



Agenda
Budget & Public Employees Committee
Meeting
St. Louis Board of Aldermen
Wednesday, October 29, 2025 - 6:00 PM
Kennedy Room

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, September 24, 2025, 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

Tornado Relief

The committee will discuss tornado relief. Representatives from the City's Office of Recovery, the Comptroller's Office and the President's Office of the Board of Aldermen will be present to discuss this topic.

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

VIII. Announcements

IX. Excused Members

X. Adjournment



**Minutes
Budget & Public Employees Committee
Wednesday, September 24, 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 p.m.

II. Roll Call

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll and the following members answered their names: Mr. Browning, Mr. Devoti and Chair Aldridge. **3 members were present. A quorum was established.**

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Thursday, September 24, 2025, committee meeting.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Thursday, September 24, 2025, committee meeting.

Mr. Browning moved to approve the minutes of the Thursday, September 24, 2025, committee meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Devoti.

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: Mr. Browning, Mr. Devoti and Chair Aldridge. **3 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 3 Aye votes were cast. The motion carried.

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.

The Chair introduced Jim Hill, Chief Financial Officer for the office of the Mayor's Recovery Office, and Adam Pearson, Director of Human Services.

Mr. Hill and Mr. Pearson gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the Rams' Interest.

After no further discussion, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the public for public testimony.

Rams Settlement Funds

Danni Eickenhorst	9th and 11th ward	Undecided
Melanie Marie	People Response	Undecided

Julia Allen	online	Undecided
Aminhan Lobster	3rd ward	Undecided

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 questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair excused Ms. Sonnier and Ms. Velazquez from the meeting for necessary absences.

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

None

VIII. Announcements

None

IX. Excused Members

The Chair excused Ms. Sonnier and Ms. Velazquez for necessary absences.

X. Adjournment

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

Mr. Browning moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Devoti.

Chair Aldridge requested the previous roll.

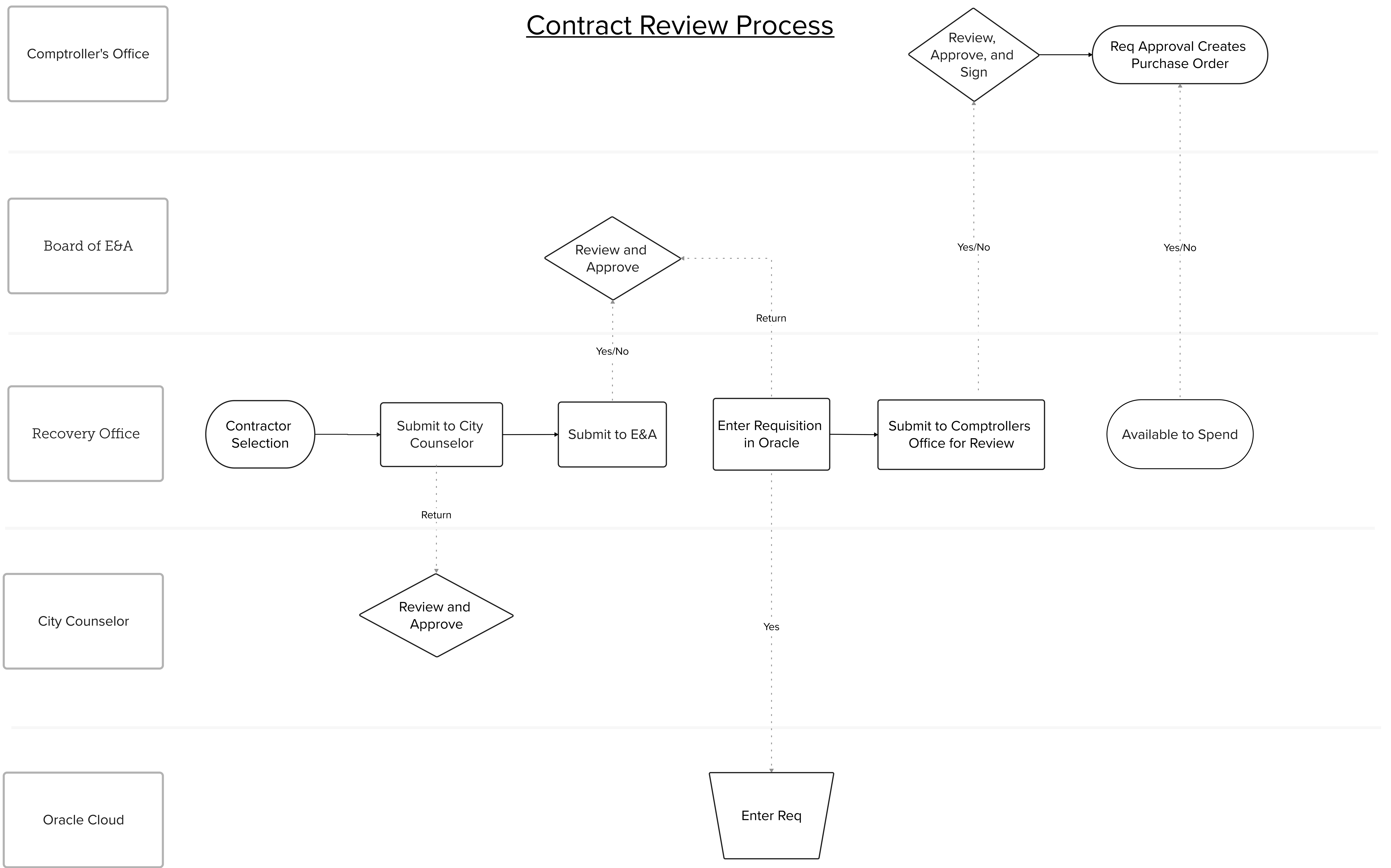
Hearing no objection to the previous roll the Chair adjourned the meeting.

