

Summary

Board Bill Number 157

Introduced by Alderwoman Clark Hubbard

February 13, 2026

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COSPONSOR: PRESIDENT MEGAN GREEN**

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4 such funds for City’s ability to provide services to prevent homelessness and displacement for
5 households impacted by the tornado; containing an emergency and severability clause.

6 **WHEREAS**, the City has received Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded under the
7 American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA Funds”), which may be used “to respond to the public health
8 emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic
9 impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted
10 industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality” and for other governmental purposes; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the City is earning investment interest from the ARPA Funds deposits; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the United States Department of the Treasury’s ARPA State and Local Fiscal
13 Relief Funds (SLFRF) Final Rule, in Rule 10.1, provides that local governments have the ability
14 to place their funds in interest-gathering accounts, and furthermore that the U.S. Treasury does
15 not require local governments to expend the interest according to the parameters of ARPA
16 restrictions and eligible uses; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the City has substantial need for housing those impacted by the tornado.

18 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

19 **SECTION ONE. Definitions.**

- 20 1. “Tornado Relief and Recovery Fund” shall mean the fund established by Ordinance
21 72009.

1 1. "Tornado" shall mean the areas affected by the severe storms, straight-line winds,
2 tornadoes and flooding on May 16, 2025.

3 **SECTION TWO. Appropriation.**

4 A. There is hereby appropriated into the Tornado Relief and Recovery Fund the sum of three
5 million eight hundred thousand and 0/100ths dollars (\$3,800,000.00) of the interest
6 earned on the ARPA Funds, which shall be used exclusively for the purpose of providing
7 appropriations for the purpose of increasing the City's ability to provide services to
8 prevent homelessness and displacement for households impacted by the tornado by
9 supporting the repair of homes and buildings damaged by the tornado which are located
10 in the tornado impact area, with such impact area being as described in Exhibit A of
11 Ordinance Number 72009, and costs related to the repair of such homes and buildings.

12 B. The Comptroller is authorized and directed to issue warrants upon the City Treasury for
13 payment of all expenditures authorized in this Section provided that such warrants do not
14 exceed the total amount of funds appropriated by this Section.

15 **SECTION THREE. Emergency Clause.**

16 This being an ordinance providing for the immediate preservation and providing public work or
17 improvements and repairs thereof, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the
18 meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore
19 this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

20 **SECTION FOUR. Severability Clause.**

21 It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Board of Aldermen that each, and every part,
22 section and subsection of this Ordinance shall be separate and severable from each, and every

1 other part, section, and subsection hereof and that the Board of Aldermen intends to adopt each
2 said part, section, and subsection separately and independently of any other part, section, and
3 subsection. In the event that any part, section, or subsection of this Ordinance shall be
4 determined to be or to have been unlawful or unconstitutional, the remaining parts, sections, and
5 subsections shall be and remain in full force and effect, unless the court making such finding
6 shall determine that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being
7 executed in accord with the legislative intent.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 72058

BOARD BILL NUMBER 95 INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN SHAMEEM CLARK HUBBARD

**COSPONSORS: MAYOR CARA SPENCER/PRESIDENT MEGAN GREEN/
ALDERMAN MATT DEVOTI/ALDERMAN MICHAEL BROWNING
ALDERWOMAN LAURA KEYS/ALDERWOMAN ALISHA SONNIER/
ALDERMAN RASHEEN ALDRIDGE**

1 An Ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, appropriating the sum
2 of Nine Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand and 0/100ths (\$9,350,000.00) Dollars of one-time
3 unreserved General Operating Reserve funds for deposit into the Tornado Relief and Recovery
4 Fund, for the purpose of supporting winter-related emergency shelter and additional tornado
5 disaster relief to support housing of residents impacted by the May 16, 2025, tornado; and
6 containing a severability clause and an emergency clause.

7 **WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis closed Fiscal Year 2025 (F25) with a General Fund Operating
8 Budget Surplus of Eighteen Million Seven Hundred Thousand and 0/100ths (\$18,700,000.00); and

9 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with City Code of Ordinances § 5.35.010, half of the surplus, Nine
10 Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand and 0/100ths (\$9,350,000.00) Dollars was added to the
11 City’s unreserved General Fund reserve; and

12 **WHEREAS**, on May 16, 2025, an EF3 tornado cut a mile-wide path of destruction through St.
13 Louis City, creating an estimated \$1.6B in damaged property loss with over 5,000 structures
14 impacted; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the City estimates 5,000 households were living in uninhabitable dwellings in the
16 immediate months after the tornado; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the line between being housed and unhoused is often perilously thin, with many
18 residents living one paycheck, medical bill, or unexpected expense away from homelessness; and

