

**CITY OF WEST ST. PAUL
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 26-

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF LOCAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING
AID FUNDS TO A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE RENT AND/OR
MORTGAGE SUPPORT TO INCOME-ELIGIBLE WEST ST. PAUL RESIDENT
HOUSEHOLDS TO PREVENT EVICTION AND HOUSING INSTABILITY**

WHEREAS, the City of West St. Paul (“City”) has learned that members of its public, including families living in the City, currently face financial hardship and housing instability as a result of immigration tactics being utilized by the federal Department of Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) agents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that housing stability is a core public interest and directly related to governmental functions, including protecting public health and safety, preventing homelessness, limiting displacement, and supporting neighborhood and school stability; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that the economic and operational impacts of eviction and housing instability are significant and extend beyond any individual household, including increased demand for emergency services and nonprofit supports, disruption to school attendance and student outcomes, strain on local employers, and destabilization of neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, evictions impose measurable public costs and ripple effects, including increased demand for emergency response, shelter and nonprofit services, school disruption, and neighborhood destabilization; and

WHEREAS, based on information available to the City, staff estimates indicate there are at least 50 to 100 West St. Paul resident households that may require short-term assistance to avoid eviction proceedings or imminent loss of housing; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota law provides Local Affordable Housing Aid (“LAHA”) to cities for qualifying housing-related purposes, including supporting housing affordability for households at or below applicable income limits, and requires reporting to Minnesota Housing (Minn. Stat. § 477A.35); and

WHEREAS, the City intends to use LAHA funds for the express purpose of providing rent and/or mortgage support to West St. Paul resident households at or below 80% of area median income (AMI) to prevent eviction and housing instability, consistent with the purpose of LAHA and the City’s housing goals; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.15 of the West St. Paul City Charter provides that the City Council may establish a public expenditure policy to identify certain expenditures as being for a public purpose and within the City’s authority, and that the Policy shall not limit the authority of the City to make expenditures otherwise authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that providing a grant to a qualified nonprofit organization to administer income-qualified rent and/or mortgage assistance is (1) a public purpose benefiting the community as a whole, (2) directly related to governmental functions, and (3) primarily benefits the public interest rather than a private interest by preventing eviction and displacement and promoting community stability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of West St. Paul, Minnesota, as follows:

1. Public purpose determination. The City Council hereby determines and finds that the expenditures authorized by this Resolution serve a valid public purpose and are within the City’s authority for the reasons stated in the recitals above.

2. Grant authorization and amount. The City Council authorizes a grants to the following non-profit organizations (“Grantee”) to administer rent and/or mortgage assistance for income-eligible West St. Paul resident households to prevent eviction and housing instability as described in this Resolution:

3. Funding source. The grant shall be funded from Local Affordable Housing Aid (“LAHA”) funds received by the City pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 477A.35, and shall be administered in a manner consistent with applicable statutory requirements and Minnesota Housing reporting expectations.

4. Program purpose and eligibility. Grant funds shall be used solely to provide rent and/or mortgage assistance to West St. Paul resident households at or below 80% AMI who are impacted by immigration tactics being utilized by the federal Department of Homeland Security and ICE agents and are at risk of eviction, displacement, or loss of housing.

5. Grant agreement required. The City Manager is authorized to negotiate and execute a grant agreement with Grantee, in a form approved by the City Attorney, that includes, at minimum:

- household income verification at or below 80% AMI,
- residency verification establishing the household is a West St. Paul resident household,
- a demonstrated nexus to the financial hardship and housing instability described in this Resolution and risk of eviction or loss of housing,
- assistance limits per household and duration parameters,

- anti-duplication and anti-fraud controls,
- records retention and audit provisions,
- reporting requirements (including households served, total dollars distributed, and outcome measures such as evictions avoided),
- and any provisions necessary to ensure compliance with LAHA-related use and reporting requirements.

6. Administration. The City Manager is authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this Resolution and ensure compliance with applicable law, City policy, and grant requirements.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of West St. Paul, Minnesota, this 26th day of January 2026.

Attest:

David J. Napier, Mayor

Nicole Tillander, City Clerk