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MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Board of Directors
MEETING NOTICE

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June 27, 2023
Board Member Meeting: 12:00 p.m.
In-person attendees in MARC's Board Room with a remote option via Zoom

- **Members of the public who wish to participate in this meeting: please email McKenzie Neds at mneds@marc.org by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, for instructions to join the teleconference.**

AGENDA

1. Brief Self-Introductions

2. QUALITY EARLY LEARNING
   a. REPORT/VOTE: Authorize application to the Office of Head Start for a 5-year non-competitive grant

3. EFFECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
   a. REPORT: Review of 2023 state legislative agendas and outcomes

4. EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION AND QUALITY PLACES
   a. REPORT: Transportation Programming Process Review

5. BRIEF REPORTS
   a. REPORT: Impacts of Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 on regional funding
   b. REPORT: 2024 Unified Planning Work Program Development
   c. REPORT/VOTE: 2023 Missouri Unfunded Transportation Needs
   d. REPORT: Planning Sustainable Places Program Update
   e. REPORT: Update on the 2023 Ozone Season
   f. REPORT: Update on Regional Housing Partnership launch of the KC Housing Locator website
   g. REPORT: New Government Training Institute course for elected officials: *Servant Leadership Leads to Finding Common Ground*
   h. REPORT: 2026 World Cup in Kansas City Listening Sessions
   i. VOTE: Review and accept the 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

6. Executive Director's Report

CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

7. VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda
   a. VOTE: Approve Minutes of the May 23, 2023, Board Meeting
   b. VOTE: Approve key agency contracts to provide support services for the new Missouri Office of Childhood Child Care Collaborative Networks
   c. VOTE: Authorize the MARC Head Start program to submit a change in scope grant consolidation effective September 1, 2023
   d. VOTE: Authorization to receive Missouri Department of Transportation Innovative Technology

Program Funds to lead a regional Missouri metro area crowd sourcing project

    e. VOTE: Authorization to receive SMART Grant funds from the US Department of Transportation for the Operation Green Light program to lead a regional Kansas City metro area crowd sourcing project

    f. VOTE: Approve amendment to agreement with Motorola Solutions to include support for the VESTA 9-1-1 Router Version 1

    g. VOTE: Approve amendment to increase spending authority within the current catering agreement with the Don Bosco Community Center

    h. VOTE: Approve SFY 2024 contract renewals, amounts and rates for selected contract assessors

    i. VOTE: Approve SFY 2024 contract renewals, amounts and rates for Trio Community Meals

    j. VOTE: Authorize Mid-America Regional Council Head Start to submit a Health Resource & Services Administration grant application

    k. VOTE: Approve actions taken at the May 16, 2023, and the June 20, 2023, Head Start Advisory Committee meetings

    l. VOTE: Approve key agency contracts to provide Early Head Start services through the State Early Head Start grant

8. Other Business

9. Adjournment

- There will be no MARC Board meeting in July, a memo will be sent outlining administrative actions taken during the month to be formally approved by the Board at the August 22, 2023 meeting.

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2023
Item No. 1

ISSUE*:*
Introductions and Board Sharing Time

BACKGROUND*:*
Time has been reserved on the agenda for introductions and items of interest to Board members. The Board Chair encourages board members to raise matters for discussion at future meetings or other issues of general concern or interest.

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2023
Item No. 2a
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:
REPORT/VOTE: Authorize application to the Office of Head Start for a 5-year non-competitive grant

BACKGROUND:
By August 1, 2023, Mid- America Regional Council (MARC) Head Start is required to submit a non-competitive grant application for the 5-year grant period of 2023-2028. The upcoming budget period is November 1, 2023, to October 31, 2024.

This grant supports the enrollment of 1,793 Head Start (HS) and 557 Early Head Start (EHS) children in programs managed by 17 direct service providers (DSPs) at locations in Clay, Platte, and Jackson counties in Missouri.