19 **WHEREAS**, many of those tornado-impacted families remain unhoused or in their damaged
20 dwellings; and

1 **WHEREAS**, ensuring the safety and well-being of all residents and their neighborhoods is a
2 fundamental responsibility of the City; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Alderman passed and the Mayor signed Ordinance 72009 on June 17,
4 2025 depositing Thirty Million and 00/100ths (\$30,000,000.00) in the Tornado Relief and
5 Recovery Fund to aid rapid response; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the aforementioned aid has been largely committed and additional housing related
7 aid is critical to the continuity of our Recovery efforts; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the allocation of additional emergency funds will enable expansion of winter shelter
9 support, home repair support to keep families in their homes, production of additional housing,
10 expanded deposit and rental assistance to help families find stable housing, and other critical
11 services to support critical rehousing efforts; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the St. Louis City Board of Estimate and Apportionment and the Board of Aldermen
13 find that the unprecedented need and insufficient amount of state and federal aid toward housing
14 necessitates an additional emergency allocation of funds to aid rapid response.

15 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

16 **SECTION ONE. Definitions.**

17 A. **Available Monies.** “Available monies” shall mean the sum of interest accrued on the
18 Settlement Funds that is accessible for such distribution.

19 B. **Tornado.** “Tornado” shall mean the areas affected by the severe storms, straight-line
20 winds, tornadoes and flooding on May 16, 2025.

21 **SECTION TWO.** There is hereby appropriated the sum of Nine Million Three Hundred Fifty
22 Thousand and 0/100ths (\$9,350,000.00) Dollars of one-time surplus General Revenue Funds into
23 a sub-account within the Tornado Relief and Recovery fund created pursuant to Ordinance

1 72009. All expenditures from said fund shall be disbursed in accordance with this Ordinance and
2 other applicable law. Appropriate sub-accounts may be created.

3 **SECTION THREE. Eligible Uses.** The funds appropriated pursuant to Section Two of this
4 Ordinance into the Tornado Relief and Recovery Fund shall be used exclusively for providing
5 appropriations for the purposes of supporting critical winter housing needs, home repair needs,
6 housing relocation, housing production, such purposes including:

- 7 A. Increasing temporary winter congregate and noncongregate shelter capacity located in the
8 City for unhoused residents;
- 9 B. Providing deposit and rental assistance to residents whose homes were severely damaged
10 by the tornado to assist them with procuring safe intermediate housing during that time
11 period, and other related moving costs;
- 12 C. Supporting the repair of homes and buildings damaged by the tornado which are located
13 in the tornado impact area, and other related costs;
- 14 D. Supporting vacant unit turns to bring additional housing online; and
- 15 E. Other critical services and administrative capacity to accelerate rehousing efforts, including
16 but not limited to case management, legal services, and staffing.

17 **SECTION FOUR. Administration and Implementation of Funds.**

- 18 A. The Office of the Mayor shall:
 - 19 a. Have general oversight over and administer the funds appropriated pursuant to
20 Section Two of this Ordinance;
 - 21 b. Recommend to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment specific awards of
22 funds appropriated pursuant to Section Two of this Ordinance, which may be
23 distributed through existing or new emergency contracts to specific recipients,

1 contractors, or vendors, and for which the requirements of City Ordinance 64102
2 may be waived due to the emergency nature of the eligible uses for such funds as
3 outlined pursuant to Sections Three and Seven of this Ordinance.

4 B. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment's approval of a specific contract or agreement
5 for disbursement to a recipient, contractor, or vendor shall constitute authority for the
6 City signatory to make such disbursement in accordance with the approved contract or
7 agreement.

8 C. The funds appropriated under Section Two of this Ordinance shall be included among the
9 funds subject to regular audits of City funds as required under law.

10 D. The Mayor's Office, or other applicable City department, shall provide a monthly report
11 to the Budget and Public Employees Committee detailing expenditures made pursuant to
12 this Ordinance. For funding pertaining to shelter services for the unhoused community,
13 detail shall be included on data on services provided, utilization of those services, and
14 characteristics of individuals utilizing those services; and provider experience, and may
15 provide such a report as part of the monthly reporting to the Budget and Public
16 Employees Committee pursuant to Section Two of Ordinance 72009.

17 E. For funding pertaining to shelter services for the unhoused community, detail shall be
18 included on, information on the uses and impact of the expenditures of funds pursuant to
19 this Ordinance, including data on services provided, utilization of those services, and
20 characteristics of individuals utilizing those services, and provider experience, shall be
21 included in the annual report on the uses and impact of tornado recovery funds as
22 provided for under Section Two of Ordinance 72009.

