

# Board Bill 153CS: TRANSFORM STL Act (Rams Settlement Appropriations Bill)

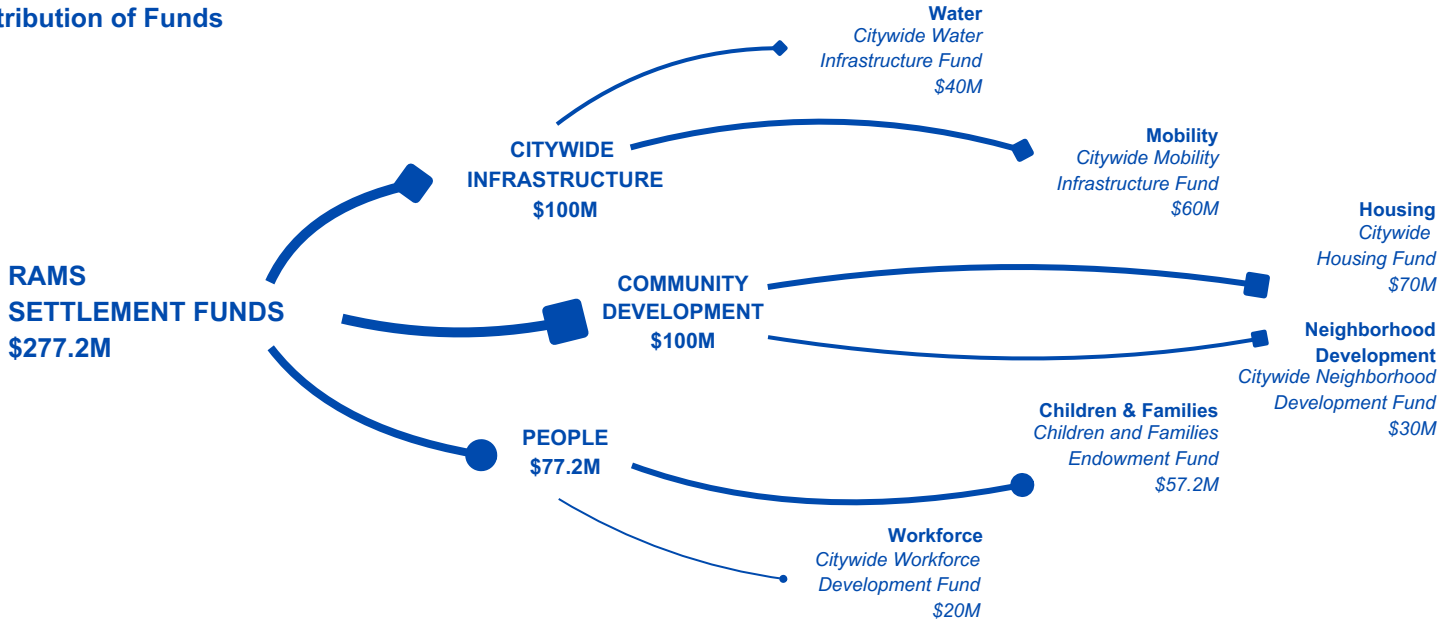
Sponsored by Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier;  
Co-Sponsored by President Megan Green;  
Endorsed by Mayor Tishaura Jones



The City received \$280 million in Settlement Funds from the National Football League; \$30 million was appropriated to the Convention Center in 2023. This bill appropriates the remaining \$250 million and \$27.2 million in interest earned to date. The Settlement Funds will continue to accrue interest as BB153 moves through the legislative process.

The TRANSFORM STL Act invests \$277.2M into strengthening the City with major investments in infrastructure, development, and people. Each focus area has its own interest-bearing, targeted funds designed to leverage additional matching funds to grow and sustain these efforts.

## Distribution of Funds



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT | \$100M

### Business & Nonprofit Development | Citywide Neighborhood Development Fund | \$30M

Money in the fund can only be used for:

- Supporting local businesses and nonprofits in neighborhood commercial areas with low-interest or forgivable loans, with special focus on educational or healthcare providers.
- Funding property acquisition, remediation, repairs, and public improvements to bring jobs, stabilize vacant properties, or develop community assets. Spending over \$500,000 on a single site requires board approval.
- Administrative and program costs (capped at 5% of the fund each year).

