

Emergency Rental Assistance/Eviction Prevention Program

Program and Guideline Updates



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Purpose

- Provide funding to individuals and families renting in Saint Paul, with a verifiable pending eviction, to be paid directly to landlord to halt an eviction action
- Assistance capped at \$2,500 for renters earning 80% AMI or lower.
- Eligible expenses include:
 - Rent
 - Late fees
 - Court Fees
- Payments will be made directly to landlord, and they must agree to halt the eviction proceedings upon receipt of payment



How 2025 Went

- Current staffing
 - 1 PED Supervisor
 - .5 PM
 - 1 Loan Specialist Assistant
 - 7 PED OA's
- Days open for application: 23
- Days open for processing: 76
- Calls Fielded by Saint Paul Staff: 2200
- Average processing time per application: 3.2 hrs

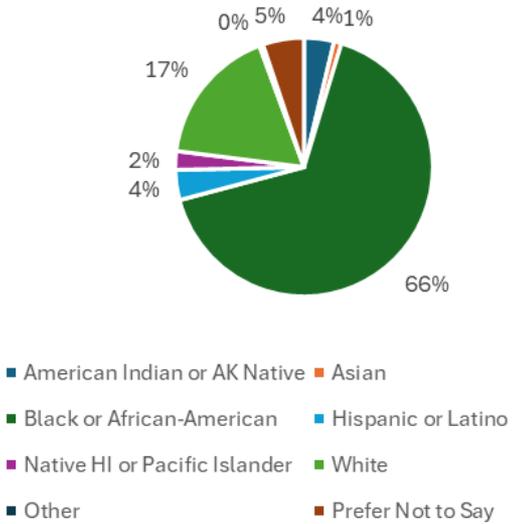
	Number	\$
Total Applications	610	\$ 1,180,948.00
Total Processed	190	
Total Approved/Paid	154	\$ 317,758.00
Unprocessed	408	\$ 863,190.00

Average of Grant - Requested Amount	\$2,014
Average Total Request	\$2,999
% paid \$2,500	46%
% of Households that requested more than \$2,500	53%
Average Request for those with Housing Court Summons Date	\$4,463
% of Applicants With a Court Date at Application	17%
% of Applicants in protected Affordable Housing	39%

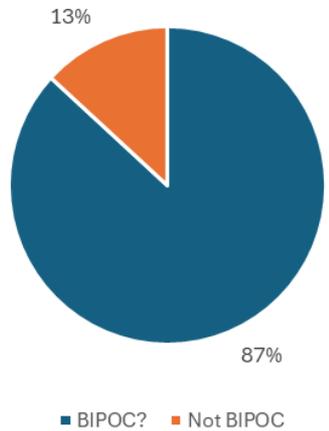


Demographic Information of Processed Apps.

Processed Applications by Race



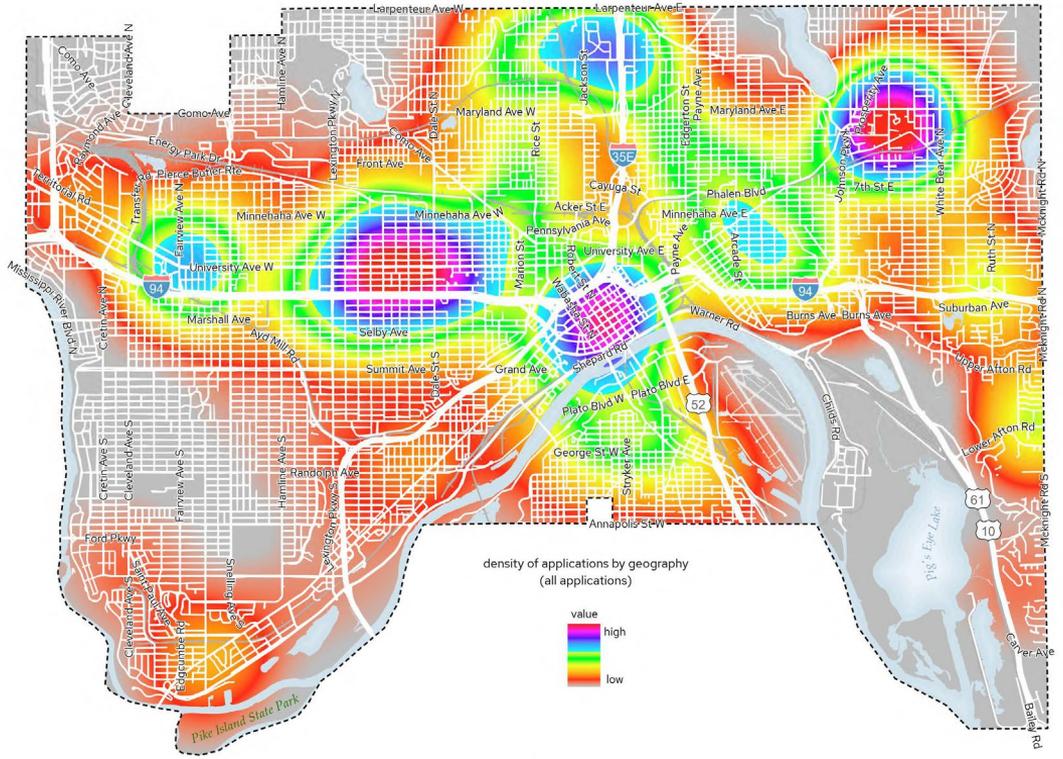
Processed Applications--BIPOC Identifying