Total child enrollment per DSP:

Agency	Head Start	Early Head Start
Ability KC	0	17
Blue Springs School District-Cub Care	20	16
Emmanuel Family Child and Development Center	60	0
Excelsior Springs School District	40	0
Front Porch Alliance	0	36
Grandview School District-High Grove	50	8
Guadalupe Centers	80	0
Learn A Lot Academy	47	26
Lee's Summit School District	68	20
Center School District	90	0
The Family Conservancy	30	90
EarlystART	98	32
Raytown School District	83	0
Independence School District	253	82
Kansas City Public School District	460	16
Operation Breakthrough	180	110
YMCA	234	104
Total	**1793**	**557**

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:
Individual contracts with the DSPs are reimbursed at an annual per-child rate based on their level of service (Tier 1, 2, and 3) and program options (HS and/or EHS, as well as center–based or home–based). The total amount of annual funding available is $32,172,048. MARC will pass through eighty percent of the funding to the DSPs as indicated in the chart below. Included in the total are funds to support program operations, training, and technical assistance. MARC non-personnel costs are budgeted to support contracts for specialized services for staff and families covering mental health and disabilities, education, health and nutrition, professional development, and family engagement services.

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REVENUES	
Amount	$32,172,048
Source	Administration for Children & Families
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	$4,162,978
Pass-Through	$26,419,167
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	$1,589,903

COMMITTEE ACTION:
The MARC Head Start Policy Council approved the 5-year non-competitive grant application on June 12, 2023 and it is anticipated the Advisory Committee will approve the grant on June 20, 2023.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:
The Head Start/Early Head Start program serves children and families in Clay, Jackson, and Platte Counties in Missouri.

EXHIBITS:
Head Start budget schedule 2023-2024

RECOMMENDATION:
Authorize MARC Head Start to submit a Head Start/Early Head Start non-competitive grant application in the amount of $32,172,048; and, if awarded accept and expend these funds during the period of November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024

STAFF CONTACT:
Kasey Lawson

MARC Head Start & Early Head Start Funding (November 1, 2023 to October 31, 2024)					
	Head Start	Head Start Training	Early Head Start	Early Head Start Training	Grand Total Head Start & Early Head Start
Tier 1 Direct Service Providers					
Ability KC	-	-	278,800	5,483	284,283
Blue Springs School District	167,300	4,033	291,072	6,891	469,296
Emmanuel Family & Child Dev Center	514,860	9,441	-	-	524,301
Excelsior Springs School District	334,560	6,718	-	-	341,278
Front Porch Alliance	-	-	236,160	2,933	239,093
Grandview School District	417,150	6,718	124,896	2,528	551,292
Guadalupe Centers ECE	678,720	13,435	-	-	692,155
Learn-A-Lot Academy	404,952	7,793	495,664	9,011	917,420
Lee's Summit School District	417,112	7,386	122,680	1,719	548,897
Tier 1 Direct Service Providers Subtotal	2,934,654	55,524	1,549,272	28,565	4,568,015
Tier 2 Direct Service Providers					
Center School District	828,000	14,296	-	-	842,296
EarlystART	901,600	16,132	582,144	10,019	1,509,895
Raytown School District	763,600	12,447	-	-	776,047
The Family Conservancy	249,270	3,364	747,810	7,585	1,008,029
Tier 2 Direct Service Providers Subtotal	2,742,470	46,239	1,329,954	17,604	4,136,267
Tier 3 Direct Service Providers					
Independence School District	2,851,470	47,345	592,114	13,374	3,504,303
KCPS School District	5,531,389	37,865	348,767	6,797	5,924,818
Operation Breakthrough, Inc.	2,212,331	22,387	1,107,883	20,470	3,363,071
YMCA of Greater Kansas City	3,041,999	21,014	1,841,424	18,256	4,922,693
Tier 3 Direct Service Providers Subtotal	13,637,189	128,611	3,890,188	58,897	17,714,885
Total All Direct Service Provider Partners	19,314,313	230,374	6,769,414	105,066	26,419,167
MARC					
MARC - Personnel Costs	3,264,224	-	898,754	-	4,162,978
MARC - Non-Personnel Costs	892,832	48,266	639,411	9,394	1,589,903
MARC Subtotal	4,157,056	48,266	1,538,165	9,394	5,752,881
Grand Total	**23,471,369**	**278,640**	**8,307,579**	**114,460**	**32,172,048**