### Housing | Citywide Housing Fund | \$70M

Money in the fund can only be used for:

- Priority for matching funds and for disinvested neighborhoods identified by SLDC and CDA's metrics.
- Loans for affordable housing, prioritizing housing-focused community groups.
- Loans to convert large vacant properties into residential units.
- Support for first-time homebuyers, with priority for City workers.
- Home repair services, including accessibility upgrades.
- Tenant support like the Impacted Tenants Fund and Right to Counsel.
- Matching funds for state and federal housing grants.
- Paying off loans or bonds that support affordable housing projects.
- Supplies, services, and staff costs (capped at 5% of the fund each year).

### Oversight and Fund Management

- For both, a new board, the Community Development Innovation Fund Board, recommends uses for funds.
- The board is comprised of:
  - 1 each from Affordable Housing Commission, Department of Human Services, a local business community organization, a nonprofit development organization or organization representing the nonprofit development community, an organization advocating for the needs of tenants, and a housing advocacy organization;
  - 2 each from the Community Development Administration and St. Louis Development Corporation;
  - And the chair of the Board of Aldermen's Housing, Urban Development, and Zoning Committee.

## CITYWIDE INFRASTRUCTURE | \$100M

### Water Infrastructure | Citywide Water Infrastructure Fund | \$40M

Money in the fund can only be used for:

- Water system maintenance, improvements, and emergency repairs.
- Matching funds for federal or state grants.
- Paying off water-related loans.
- Supplies, services, and staff costs (capped at 5% of the fund each year).

### Streets and Sidewalks Infrastructure | Citywide Mobility Infrastructure Fund | \$60M

Money in the fund can only be used for:

- Maintaining, improving, and making City streets and sidewalks accessible.
- Matching funds for federal or state grants for street and sidewalk projects.
- Matching funds for street and sidewalk projects with private or local funding.
- Areas identified as high-injury & recommended by Complete Streets Comm.
- Supplies, services, and staff costs (capped at 5% of the fund each year).

### Oversight and Fund Management

- For the Citywide Water Infrastructure Fund, the Water Division recommends to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriations to include in the annual City budget or for appropriations required for emergency repairs.
- For the Citywide Mobility Infrastructure Fund, the Capital Committee recommends to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriations to include in the annual City budget.

## PEOPLE | \$77.2 M

### Workforce Dev. | Citywide Workforce Fund | \$20M

Money in the fund can only be used for:

- Expanding workforce training and education programs offered by the City, with priority given to City workers.
- Supporting new and existing community workforce programs, including child care and early childhood workforce training.
- Helping individuals access workforce training through supportive services.
- Encouraging employers to join City workforce development efforts, such as apprenticeship programs.
- Matching funds for state and federal grants that support workforce training and education.
- Supplies, services, and staff costs (capped at 5% of the fund balance each year).

### Oversight and Fund Management

- The new Children and Families Endowment Fund Board, recommends to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriations to include in the annual City budget.
- The new City Workforce Fund Board, recommends to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriations to include in the annual City budget.

### Affordable Child Care and Postsecondary Opportunities | Children and Families Endowment Fund | \$57.2M

Money in the Affordable Child Care Account (\$37.2 million) can only be used for:

- Expanding City residents' access to affordable child care, with City workers given first priority. Programs that reduce costs through employer partnerships are prioritized.
- Limited to licensed child care providers.
- Matching funds for federal, state, or local grants that improve access to affordable child care.
- Supplies, services, and staff costs (capped at 5% of the account balance each year).

Money in the Youth Opportunities Account (\$20 million) can only be used for:

- Increasing access to postsecondary education and training for City youth who meet residency and academic requirements. Priority goes to children of City workers and programs that:
- Secure private funding,
- Partner with regional postsecondary institutions, or
- Provide last-dollar funding for eligible students.
- Supplies, services, and staff costs.

### Amendments

*Prioritizing Disinvested Neighborhoods (Ald. Aldridge):* Programs funded through the Citywide Housing and Neighborhood Development Funds will prioritize disinvested areas of the City as identified by SLDC and CDA.

*Licensed Child Care Providers (Ald. Cohn):* Child care providers funded by the Affordable Child Care Account must be licensed or license-exempt.

*Expansion Plans (Ald. Sonnier):* Only City workers will be eligible for benefits outlined in the Affordable Child Care Account until an expansion plan is approved by the Board of Aldermen.

### Full Legislation



Use the link or scan the QR code below to read the Board Bill in its entirety:

[Full Text of Board Bill 153CS](#)

### Participating



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