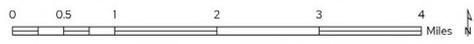
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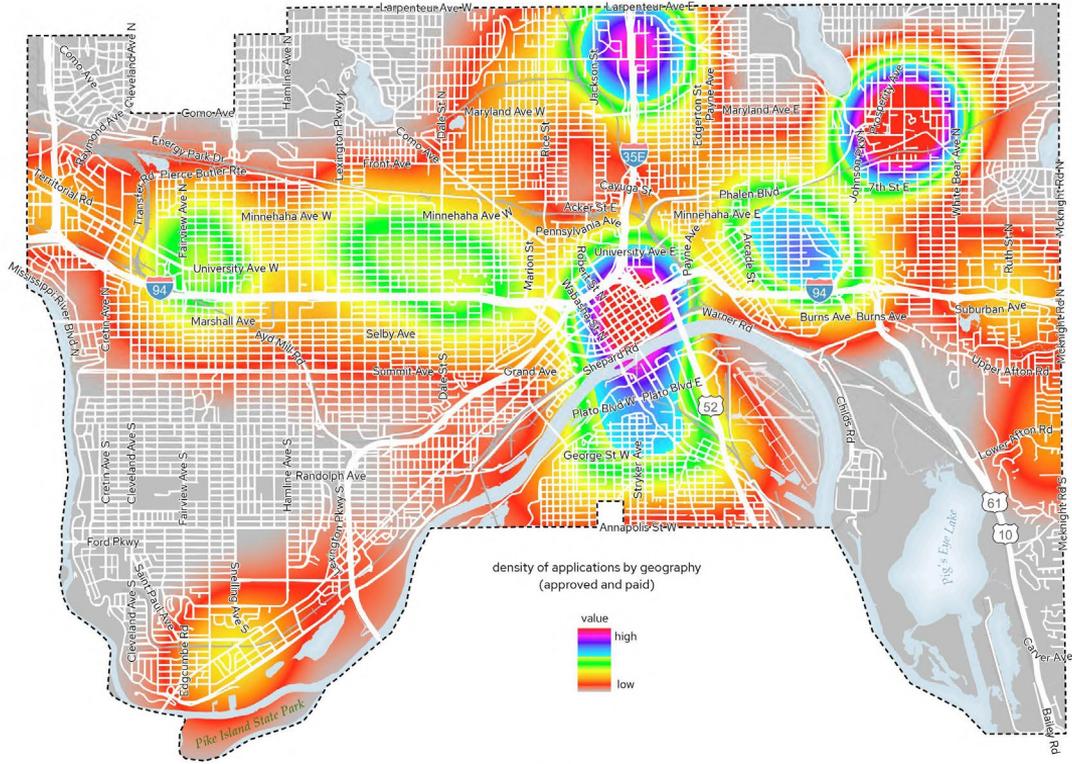
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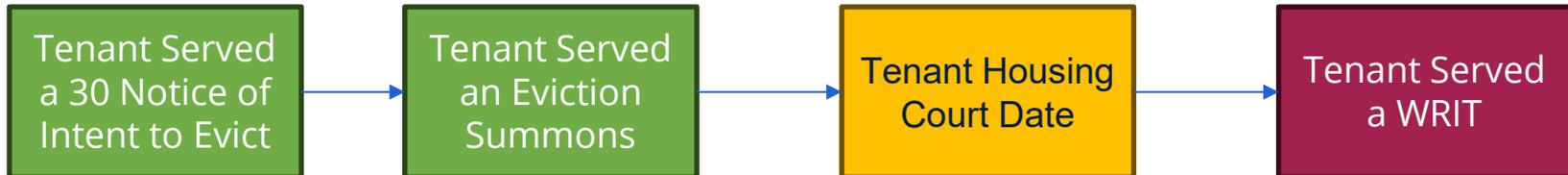
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2026 Proposed Amendments

- Guideline proposals
 - Increase grant amount from \$2,500 to \$3,500
 - Proof of income changes
 - Allow PHA subsidies (HCV/RAD) to count towards proof of income
 - Reduce proof of income from 60 days to 30 days for paystubs
 - Introduction of Eviction Timeline restrictions
 - Not working with cases that have a WRIT
 - Applicants must apply prior to their eviction court summons day





2026 Continued

- Process
 - Will process approximately 50-60 applications monthly
 - Applications open 2 days a month at the beginning of the month
 - Applications will be put into a randomized lottery system—no preference to those with or without court dates.
 - Updated best practices, giving deadlines to return documents and receive landlord information
- Staffing updates
 - 2.5 FTE PMs & PED Supervisor working on ERA
 - 1 PM from 2026 Budget (Approved and a hiring waiver submitted)
 - 1 PM from remaining Families First Pilot Program HTF balance (if budget amendment is approved)
 - 1 Accounting Tech from remaining Families First Pilot Program HTF balance



Moving Forward

- Families First Housing Trust Fund amendment for ERA staffing
 - \$926,220 moved from the sunseting program to cover multiple years of ERA staffing (projected to 2029)
- Timeline
 - March 11, adoption of guideline changes (HRA Board Action)
 - Launching in June at the earliest because of staffing
 - Launching earlier reduces processing amounts due to staffing.
- Potential Collaboration with the County and other partners



Questions and Discussion