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

ISSUE:
REPORT: Review of 2023 state legislative agendas and outcomes

BACKGROUND:
In late 2022, the MARC Board approved a policy platform for 2023 state legislative positions related to regional programs and areas of concern by the MARC Board and local governments. A review of the actions taken by the two state legislatures and two governors were conducted to determine those MARC issues where state action was taken.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:
The Missouri Governor's review for possible changes to the budget and signing of legislation runs through early July.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:
This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:
2023 State Policy Outcomes

RECOMMENDATION:
None. Information only

STAFF CONTACT:
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2023 STATE POLICY AGENDA OUTCOMES
MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) 2023 policy agenda offers broad policy statements aligned with the organization's seven program areas: Efficient Transportation and Quality Places; Healthy Environment; Safe and Secure Communities; Thriving Older Adults and Communities; Effective Local Government; Quality Early Learning; and Competitive Economy.

This policy agenda enables MARC to speak out on legislation or state policy proposals that could impact the greater Kansas City area. Many issues are similar for both the states of Missouri and Kansas. Where differences exist, the policy statements are noted for each state.

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

MARC's role is to advance regional plans for a safe, balanced and equitable transportation system. MARC prepares a Long-Range Transportation Plan every five years to guide the investment of federal, state and local funds. In 2022, MARC worked with state and local governments and transit operators to program the use of over $100 million in federal funds for transportation projects and plans. Other transportation plans address transportation safety, active transportation and transportation equity. MARC also supports the operations of a regional traffic signal system, Operation Green Light; helped small Missouri communities with a pavement overlay project in 2022; and supports residents with transportation options through RideshareKC.

Funding: Maintain existing funding programs to address the states' growing transportation needs and ensure that the Kansas City region receives appropriate resources as a major economic hub for both states. Recognize that projects previously approved for funding may need additional resources due to rising material and labor costs.

> *Missouri*: Maintain existing resources, including motor fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees, to support highway needs in Missouri. Support expanded funding for multimodal needs, including public transit, ports and freight, and bicycle and pedestrian safety.

> *Kansas*: Preserve and strengthen the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program in Kansas to address multi-modal needs.

Missouri Policy Outcomes:
Funding included in the Missouri State Budget:
- I-70 expansion across the state (Blue Springs to Wentzville): $2.8 Billion
- South Loop Park project in Kansas City, MO: $28.6 million
- KC Ports: $37 million
- Statewide Public Transportation: $11.7 million

Kansas Policy Outcomes:
- No action taken

Energy Efficiency: Encourage adoption of fuel-efficient and zero-emission vehicles to improve air quality and increase climate resilience. Include recommendations from [Connected KC 2050](#) and the [Kansas City Regional Climate Action Plan](#).

Transportation Safety: Support transportation safety legislation and regulations to reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities.

> *Missouri*: Ensure safe driving practices by restricting use of wireless phones and texting for drivers of all ages. Support other safety measures around the primary seat belt law and safety for transit operators.

> *Kansas*: Ensure safe driving practices by restricting the use of wireless phones to hands-free technology; maintain current speed limits on highways rather than increase speeds, and support helmet use for ATV riders under 18 years of age.

> **Missouri Policy Outcomes**:
> - Legislation passed to support no texting for drivers of all ages
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> **Kansas Policy Outcomes:**
> - No actions taken

New and Emerging Transportation Technologies: Enable safe and effective deployment of autonomous and connected vehicles. Policies and regulations should promote local innovation, maintain the integrity of local transportation systems and be compatible with adjoining states.

HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

MARC's role is to develop and implement initiatives that help keep the region's air and water clean, reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills, protect and conserve green infrastructure, advance energy efficiency and renewable energy, and catalyze climate resilience.

Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy: Encourage greater investment in energy conservation, renewable energy and energy-efficient technologies. Encourage investments in energy-efficient housing and building energy retrofits through strategies such as green banks, lender education programs and utility partnerships.

Solid Waste and Recycling: Support policies and regulations that enable local governments to address solid waste and recycling in ways that respond to their community's needs.

