </ul>                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                               | \$1,250,000      | –     | Mayor's Office | TBA Fiscal Agent | <b>P2:</b> Committed, not obligated: In-Design            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designing long-term resource hubs for next 6-8 months</li> <li>Targeting mid/late August launch</li> </ul>                                                                                          |
| <b>Community Services:</b><br>Unmet Needs Assistance (e.g., storage, non-FEMA rental assistance)              | \$1,000,000      |       | Mayor's Office | TBA Fiscal Agent | <b>P3:</b> Committed, not obligated: Not started          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unmet needs will be for those connected with case management</li> <li>For now, supported by Red Cross and other nonprofit organizations</li> </ul>                                                  |
| <b>Community Services:</b><br>Hunger Relief                                                                   | \$500,000        | –     | Mayor's Office | TBA Fiscal Agent | <b>P2:</b> Committed, not obligated: In-Design            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently designing application (mid/late August launch)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>Resource Hub Operations:</b> Procurement and distribution of supplies   | \$1,500,000  | TBD | Mayor's Office | Direct to various vendors      | <b>P0:</b> Obligated: Launched                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purchasing warehouse needs regularly to distribute to resource hubs</li> </ul>                          |
| <b>Resource Hub Operations:</b> Hub equipment and appliance for operations | \$500,000    | TBD | Mayor's Office | Direct to various vendors      | <b>P0:</b> Obligated: Launched                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equipment and appliances deployed and billed regularly to resource hubs</li> </ul>                      |
| <b>Home Repair</b>                                                         | \$2,000,000  | –   | CDA            | To Be Approved by E&A (Friday) | <b>P1:</b> Not Obligated: Preparing for launch | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Immediate program with existing partners in design (TBD go live date)</li> </ul>                        |
|                                                                            | \$3,000,000  | –   | CDA            | TBD                            | <b>P2:</b> Not Obligated: In-Design            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewing options with longer-term home repair network providers</li> </ul>                             |
| <b>Cooling/Heating:</b> Misting, cooling and hydration stations            | \$100,000    | TBD | DOH            | Various Vendors                | <b>P0:</b> Obligated: Launched                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set up misting and cooling stations with signage to be added across the impact zone</li> </ul>          |
| <b>Cooling/Heating:</b> Homes (owners)                                     | \$900,000    | –   | DOH            | TBD                            | <b>P2:</b> Not Obligated: In-Design            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support homeowners with heating and cooling</li> </ul>                                                  |
| <b>Unallocated</b>                                                         | \$12,000,000 |     | Mayor's Office | TBD                            | <b>TBA:</b> Not Obligated: In-Design           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus on RO staffing, intermediate private property debris removal, and intermediate housing</li> </ul> |

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