The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49pm

[MIN_SIGNATURES]

Contract Review Process



Tornado Response & Recover: Rams Budget				
Tornado Response & Recover: Rams Budget	Total Budget	Obligations (PO)	Expenditures	Funds Available
120011-Mayor Tornado Response	19,000,000	8,868,607	3,095,536	6,995,857
5900-Disaster Case Management	3,500,000	518,607	2,984,399	(3,006)
521500-Health and Safety Supplies	-	3,006	-	(3,006)
562000-Facility and Grounds Services	500,000	500,000	-	-
566000-Professional Services	3,000,000	15,601	2,984,399	-
5901-Disaster Operational Support	5,150,000	4,150,000	111,137	888,863
510100-Salaries Regular Employees	755,414	-	92,184	663,231
512000-FICA	57,582	-	7,180	50,402
513800-Employee Retirement Plan	136,718	-	9,099	127,619
513810-Employee Retirement System Debt Co	15,760	-	887	14,873
514700-Workers Compensation Admin	9,850	-	1,232	8,618
515000-Medical Insurance	1,000	-	452	548
515030-Life Insurance	3,073	-	86	2,987
515060-Long Term Disability	1,103	-	17	1,086
520500-Office Supplies	5,000	-	-	5,000
523000-Education and Training Materials and	10,000	-	-	10,000
560001-Computer Software Licenses	4,500	-	-	4,500
562000-Facility and Grounds Services	-	-	-	-
566000-Professional Services	4,150,000	4,150,000	-	-
5902-Disaster Resource Hub	1,500,000	1,500,000	-	-
562000-Facility and Grounds Services	-	-	-	-
566000-Professional Services	1,500,000	1,500,000	-	-
5903-Disaster Unmet Needs Assistance	1,000,000	1,000,000	-	-
562000-Facility and Grounds Services	-	-	-	-
566000-Professional Services	1,000,000	1,000,000	-	-
5904-Disaster Hunger Relief	500,000	500,000	-	-
562000-Facility and Grounds Services	-	-	-	-
566000-Professional Services	500,000	500,000	-	-
5905-Disaster Supplies for Distribution	1,500,000	1,200,000	-	260,000
562000-Facility and Grounds Services	1,500,000	1,200,000	-	260,000
5906-Disaster Resource Hub Equipment	500,000	-	-	500,000
562000-Facility and Grounds Services	500,000	-	-	500,000
5907-Debris Removal	5,350,000	-	-	5,350,000
566000-Professional Services	5,350,000	-	-	5,350,000
142033-CDA Tornado Response	8,632,250	-	-	8,632,250
5910-Disaster Home Repair	5,000,000	-	-	5,000,000
562000-Facility and Grounds Services	5,000,000	-	-	5,000,000
5912-Intermediate Housing-CDA	3,632,250	-	-	3,632,250
566000-Professional Services	3,632,250	-	-	3,632,250
143005- AHC Tornado Response	1,367,750	-	-	1,367,750
5920-Intermediate Housing	1,367,750	-	-	1,367,750
566000-Professional Services	1,367,750	-	-	1,367,750
700100-DOH Tornado Response	1,000,000	-	-	1,000,000
5432-Disaster Cooling and Water Assistance	1,000,000	-	-	1,000,000
562000-Facility and Grounds Services	1,000,000	-	-	1,000,000
Grand Total	30,000,000	8,868,607	3,095,536	17,995,857



