



# Housing and Redevelopment Authority Resolution

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H2025-014

**Sponsor:** Community & Economic Development

**Meeting Date:** 12/2/2025

**Title:** Fall 2025 Obligation of Housing and Redevelopment Authority Levy Toward Critical Corridors

**File Number:** 2025-494

**Background and Rationale:**

Ramsey County has a need for place-based investments that support identified goals around affordable housing, economic development and community reinvestment. Ramsey County’s Economic Competitiveness and Inclusion (ECI) Plan prioritizes investments in place-based inclusion as necessary to create resilient and equitable communities. Countywide, there is a need for tens of thousands of new units of affordable housing, and hundreds more minority business enterprises are needed in order to match the U.S. business ownership rate.

The Critical Corridors programs enact three key strategies from the Economic Competitiveness & Inclusion Plan that address these needs: (1) fostering inclusive economic development- including affordable housing- within county transit, economic and cultural corridors; (2) developing pathways to entrepreneurship and business ownership in racially and ethnically diverse communities; and (3) supporting communities in equitable site development.

To obligate HRA levy funds, Community & Economic Development (CED) staff opened the Development & Infrastructure Critical Corridors solicitation on September 2, 2025. This solicitation closed on October 14, 2025. The solicitation was publicized on the Ramsey County website, in the CED newsletter, on social media and through direct outreach to partner organizations and cities. An informational webinar open to the public was held by CED staff on September 2, 2025. At the close of the solicitation, 23 applications were eligible and reviewed by interdepartmental evaluation teams.

Staff recommend that the HRA obligate \$1,900,000 of the 2025 HRA levy to further strategies in the ECI Plan related to redevelopment activities through the Critical Corridors program.

The following projects are recommended for HRA levy funding through the Fall 2025 Critical Corridors Solicitation. Additional information on each project and geographic distribution of funds can be found in the attachment, Critical Corridors Funding Recommendations Fall 2025.

Conway Park Expansion Project, The Sanneh Foundation, Saint Paul	\$500,000
Larpenteur Avenue Senior, Velair Development Company, Falcon Heights	\$500,000
The Heights, Saint Paul Port Authority, Saint Paul	\$500,000
VEER, GRO LLC, Saint Paul	\$400,000

**Critical Corridors Fall 2025 Recommendations**

**\$1,900,000**

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Housing and Redevelopment Authority resolved to:

1. Approve recommended projects and funding amounts totaling \$1,900,000 for Critical Corridors projects.
2. Authorize the County Manager to enter into the necessary grant, loan or other agreements and execute amendments to these agreements in a manner consistent with federal, state and local regulations and requirements, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Jebens-Singh. Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Jebens-Singh, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Excused: - 1: McGuire

By:   
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Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board