> *Missouri*: Continue support for solid waste management districts in order to protect local government rights to develop and implement local and regional integrated solid waste management systems and strategies, including maximizing waste disposal and materials diversion facilities and services, which are designed to protect human health and the environment. Avoid legislation to preempt or erode the ability of local governments to address solid waste challenges, such as plastic bag bans, bag fees and other waste management policies, without involvement by local governments in drafting legislation—and when such legislation would create a more effective and beneficial statewide program. Ensure that those who manufacture, design, consume or sell products are also responsible for minimizing the product's environmental impact throughout all stages of the product's life cycle, including end-of-life management (product stewardship).

> **Missouri & Kansas Policy Outcomes:**
> - No actions taken.

Water Resource Protection/Climate Adaptation/Hazard Mitigation: Encourage the development of state and local plans and support investments in infrastructure to build climate and economic resilience and ensure that residents and businesses are protected from the risk of loss of life or damage to property due to more extreme weather conditions. Expand green infrastructure, native landscaping, tree plantings and local food production to reduce stormwater runoff and urban heat islands, protect water resources and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

> **Kansas Policy Outcome:**
> - The Kansas budget includes $55 million for a state water conservation plan over the next 4 years
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> **Missouri Policy Outcome:**
> - No action taken.

Air Quality: Support the Kansas City region's efforts to reduce ozone and fine particulate matter (PM2.5) pollution and maintain its status as a clean air region.

SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES

MARC's role is to manage the ongoing operation, maintenance and state-of-the-art enhancement of the regional 911 system, and coordination of the region's interoperable communications system. MARC works with local agencies to strengthen the region's emergency services, health and medical and homeland security capabilities to prevent, protect, prepare, respond and recover with coordinated plans and high-quality training, exercises, technology and specialized equipment.

911: Support the ability of local communities to work together to maintain local control of the 911 system and 911 taxes for both wireline and wireless communications. The Kansas City metropolitan region has built a high-quality 911 emergency call system, with state-of-the-art equipment, trained call-takers and efficient use of resources to upgrade, maintain and operate the system.

> **Missouri Policy Outcomes**:
> * There was an additional $11 million added to the $18 million from last year, from ARPA to support the build out of a statewide GIS system and to support NG 911 statewide.
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> **Kansas Policy Outcomes:**
> * No actions taken.

Public Health: Continue to support funding to local public health agencies and avoid limitations to local capabilities to respond to disease or other public health emergencies. Local public health services are critical to healthy residents and communities. While each local public health department offers different programs and support based on the needs of their service area, all public health agencies focus on disease prevention and spread and health education.

> **Kansas Policy Outcomes:**
> * The legislature did not take up bills to expand Medicaid
> * Several measures were passed to make it easier to expand the number of health care workers, including mental health providers.
> * The KS Medicaid payments for ambulance services now are set at 100% of comparable Medicare rates, a positive increase
> * Legislation that would have further limited the authority of state and local public health was vetoed by the Governor and was not overridden (SB 6)
>
> **Missouri Policy Outcomes:**
> * No action taken.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS): Support reimbursement payments and program regulations that enable EMS agencies to provide the highest quality pre-emergency care. Consider Medicaid reimbursement for EMS services to more closely match Medicare payments. Support EMS agencies to establish community paramedic programs to improve care to patients in their homes, reduce the need for costly transports and save scarce hospital emergency room resources. EMS agencies in the Kansas City area work closely with one another, both within their home state and across the state line. EMS agencies rely on public and private insurance payments to cover operating costs.

Missouri: Support regulations that enable EMS agencies to ensure quality Trauma and Time Critical Diagnosis programs and support personnel in their stressful work environment. Ensure programs to provide quality pre-hospital emergency care are designed for the Kansas City region's work environment.