BOA Budget & Public Employees Committee Update: Rams Interest

October 29, 2025

Our focus for this hearing is funding updates

AGENDA FOR TODAY

RO Funding Transparency Updates

- Overall funding and spending across Recovery effort
- Deep-dive in status of Recovery Office funds
- Actions to-date to improve the speed of procurement
- Funding priorities for next month

NOT FOR TODAY

RO Programs & Strategy Updates

- Recovery Office program updates:
 - Winter shelters and housing support
 - Demolition and debris removal
 - Home stabilization and repair
 - Resident supports (e.g., food, supplies, support services)
- Future funding for Recovery (ongoing conversations with State, BOA, and City Leadership)

*Bi-weekly updates provided in
BOA/Recovery Office Check-In*

Reminder: Where are we in the Recovery effort?

THREE PHASES IN RECOVERY

Respond

May – July 2025

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



Restore

2025 - Mid-2027

- ▶ Intermediate housing assistance and shelter
- ▶ Demolition and debris removal (incl. private property)
- ▶ Resident support (case mgmt and recovery needs)
 - Public infrastructure restoration (sidewalks & tree canopy)
 - Communal infrastructure and campus/institutional anchors (non-profits)

Reimagine

Now -2035

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

Reminder: Four focused efforts within these priorities through 2025

1

Maximize
Available
Intermediate
Housing
and Shelter

2

Eliminate **debris**,
demolish unsafe
structures, and
repair
infrastructure

3

Establish
intermediate
resident
support
systems

4

Launch formal
community
engagement
and
neighborhood
planning efforts

Recovery Office has allocated/spent ~\$95M across recovery efforts with ~\$280M additional slated from FEMA/State of MO

Funding Source	Housing	Debris & Infrastructure	Resident Support	Recovery Office (Administrative)	Total Allocated/Spent
City Emergency Spending (FEMA Reimbursable)	-	\$19.10	\$10.20	-	\$29.30
Other Federal & State Funds: ARPA, CDBG-DR, CDBG, HUD, MSD, MOSB1 - MDHC	\$28.10	\$8.90	\$0.20	-	\$37.20
Rams Settlement Interest Funds	\$10.50	\$5.35	\$12.50	\$1.65	\$30.00
Total Allocated/Spent	\$38.60	\$33.35	\$22.90	\$1.65	\$94.85
MO Senate Bill 1	Under discussion for PPDR	\$100.00	-	-	\$100.00
FEMA Commitment	-	\$180.00	-	-	\$180.00

FEMA PA Cost Recovery Update

- We are on track for \$18.0M of reimbursements to be submitted by end of November for costs incurred to-date
 - \$12.9M of FEMA Public Assistance Costs have been submitted for reimbursement thus far
 - First reimbursement of \$88k received by the City 10/28/25
 - Historically, reimbursements for projects under <\$1.063M estimated to take 30–45 days; large projects over \$1.063M take 90-120 days (subject to federal congressional review)
 - \$5.1M to be submitted in November
- >\$10M to be submitted for reimbursement between December and end of Q1

Reminder: \$30M in Rams interest has been committed across our priority areas

Resident Support: Services

\$9.0M

UW Fiscal Agent (\$8.0M):

- **\$3.5M** non-profit operational support grants
- **\$2.05M** disaster case management
- **\$1.0M** unmet needs assistance
- **\$0.75M** legal resources support
- **\$0.5M** for hunger relief
- **\$0.2M** mental health