1 **SECTION FIVE. Severability Clause.** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Board of
2 Aldermen that each, and every part, section and subsection of this Ordinance shall be separate
3 and severable from each, and every other part, section, and subsection hereof and that the Board
4 of Aldermen intends to adopt each said part, section, and subsection separately and
5 independently of any other part, section, and subsection. In the event that any part, section, or
6 subsection of this Ordinance shall be determined to be or to have been unlawful or
7 unconstitutional, the remaining parts, sections, and subsections shall be and remain in full force
8 and effect, unless the court making such finding shall determine that the valid portions standing
9 alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accord with the legislative intent.

10 **SECTION SIX. Emergency Clause.** This being an ordinance for the preservation of the public
11 peace, health, and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the meaning of
12 Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis, and therefore, this
13 ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

BOARD BILL NUMBER 157
FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Sponsor Aldерwoman Shameem Clark Hubbard

Bill Synopsis:	<i>This ordinance appropriates \$3,800,000 of interest earned on the City's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds into the Tornado Relief and Recovery Fund and authorizes the transfer and expenditure of those funds to support services intended to prevent homelessness and displacement for households impacted by the May 16, 2025 tornado. The ordinance contains emergency and severability clauses.</i>
Type of Impact:	<i>Appropriation / Fund Transfer</i>
Agencies Affected:	<i>Comptroller; Treasurer; Mayor's Office; Other City departments or contracted service providers as designated through program implementation.</i>

SECTION A

Does this bill authorize:

- An expansion of services which entails additional costs beyond that approved in the current adopted city budget? X Yes No
- An undertaking of a new service for which no funding is provided in the current adopted city budget? Yes X No
- A commitment of city funding in the future under certain specified conditions? Yes X No
- An issuance of bonds, notes and lease-purchase agreements which may require additional funding beyond that approved in the current adopted city budget? Yes X No

- An execution or initiation of an activity as a result of federal or state mandates or requirements? Yes No
- A capital improvement project that increases operating costs over the current adopted city budget? Yes No
- A capital improvement project that requires funding not approved in the current adopted city budget or that will require funding in future years? Yes No

If the answer is yes to any of the above questions, then a fiscal note must be attached to the board bill. Complete Section B of the form below.

SECTION B

- Does the bill require the construction of any new physical facilities? Yes No
 - If yes, describe the facilities and provide the estimated cost:

- Is the bill estimated to have a direct fiscal impact on any city department or office? Yes No
 - If yes, explain the impact and the estimated cost:

The ordinance appropriates and transfers \$3,800,000 into the Tornado Relief and Recovery Fund and authorizes expenditures administered through existing City financial and administrative processes. Fiscal impact is limited to processing, oversight, and disbursement activities. No additional departmental costs or staffing estimates were provided for review.

- Does the bill create a program or administrative subdivision? Yes No
 - If yes, then is there a similar existing program or administrative subdivision? Yes No
 - If yes, explain the how the proposed programs or administrative subdivisions may overlap:

- Describe the annual operating, equipment, and maintenance costs that would result from the proposed bill, as well as any funding sources:

Programmatic expenditures may include housing stabilization and repair services funded through the appropriated amount. Specific operating, equipment, or maintenance costs cannot be determined from the ordinance text and were not provided for review. All authorized expenditures are funded through interest earnings on ARPA deposits appropriated by this ordinance.

Complete the chart below to list the total estimated expenditures required of the City resulting from the proposed board bill and any estimated savings or additional revenue.

Financial Estimate of Impact on General Fund			
Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1 (current)</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Additional Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0
Additional Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Estimate of Impact on Special Funds			
Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1 (current)</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Additional Expenditures	\$3,800,000	\$0	\$0
Additional Revenue	\$3,800,000	\$0	\$0
Net	\$0	\$0	\$0

- Describe any assumptions used in preparing this fiscal note:

This fiscal note evaluates fiscal impacts based solely on authorizations and duties specified in the ordinance text. The appropriated funds represent interest earnings on ARPA deposits already held by the City and do not constitute new federal or General Fund revenue. Expenditures are assumed not to exceed the authorized amount. Departmental cost estimates, staffing plans, or program allocation details were not included in the bill language for review. The ordinance does not create duplicative programs or require construction of facilities based on available information.

- List any sources of information (including any City officials, agencies, or departments) used in preparing this fiscal note:

This fiscal note was prepared based on review of the language contained within the Board Bill.

- Have the financial estimates of this bill been verified by the City Budget Division?
 Yes No

○ If yes, by whom? _____.