> **Missouri Policy Outcomes:**
> - Clarification of status of National Registry status regarding paramedic school accreditation
> - EMS workers covered for PTSD-related health conditions.
> - Peer support counseling program rules established.
> - Missouri passed the doctor license compact which will help with the number of dual KS & MO licensed doctors in the region
> - AN update to the Do Not Resuscitate law that allows for liability protection for EMS to honor pediatric DNR's and TPOPP which is an end-of-life program supported by the Center for Practical Bio Ethics
> - $30 million from ARPA for EMS, Fire and Law enforcement program grants

988/Opioid Settlement/Mental Health: The national 988 program launched on July 16, 2022, and agencies across the nation, including in Kansas and Missouri, are answering more calls in response to suicide and behavioral health crises. Support the full implementation of the essential elements of an integrated crisis system, including 988 call centers, mobile crisis response teams and crisis stabilization facilities. Focus opioid settlement and federal resources to reduce deaths from opioids and heroin by expanding behavioral health services for children, youth and adults and implementing harm reduction programs.

> **Missouri & Kansas Policy Outcomes:**
> - Fentanyl test strips are now legal to distribute and use in both states

Medicaid: Health insurance is important to communities to support a healthy population.

Kansas: Authorize the expansion of Medicaid in Kansas.

> **Missouri Policy Outcomes:**
> - Legislation expanded post-partum Medicaid coverage from 60 days to up to 1 year
> **Kansas Policy Outcomes:**
> - No action taken.

Homeland Security: Grant local governments maximum flexibility and discretion over implementation of monies and strategies regarding homeland security. First responders at the local level serve as the front-line defense in the prevention and response to terrorism and other security risks.

THRIVING OLDER ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES

MARC's role is to strengthen support systems for the region's most vulnerable residents, including older adults and underserved populations and create communities that support healthy living and active lifestyles. MARC serves as the Area Agency on Aging for the five Missouri counties, receiving Older American Act funds to support services, including home delivered and congregate meals, transportation, in-home services, an information and referral phone line, and minor home modifications. In addition, MARC supports a Community Support Network to assess patients' needs and deliver specific services, such as meals and transportation, to improve their health outcomes. MARC implements nutrition incentive programs to help individuals and families maximize the use of SNAP resources by purchasing fresh produce.

Funding for Older Adult Programs: Provide additional funding and flexibility for regional and local agencies to respond to specific needs within their service areas.

> *Missouri*: The increasing number of older adults, including the number of vulnerable and frail older adults, requires services to remain in the community. The Missouri Senior Services Growth and Development Program requires funding to allow the Area Agencies on Aging to support the infrastructure and technology needed to scale programs and services to the growing population. A funding cliff is anticipated after federal COVID-19 relief dollars are exhausted.

Maintain Programs for Older Adults: Restore programs important to older adult health and well-being that have been demonstrated to be effective.

> *Missouri*: Restore funding for the state's RX Program, offering assistance to older adults where their health insurance coverage was inadequate to meet their prescription costs.

> *Kansas:* The state should continue to support the Rural Transportation Program through KDOT, which helps older adults with essential support in securing services.

Food Security: Continue to support enrollment in the federal SNAP and WIC programs to enable low-income families and seniors to afford healthy food.

> *Missouri:* The state should continue strong support of statewide home-delivered meals infrastructure enhancements.

Community Health Workers (CHWs): Support expansion of the use of CHWs, front-line workers who are part of a health care team, by health care organizations to help patients with chronic diseases address social determinants of health and improve health outcomes. Support the reimbursement of CHW services by Medicaid.

> **Missouri & Kansas Policy Outcomes:**
> - No actions taken.

EFFECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

MARC's role is to provide high-quality training and technical assistance services to local governments and develop collaborative efforts and shared services to help cities and counties work more efficiently and effectively. Emerging issues for cooperation among local government and community leadership are affordable housing and broadband/digital equity.

Local Government Authority and Finances: Address the needs of the Kansas City region by allocating American Rescue Plan (ARP) and other federal COVID-19 relief funds with attention to supporting regional projects and programs that most efficiently administer resources across jurisdictional boundaries. Maintain home rule authority for local governments. As state governments consider the allocation of federal funds, the needs of the Kansas City metro area should be considered. The Kansas City area is an economic hub for both states.

Affordable Housing: Support policy and innovative strategies to achieve safe, stable and attainable housing. Enable local jurisdictions to dedicate public funds to support the development, rehabilitation and preservation of attainable housing. Support the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program for the acquisition, rehabilitation and construction of rental housing for lower-income households. Support policy and innovative strategies that lower the cost of housing through energy efficiency and transportation improvements.