City Distributed (\$1.0M):

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

Resident Support: Resource Hubs

\$3.5M

UW Fiscal Agent (\$1.5M) :

- **\$1.5M** disaster resource hub operations

City Distributed (\$2.0):

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

Housing

\$10.5M

City Distributed:

- **\$5.0M** in home repair funds
- **\$4.0M** in vacant unit turns
- **\$1.0M** in deposit & rental assistance
- **\$0.5M** disaster case work (shelter resident transition)
- *Additional to \$5.4M in emergency stabilization funds (ARPA)*
- *Add'l \$1.2M shelter (CDBG)*

Debris Removal & Infrastructure

\$5.35M

City Distributed:

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

Recovery Office (Administration)

\$1.65M

City Distributed:

- **\$1.0M** Recovery Office staffing
- **\$0.65M** cost recovery consulting services

\$23.6M of \$30M has been contracted and is in deployment with a clear plan for remaining funds

Priority Area	Committed (millions)	Contracted & In-Deployment* (See <i>Exhibit I</i>)	Not Contracted	Path Forward (Not Contracted Spend)
Resident Support	\$12.50	\$10.70	\$1.80	\$1.1M will be reallocated to other needs \$0.30M held for purchase of supplies and equipment for warehouse (as needed) \$0.40M NOFA closes Oct 31 for winter warming centers
Housing	\$10.50	\$6.30	\$4.20	\$2.95M RFP in process for Home Repair Construction Management due Nov 10 \$1.25M NOFA closes Oct 31 for remaining vacant unit turns
Debris Removal	\$5.35	\$5.00	\$0.35	\$0.25M open PO for dumpsters and supplies to support debris removal efforts \$0.10M for AmeriCorps PPDR support
Recovery Office (Administrative)	\$1.65	\$1.65	—	
Total	\$30.00	\$23.65	\$6.35	

*Contracted are dollars that have been awarded through E&A for expenditure

Update: Resident Support Programs

Area	Item	Amount (Fiscal Agent)	Contracted Entity	Status
Resident Support: Services	Non-Profit Support Grants	\$3.50M (UW)	United Way	71 applications received requesting \$4.8M; 28 approved and \$1.4M paid (Exhibit II); 9 applications and \$0.7M to be reviewed Oct 31 with plan to disburse approved grants next week 34 applications denied/did not complete the process totaling \$2.7M (not nonprofits, inadequate support for amounts requested) - Expect to have at least \$1.4M remaining; \$0.35M to shore up DCM funding; remaining funds to be reallocated (Hunger Relief & Unmet Needs)
	Disaster Case Management (DCM)	\$2.05M (UW)	United Way	- Case Managers trained Oct 6 and Oct 16 with program launched Oct 13 - rolling training as DCMs are hired - Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, Lifewise, HOPE to provide 24 FTEs for \$2.4M; 10 DCMs hired to date and have active caseloads (Exhibit III) - Submitted DCM application to FEMA 9/5
	Unmet Needs	\$1.00M (UW)	United Way	Will be distributed at the guidance of DCMs
	Legal Support	\$0.75M (UW)	United Way	2 applications received totaling \$1.1M; plan to review applications Oct 31 and distribute funds week of 11/3
	Hunger Relief	\$0.50M (UW)	United Way	16 applications received totaling \$4.3M; plan to review applications Oct 31 and distribute funds week of 11/3
	Mental Health	\$0.20M (UW)	United Way	12 applications received totaling \$2.0M; plan to review applications Oct 31 and distribute funds week of 11/3
	Non-Profit: Cooling/Heating	\$0.40M (City)	Not Contracted	NOFA for warming centers closes 10/31
		\$0.50M (City)	Not Contracted	To be reallocated for other needs
	Cooling: Direct Expenses	\$0.10M (City)	Not Contracted	To be reallocated for other needs; limited dollars spent on cooling from Rams



