

2000 STAR Project Awards:

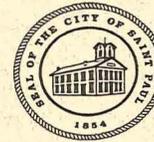
Neighborhood Awards	Grants	Loans
Riverside Plaza	\$300,000	
Hallie Q. Brown Playground	50,000	
A Piece of Cake	10,000	\$ 55,000
South Como Housing	100,000	
Hope Learning Center	30,000	
District Del Sol Program	300,000	100,000
UACI Environmental Design	200,000	100,000
Merriam Park Comm. Center		180,000
Highland Grill		221,250
HUD Home Renewal	210,000	
Hamline Midway Commercial	150,000	150,000
Housing Rehab. Initiative	125,000	130,000
Senior Life Cycle Community	250,000	700,000
Stuzman Building	87,148	88,000
Neighborhood Lending Fund		400,000
College Park Courts	35,000	
Liberty Plaza	177,000	
Exterior Fix-up Fund	110,000	
Housing on White Bear Ave.	200,000	
Old Swedish Bank Building	132,278	30,000
East Side Business Loan Fund		250,000
Pride in Neighborhood Housing	150,000	
Renaissance Box	33,280	336,506
West 7 th Revitalization		100,000
El Burrito Mercado	50,000	
25 Project Total:	\$2,699,706	\$2,840,756

Small Grant Awards	Grants
Parking Lot Improvement	\$ 20,000
Vietnam Center	20,000
Ames Community Garden	11,428
Adams Spanish Immersion	20,000
35 West Water Street	20,000
Harding Area Locker Rooms	20,000
YWCA Facility Repair	20,000
SARPA Park	20,000
Phalen Townhome Lighting	6,000
Phalen Poetry Park	6,000
Hamm Park	19,000
NEAR Office Building	20,000
Curfew Street Traffic	5,000
MLK Meeting Space	17,311
Erickson Plaza	20,000

Small Grant Awards Cont.

	Grants
GA Johnson Parking	\$ 20,000
Brush with Kindness	20,000
Mancini Parking	20,000
Brewery Improvement	20,000
Highland Development	20,000
Clinton Townhomes	12,000
Lincoln Townhomes	20,000
Isabel-Hall Initiative	20,000
Phalen Park Entrances	20,000
Concord/Robert Parking	20,000
Gateway Improvement	20,000
Pollution Prevention	9,000
Inner City Youth League	20,000
<u>Building/Lot Improvement</u>	<u>10,000</u>
29 Project Total:	\$495,739

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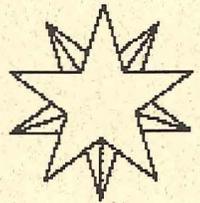
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STAR



Neighborhood Sales
 Tax Revitalization Program

2000 Annual Report

Saint Paul's Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) Program has completed six years of awarding loans and grants for projects to revitalize Saint Paul neighborhoods.

This report includes:

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- * Key Features
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- * Accomplishments, Outside Investments and Job Creation
- * Loan Program Features
- * Sales Tax Collections
- * 2000 STAR Funding by Category
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Neighborhood STAR Board

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Program History

In May 1993, the Minnesota State Legislature authorized the City of Saint Paul to levy an additional half-cent sales tax. The creation of this fund allowed the city to undertake two major initiatives: make needed enhancements to the Saint Paul River Centre complex (formerly the Saint Paul Civic Center), and to create the Sales Tax Revitalization or STAR Program. The goal of STAR, as identified in the original legislation, is to utilize funds "...for capital projects to further residential, cultural, commercial and economic development in both downtown Saint Paul and Saint Paul neighborhoods."

Under its current structure, the Neighborhood STAR program utilizes 50% of the half-cent sales proceeds, the River Centre receives 40%, and a Cultural STAR effort uses 10% of the proceeds.

Key Features

The Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) Program is administered by the City's Department of Planning and Economic Development (PED), and awards grants and loans for capital improvement projects in Saint Paul neighborhoods.

Funds are awarded annually through two competitive application processes. The first process, held early in the year, awards grants of \$5,000 to \$20,000. The second process, beginning in late spring, is more comprehensive, and provides funding for large loans and loan/grant combinations.

Overall program allocation goals: 60 percent for loans, 40 percent for grants.

Approximately 25 percent of the annual loan allocation may be made available on a year-round basis for activities whose timing and/or needs do not fit into the regular STAR program cycle.

All STAR funds must be matched on a 1:1 basis with other resources.

Funds must be spent on physical improvements ("bricks and mortar") with an expected life of at least seven years.

Eligible applicants include public, private, or non-profit entities located in or doing business in Saint Paul.

Neighborhood STAR Board

Community involvement and participation is key to the STAR Program's success. The Neighborhood STAR Board provides elected officials with advice and recommendations on all aspects of the STAR program. All Board members are recommended by the Mayor, approved by City Council, and serve three year staggered terms. In addition to being geographically represented, the STAR Board includes members from the public and private sector who provide the city with a unique cross selection of knowledge and expertise.

Accomplishments, Outside Investment and Job Creation

Since the inception of the STAR Program, there have been more than 260 projects and programs funded with over \$27 million in STAR dollars. Of these, 54 projects were awarded more than \$6 million in STAR funding in 2000. These funds will generate an additional \$43 million in

outside investments and create an estimated 250 full-time equivalent positions and 525 temporary construction-type jobs.

Loan Program Features

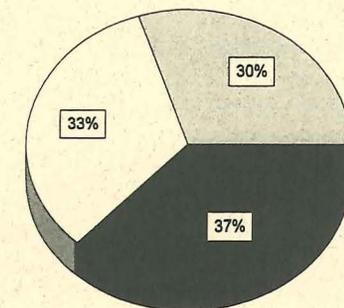
The loan component is the heart of the STAR Program. Loans are made to projects and programs that cannot qualify for traditional bank financing, but would result in desirable improvements. The STAR Program began reaping the benefits of loan repayments in 1997. By the end of 2000, over \$3 million in loan repayments have been collected.

Sales Tax Collections

As of December 31, 2000, approximately \$33 million has been collected for the STAR Program through the City of Saint Paul's half-cent sales tax. Estimated Neighborhood STAR sales tax revenue for FY2001 is approximately \$6 million.

2000 STAR Funding by Category

Types of projects and programs receiving Cycle 6 Neighborhood STAR Program awards:



■ Housing
□ Commercial
■ Public Improvement