Broadband/Digital Access: Support investments by state broadband offices in the use of federal funds to ensure that the Kansas City region—including urban, suburban and rural areas—has high-quality broadband infrastructure. Support investments by state broadband offices in the use of federal funds to support digital access to low-income households for education, employment, telehealth, civic engagement and social interaction through support for devices, internet connections and digital training.

> **Missouri & Kansas Policy Outcomes:**
> - No actions taken.

QUALITY EARLY LEARNING

The greater Kansas City regional early learning system is comprised of interconnected components that converge to help young children thrive. **MARC's role** is to provide leadership and coordination for a robust early learning system centered on strong families, quality programs, qualified workforce and a supportive community context.

Strong Families: Increase access to evidence-based home visitation programs.

Quality Programs: Reduce barriers to childcare subsidy access and increase child care subsidy reimbursement rates.

Qualified Workforce: Support strategies to develop a pipeline of human capital, including recruitment, retention and increased funding to support higher compensation.

Supportive Community Context: Maintain existing funding and work to secure future funding to protect critical investments in early learning programs.

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<u>Missouri Policy Outcomes:</u>
- Legislation allows grants for private licensed childcare providers
- Legislation expands Hands-Up pilot program for individuals whose incomes exceeded the limit for subsidy benefit on a sliding scale so low-income working parents may accept increases in wages and not lose their childcare benefit

<u>Funding included in the Missouri State Budget</u>:
- $55.8 million increase for pre-Kindergarten expansion grants for public schools
- $26 million for pre-Kindergarten education programs for childcare facilities
- $80 million for an increase to the childcare subsidy program

<u>Kansas Policy Outcomes:</u>
- Senate Sub. for HB 2344 would have loosened safety standard in licensed childcare facilities in Kansas. The bill was vetoed by the Governor and an override attempt by the legislature failed.
- The Governor has created a new Early Childhood Transition Task Force to develop a framework for a model single agency governance structure for early childhood programing in Kansas that will address the issues related to the childcare shortages that prioritize safety and bring more workers into the early childhood field.

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COMPETITIVE ECONOMY

MARC's role is to help lead regional partnerships to enhance the performance of the metropolitan economy and expand inclusive economic opportunity, focusing on workforce development systems, postsecondary educational attainment, and producing data and analysis for economic recovery and resiliency efforts. MARC works closely with KC Rising, a partnership of the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City Area Development Council, the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and MARC. MARC convenes two regional groups quarterly: the Regional Workforce Intelligence Network (RWIN), composed of workforce and economic development professionals, and GradForce KC, composed of K-12 and post-secondary education and workforce professionals.

Education and Post-Secondary Opportunities: It is important that the states continue to invest in the region's higher education institutions so that the region produces the talent needed to support economic growth and help residents achieve economic success. State policy should allow qualifying high school students to seek state financial aid for college courses taken prior to high school graduation, and support policy changes that would simplify the current process for certifying teachers to teach these dual credit courses and improve access by removing geographic restrictions. Support measures to assist and incentivize competency-based education, including the Real-World Learning model piloted in the greater Kansas City area; development of career pathways, internships and

apprenticeships aligned to local workforce needs; and dedicated funding for career and technical center cooperatives and innovation centers.

Missouri: Support funding and requirements of Access Missouri and Missouri A+ Scholars programs to ensure that low-income students can better afford post-secondary education.

Kansas Policy Outcomes:
- The K-12 Education budget is fully funded at $6.3 billion but includes no new funding for special education.
- SB113 includes an expansion of the private school tax credit, allowing taxpayers the ability to write off up to 75% of scholarships they provide to provide schools for students of up to 250% of the federal poverty level.

Missouri Policy Outcomes:
- No actions taken.

Workforce Development: Continue to provide support for state apprenticeship offices to assist employers in employing and training workers to earn while learning, enabling them to progress toward careers with good-paying jobs. Support state funding for programs that help increase apprenticeships, workplace readiness, adult education and workforce certification programs.