Update: Resident Support & Housing Programs

Area	Item	Amount (Fiscal Agent)	Contracted Entity	Details
Resident Support: Resource Hubs	Disaster Resource Hub Operations	\$1.50M (UW)	United Way	- Contract for Stop-Gap Resource Hub through Nov being finalized (\$0.2M) - Providing supplies for City-designated pop-up resource hubs - Finalizing strategy and plan with community groups for long-term resource hubs, including case management, legal and mental health services
	Procurement & Distribution of Supplies	\$1.20M (City)	Diamond Divas	\$1.2M contract with Diamond Divas for warehousing and distribution
		\$0.3M (City)	Not Contracted	\$0.3M to purchase of supplies and equipment for the tornado warehouse
	Resource hub equipment and appliances	\$0.50M (City)	Not Contracted	To be reallocated for other needs (funded in Diamond Divas contract)
Housing	Home Repair	\$2.05M (City)	Mission St Louis	- Deployed and allocated to Healthy Home Repair (administered through CDA) 4 homes repaired, 22 homes currently being repaired
		\$2.95M (City)	Not Contracted	Proposals due 11/10 for Home Repair Construction Management to accelerate home repairs and fund repair of 60-80 homes
	Vacant Unit Turns	\$2.75M (City)	Four Entities (See Exhibit IV)	\$2.75M allocated to four contracts to turn 219 units (Exhibit IV) - Contracts in process of being finalized with work to start
		\$1.25M (City)	Not Contracted	\$1.25M NOFA for Vacant Unit Turns closes 10/31
	Deposit & Rental Assistance	\$1.00M (City)	FORWARD	- Administration and funding of deposit and rental assistance - Finalizing program design with FORWARD; program release TBA
	Disaster Case Work	\$0.50M (City)	Red Cross	\$0.5M for resident transition case management from NCS in collaboration with the Urban League



Update: Debris Removal & Recovery Office

Area	Item	Amount (Fiscal Agent)	Contracted Entity	Details
Debris Removal Recovery Office	Debris Removal	\$5.00M (City)	Tetra Tech	- ROE and HSA services launched Oct 15; 450 applications received (10/28) - STL Recovers Outreach Center opened and operating at the Urban League for ROE intake and resident support
		\$0.35M (City)	Not Contracted	- Dumpsters and materials deployed in support non-profits & community partners through Operation Brightside - AmeriCorps launched PPDR earlier this month; plans 60-80 houses/month from the Crisis CleanUp list
	Recovery Office Staffing	\$1.00M (City)	City of STL Mayor's Office	- Recovery Office fully staffed - Cost recovery activities performed by RO Staff eligible for FEMA reimb (100%)
	Cost Recovery Consulting	\$0.65M (City)	Tetra Tech	- Cost Recovery consulting support started Sept 9 - Significant progress with \$12.9M submitted to FEMA for reimbursement; all emergency response costs to be submitted by November 21 - Consulting firm's costs are eligible for FEMA reimbursement (100%)

Note: If a contracted entity is identified, the contract value is for the full amount noted unless otherwise indicated

Actions to-date to improve procurement

Barriers

Limited city capacity for additional procurement
(ARPA, airport and other projects)

High complexity in contracting process
(RFP committee, E&A approval)

Speed of procurement process
through departments, legal, comptroller,
and register

Manual paper contracting signing process
(legal, tax status review, insurance doc,
comptroller/register signature)

Outdated stringent ordinance requirements

Actions Taken / Underway

Outsourced grant management procurement for
nonprofits to United Way for addt'l capacity

Standardized fast track process
(standard RFP committee for Recovery and bi-weekly
Special E&A)

Launching weekly contracting meetings (accountability
and problem solve barriers with departments and legal)

Launching online contract signing process
(design underway for launch in late 2025 or early 2026)

Documenting issues for potential changes
(partnership with BOA and legal for
ordinance updates)

Priorities over the next month

- Award final applications for United Way reallocate unspent funds to priority areas: (1) disaster case management, 2) hunger relief, and 3) unmet needs
- Award priority contracts and NOFAs underway for uncontracted \$4.65M:
 - \$0.4M Warming Centers
 - \$2.95M Home Repair Construction Management
 - \$1.30M Vacant Unit Turns

QUESTIONS?

