

2009 STAR Awards:

Small STAR Awards

	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Loan</u>	<u>Grant</u>
Transportation Museum	1		\$ 5,000
Ola & Associates	1	\$12,500	12,500
African American Center	1		15,000
Holy Spirit Playground	3		5,009
REDA Storefront Program	2		25,000
HSP Loan Program	2	20,000	5,000
Recycled Rubber Shredder	2	25,000	
Mississippi Market W-7 th Store	2	13,000	12,000
District 6 CPTED Program	5		25,000
Klub House Roof & Sewer	5		25,000
Montessori Kitchen Upgrade	6		25,000
St Pascal Roof Replacement	7		25,000
Sparc Lead Window Program	1,4,5,6		25,000
Rebuilding Together Program	5,6		25,000
Totals:		\$70,500	\$229,509

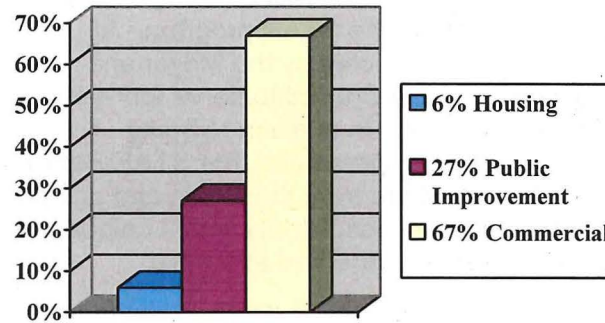
Neighborhood Awards

	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Loan</u>	<u>Grant</u>
Frogtown Square	1	\$100,000	\$100,000
Jamestown Homes	1	16,350	16,350
Yarusso's Patio	2	25,000	20,000
Shamrocks Irish Nook	2	49,500	49,500
First Tee Learning Center	3	150,000	150,000
Cleveland & Buford #2	5	12,500	12,500
Open Cities Health Center	5		100,000
Checkers Drive-in Restaurant	6	45,000	45,000
Payne Ave. Parking Program	6	50,000	70,000
Hammernick Expansion	5	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
Totals:		\$598,350	\$713,350

Year-Round Loan Program

	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Loan</u>	<u>Grant</u>
Barrio Tequilla Bar	2	\$ 59,500	\$37,500
Lilydale Park Benches	2		6,630
Children's Hospital Garden	2		50,000
Icel Systems	7	100,000	
St Pascal Roof Replacement	7	20,000	5,000
University Parking Program	1,4		300,000
Water @ 3rd & Maria	7		5,000
Golden's Deli	2		2,100
Public Enemies Exhibit	2		3,000
North End Teen Center	5		350,000
ESP Senior Housing	7		25,000
Sparc Lead Window Program	4,5		32,500
Plaza de Honor	2		60,000
Greening the Avenue	2		11,100
Totals:		\$179,500	\$887,830

2009 Small, Large and Year-Round STAR Awards by Category



City of Saint Paul

Mayor Christopher B. Coleman

City Council President, Kathy Lantry
 Councilmember Dan Bostrom
 Councilmember Melvin Carter
 Councilmember Patrick Harris
 Councilmember Lee Helgen
 Councilmember Russ Stark
 Councilmember Dave Thune

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Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization Program



2009 Annual Report

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

This report includes:

- * Program History
- * Key Features
- * Neighborhood STAR Board
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- * Loan Component
- * Funding Allocation
- * Economic Development Bonds
- * Debt Service
- * City Capital Project Program
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2009 Neighborhood STAR Board

Kerry Antrim, Chair
 Dan Smith, Vice Chair

Randy Asunma	Kim Hyers
Emily Blodgett	Eric Hyland
Triesta Brown	Boa Lee
Mary Donnelly	John McDonald
Dee George	Sharice McCain
Marjorie Ebensteiner	Hokan Miller
Julie GebbenGreen	Peter Myers
Rachel Gillespie	Anne Tiller
Ray Hess	Avinash Viswanathan
Robin Hickman	Serena Butts Ward

Program History

In May 1993, the Minnesota State Legislature authorized the City of Saint Paul to levy an additional half-cent sales tax through 2030. The creation of this fund allowed the city to make needed improvements to the Saint Paul River Centre complex and create the Sales Tax Revitalization or STAR Program. The goal of STAR, as identified in the original legislation, is to utilize funds for capital improvements to further residential, cultural, economic and commercial development in downtown Saint Paul and Saint Paul neighborhoods.

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

Key Features

The Neighborhood STAR Program is administered by the Department of Planning and Economic Development, and awards loans and grants for capital (bricks and mortar) projects within Saint Paul neighborhoods.

Funds are awarded annually through two competitive application processes. The first cycle, awards grants and loans of \$5,000 to \$25,000. The second, a more comprehensive process, begins in late spring providing funding for loans, grants and loan/grant combinations in excess of \$25,000.

Eligible applicants include public, private and non-profit entities located in or doing business within the city of Saint Paul.

All STAR funds must be matched on a 1:1 basis with non-city resources.

Funds must be spent on physical improvements with an expected life of at least seven years.

Neighborhood STAR Board

Community involvement and participation is key to the STAR Program's success. The 21-member Neighborhood STAR Board provides advice and recommendations to elected officials on all aspects of the STAR program. All members are selected by the Mayor and approved by City Council to serve four-year staggered terms. In addition to being geographically represented, the STAR Board includes members from the public and private sector, and provides the city with a unique cross section of knowledge and expertise.

Accomplishments and Outside Investment
Since the STAR Program's inception in 1995, more than 525 projects have been funded with over \$94 million in STAR. These funds are estimated to generate more than \$1.39 billion dollars in private investments. In 2009, the estimated \$1.3 million awarded through the Small and Neighborhood STAR Programs will create an additional \$3.4 million in private investments.

Funding Allocation

In 2009, Neighborhood STAR revenues equaled \$10,674,000. Of this amount, the Small and Neighborhood STAR Programs were budgeted \$1,552,000; \$3.5 million was dedicated to debt service; economic development bonds utilized \$1,697,000; \$1,525,000 supported the City Capital Project Program; \$2,100,000 was dedicated to the Year-Round Loan Program and \$300,000 was the final, third year, allocation to the West 7th Health Clinic project.

Loan Component

Loans are provided to projects and programs that may not otherwise qualify for bank financing, but would result in desirable improvements. In 2009, 16 loans were awarded totaling \$698,350.

STAR Economic Development Bonds

In 2005, the Minnesota Legislature authorized bonding authority to the City of Saint Paul for up to 20% of revenue earned from the City's half-cent sales tax. In 2009, \$1,697,000 of Neighborhood STAR funds were utilized for bond repayments through this initiative.

Debt Service

In 2003, the Mayor and City Council approved Neighborhood STAR funds for city debt service. Legislation adopted in 2003 and amended in 2009 caps funding for this initiative to \$3.5 million per year through December 31, 2014.

City Capital Project Program

Initiated in 2006, this program provides funds for the lease and/or purchase of vehicles and essential equipment for the police, fire and parks departments. The annual allocation of STAR funds for this multi-year program equals \$1,525,000.

Neighborhood Year-Round Program

Applications for STAR loan funds can be accepted throughout the year. To qualify for this program, the applicant must demonstrate a definite need to forgo the annual STAR process. Proposals are reviewed by the STAR Board and forwarded to the Mayor and City Council for final approval. A grant component may also be considered provided the activity would not be feasible "but for" the grant assistance. The 2009 Year-Round Program total awards of \$1,067,330 is anticipated to leverage \$2,038,559 in outside investments.