Missouri: Support a statewide adult learner network and scholarship support for adults to pursue credentials from two- and four-year institutions and fill in-demand jobs.

Missouri Policy Outcomes:
- Legislation allows Missouri Department of Economic Development to disperse grants to employers to help upskill existing employees to meet gaps in qualified workers

Kansas Policy Outcomes:
- Interstate Teacher Compact with other states to enable Kansas and other states to recognize equivalent teacher licenses
- HB2292 establishes a tax credit for apprenticeship programs

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

ISSUE:
REPORT: Transportation Programming Process Review

BACKGROUND:
In our role as a metropolitan planning organization for a region over 200,000 population, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is responsible for awarding funds to projects through several federal programs with requirements for suballocation by population and other factors. These currently include the new Carbon Reduction program, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality program, Surface Transportation Block Grant program as its Set-aside for transportation alternative projects, and the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 program for older adults and persons with disabilities. MARC also works cooperatively with our state departments of transportation and area public transportation providers to prioritize and program projects for federal programs under their purview.

All this work is guided by the goals and objectives of our metropolitan transportation plan (MTP), Connected KC 2050, the specific legislative and regulatory requirements for each federal program and, in general, involve competitive selection of projects through processes overseen by the Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC) and its programming subcommittees.

At the conclusion of the most recent programming cycle completed earlier this year, and with some recent amendments to our MTP and transportation improvement program, some members have raised questions or concerns about various aspects of our programming processes. These include:

- Given constrained funding, do these processes properly balance needs in both developed and developing areas?
  - Are they biased against small or rural jurisdictions?
  - Are they biased against rapidly growing jurisdictions?
- Do these processes properly balance transportation, environmental and economic development goals and objectives? For example, supporting both operation and maintenance of existing infrastructure in developed areas and new capacity in rapidly developing areas; growth in active transportation modes and reliable operation of streets and highways; etc.
- Several programs, while fully committed, have significant balances of unobligated funds. Are there process improvements that could expedite implementation of programmed projects while still achieving regional policy goals?
- What other opportunities are there for improvement?

MARC staff intends to work with committee members and other stakeholders to explore these questions, develop common understanding of these issues and identify opportunities for process improvements that may be implemented with upcoming programming cycles and with the pending update to Connected KC 2050. Staff will discuss this evaluation process and seek input on additional issues to consider at the June meeting.

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POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:
All this work is guided by the goals and objectives of Connected KC 2050, as well as the specific legislative and regulatory requirements for each individual federal program.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:
None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:
A work group of members of the Kansas and Missouri STP Priorities committees is currently reviewing evaluation criteria for the STBG program. TTPC discussed this process on June 20, 2023.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:
This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION:
None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:
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AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2023
Item No. 5a
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE
REPORT: Impacts of Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 on regional funding

BACKGROUND
The Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (FRA) extended the federal debt limit to 2025, averting the risk of default. One of its many provisions regarding budget cuts was to immediately rescind unobligated balances for programs appropriated through the Coronavirus Relief and Recovery Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA).

These spending cuts could have impacted three transportation projects in our region, but in the week leading up to final passage of the FRA, Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) staff worked closely with MoDOT, KDOT and FHWA to protect these funds in different ways.

In Missouri, approximately $7 million was at risk for the Regional Preventative Maintenance Program which will provide funding for pavement mill and overlay and micro-surfacing work on 80 miles of local roadways in Cass, Clay, Jackson, and Platte counties. MARC, MoDOT and FHWA worked together to secure early provisional approval of the environmental documents and plans, specifications and estimates for the project and obligate these remaining funds.

In Kansas, approximately $5.3 million was at risk for two projects. The city of Edwardsville's 98th Street Corridor roadway capacity project, previously approved for partial funding through STP to be fully funded with $1,002,644 and a partial funding of $4,314,032 for Overland Park's 167th Switzer Road to Antioch Road roadway operations project.

KDOT, FHWA and MARC worked together to swap and obligate the CRRSAA funds for these projects with an equivalent amount of Kansas statewide Surface Transportation Block Grant funds from the US-69 Express Toll Lanes project. These changes have been processed as administrative revisions to the Transportation Improvement Program.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS
MARC is administering the Regional Preventive Maintenance Program in Missouri. These changes are revenue neutral.