Exhibits



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Exhibit I: Contracts Awarded Detail

Awardee	Amount (millions)	Special E&A Award Date	Priority Area	Scope of Work
United Way	\$9.50	8/1/25	Resident Services	Fiscal agent to distribute funds to nonprofits & individuals
Red Cross	\$0.50		Housing	Shelter resident transition services
Mission St. Louis / CDA	\$2.05		Housing	Healthy Home Repair
Recovery Office	\$1.00	8/8/25	Recovery Office	Drive overall Tornado Recovery, including FEMA cost recovery
Homer G Phillips Dignity House	\$0.24	8/13/25	Housing	Turn 90 Vacant Units at Homer G. Phillips
Diamond Divas	\$1.20	9/8/25	Resident Services	Operation of the Tornado Resources Warehouse
Vaughan Assoc.	\$1.37		Housing	Turn 61 Vacant Units at Murphy Park
RISE Community Development	\$0.44		Housing	Turn 28 Vacant Units at Fox Manor
St. Louis Housing Authority	\$0.70		Housing	Turn 40 Vacant Units at Parkview Manor Apartments
Tetra Tech LLC	\$0.65		Recovery Office	Cost recovery consulting
FORWARD	\$1.00	10/2/25	Housing	Administration of down payment and rental assistance
Tetra Tech LLC	\$5.00		Debris Removal	Debris Removal: ROE, Hazardous Assessment, Structural Inspection
Total Contracts Awarded	\$23.65			

Exhibit II: UW Awards - Nonprofit operational grants (\$1.315M awarded of \$3.5M fund)

Organization	Award	Payment	Organization	Award	Payment
Affinia Healthcare	\$4,254	10/14/2025	Oxygen Project	\$13,916	10/23/2025
Diamond Diva Empowerment Foundation	\$150,000	8/25/2025	Park Central Development Corporation	\$42,090	10/15/2025
Employment Connection	\$5,693	10/6/2025	Partnership for Youth DBA AmeriCorps St Louis	\$12,637	9/29/2025
Eye Thrive	\$8,319	10/6/2025	Peter & Paul Community Services	\$102,127	10/23/2025
Freedom Community Center	\$147,989	10/15/2025	Progress in Education	\$57,138	10/23/2025
Gateway Housing First	\$74,300	9/29/2025	Show Me the World Project	\$839	10/23/2025
Haven Recovery Gives Back	\$65,031	10/6/2025	St Louis Public Schools Foundation	\$26,885	10/14/2025
Home Sweet Home	\$92,051	9/29/2025	St. Elizabeth's Adult Day Care Center	\$8,814	10/23/2025
Incarnate Word Foundation	\$87,152	9/8/2025	St. Louis Integrated Health Network	\$83,492	10/23/2025
Mission St Louis	\$119,675	10/6/2025	St. Patrick Center	\$44,942	10/15/2025
North Newstead Association	\$4,713	10/23/2025	The Angel Band Project	\$52,486	10/15/2025
Northside Youth And Senior Service Center	\$56,795	10/6/2025	The Pink Angels Foundation	\$3,997	10/6/2025
Operation Food Search, Inc.	\$45,044	10/6/2025	The Village Keepers	\$4,809	9/29/2025

- 71 applications received and more than \$4.8M requested
 - 28 applications awarded and paid \$1.3M; additional \$70K pending payment across two orgs
 - 9 applications still under review totaling \$678K
 - 34 applications denied as not eligible (LLCs, individuals) and/or required documentation to verify eligibility or substantiate expenses was not submitted
- \$1.4M+ projected to be unspent and re-allocated

Exhibit III: UW Awards - Disaster Case Management (\$2.4M)

Agency	Funding (millions)	Targeted DCM Staffing
The Salvation Army	\$1.00*	10
HOPE	\$0.19	2
Lifewise	\$0.27	2
Catholic Charities St. Louis	\$0.94	10
Total	\$2.40*	24

* Finalizing budget with the Salvation Army and/or additional \$300K needed to support 24 DCMs; plan is to reallocate \$0.4M from nonprofit operating grants (only \$2.05M initially allocated to Disaster Case Management)

Exhibit IV - Housing Turns

	Project Owner	Units	Cost (millions)	Cost / Unit
Parkview Manor Apartments	CDA	40	\$0.70	\$17,500
Fox Manor	CDA	28	\$0.44	\$15,753
Murphy Park I, II, III	AHC	61	\$1.37	\$22,422
Homer G. Phillips	CDA	90	\$0.24	\$2,700
Total		219	\$2.75	