

Meal Production Capacity and Infrastructure Expansion Program:

•The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) has awarded \$2,900,731.36 to Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Aging and Adult Services and will advance \$2,500,000 to expand our regional nutrition initiatives. According to the submitted spending plan, these funds will be used to purchase a building, goods, and services:

Mid-America Regional Council Spend Plan/Budget

Category	
Purchase, renovate and upfitting of a new meal repack and distribution hub for Silver Plate meals.	
Purchase and install freezer pods, backup generators and walk in dairy/produce coolers at six centers throughout the service area to carry out the Silver Plate model.	
Total Budget	\$2,900,731.36

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MO Office of Administration awarded this funding to the Department of Health Senior Services.

- No federal funds are included in this grant

The building must be in one of our service counties (Jackson, Platte, Ray, Cass, Clay).

- Selected Jackson county as a central location

Must be owned by MARC.

- One-time funding and cannot go to the upkeep of private property.

The ability to make decisions with flexibility

Nutrition Repack Facility:

- The meal repack facility will help provide locally prepared frozen meals, fresh fluid milk, fresh bread, and fresh produce to MARC Home Delivered Meals participants. The participants currently receive frozen meals provided by a mass distribution company.
- We receive feedback about the quality of meals served by this provider.
- There is no fresh fruit or locally baked bread available through this provider.





Meals-For repack

SeniorAge, Area Agency on Aging,
Springfield, MO

- Prepare locally harvested produce.
- Cooked, flash frozen and meals are packaged.
- A facility would give us the opportunity to continue to partner with SeniorAge and Guadalupe Centers on frozen meals, and provide high quality, locally produced meals.
- Would provide a fresh, demi-loaf of bread, and fresh produce to each recipient.



Building desirables:

Maintaining a sustainable environmental footprint

A central location in the heart of the city

- To accommodate our delivery

Ample parking for our delivery vehicles

Docks for loading

This is a repacking operation. No food will be prepared or cooked.

Next Steps:



Locate a commercial realtor through the RFP process



Select a building that meets the needs of industrial assembly line production.



Sign the contract with the State of Missouri.



Contract with consultant for renovation