RECOMMENDATION
None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT
Ron Achelpohl

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

ISSUE:
REPORT: 2024 Unified Planning Work Program Development

BACKGROUND:
The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) 1) describes the transportation planning activities the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) and other agencies will undertake during the year; 2) documents the proposed expenditures of federal, state, and local funds in support of applications for various planning grants; and 3) provides a management tool for MARC and the funding agencies in scheduling major transportation planning activities, milestones, and products.

At this month's meeting, MARC staff will brief the board on the efforts underway to prepare the 2024 Unified Planning Work Program including development and coordination activities and schedule.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS
The UPWP identifies and describes the major transportation planning activities MARC and other agencies will undertake during the year.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS
The UPWP is based on funding levels resulting from the passage of IIJA and the 2020 Census counts for urbanized area populations in Kansas and Missouri.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION
None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT
Marc Hansen

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

ISSUE:
REPORT/VOTE: 2023 Missouri Unfunded Transportation Needs

BACKGROUND:
The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) has communicated to the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) that it seeks to update its unfunded transportation needs list (Attachment #A). The MARC Board previously reviewed and approved the KC region unfunded needs list in October 2022.

The goal of the unfunded needs list is to be able to react quickly with deliverable projects to any identified or secured funding and to provide a list of projects which represent where additional funding could be used. MoDOT District staff have worked with planning partners such as MARC to update and validate the existing project listing previously approved by the Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC).

MARC committees have completed development of an updated 2023 unfunded needs list and forward the list to the Board of Directors for approval. 2023 updates include:
- I-70 expansion project in eastern Jackson Co. has been funded by Missouri legislature & removed from unfunded needs list.
- All other road & bridge projects have updated cost estimates or are adjusted for inflation.
- Bruce R. Watkins safety improvements split into partial funding in Tiers 2 and 3.
- Additional project specificity included in multimodal project listing, including projects in the bike/ped, freight and aviation categories.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:
None

COMMITTEE ACTION:
Several MARC committees have provided input into this process, as follows:

MARC Committee	Dates of Review
Highway Committee	March 22
Goods Movement	April 4 & 26
MO STP Priorities Committee	April 11, May 9 & June 13
RTCC Technical Team	April 14
TTPC	April 18, May 16 & June 20
ATPC & BPAC	May 10
MARC Aviation Committee	May 11

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:
Missouri counties and cities within the MARC Metropolitan Planning Area.

EXHIBITS:
Missouri Unfunded Transportation Needs regional priorities & multimodal needs table.

RECOMMENDATION:
Approve the updated 2023 Missouri Unfunded Transportation Needs

STAFF CONTACT:
Martin Rivarola

Missouri Unfunded Needs Tier 1 Regional Priorities					
Project Name	Cost	Score	Prioritization	MoDOT Prioritiy	Note
I-70 (435-470) - Corridor Improvements (partial)	$100,000,000	101	High	1	Stay in current Tier from 2022. Revised cost from $139M
Tier 1 Total	**$100,000,000**				

Missouri Unfunded Needs Tier 2 Regional Priorities					
Project Name	Cost	Score	Prioritization	MoDOT Prioritiy	Note
I-29 and I-35 Corridor Improvements	$174,240,000	104	High	1	Stay in current Tier from 2022. Revise costs from $158.4M
Safety Improvements Across Bruce R. Watkins (Partial 1 of 2)	$30,250,000	120	High	2	Cost adjustment of 10% from prior year. Partially included in Tiers 2 and 3.
MO 291 (I-435 to Ash) Corridor Improvements	$44,000,000	77	High	4	HW Cmte recommends moving this project to Tier 2 listing from prior Tier 3.
I-49 - Pavement Reconstruction from Blue Ridge Blvd to 163rd St.	$91,355,000	N/A	Rehabilitation	4	Stay in current Tier. Cost adjustment of 10% from prior year.
Rte. D - Pavement Reconstruction from Ambassador Dr. to east of I-435	$9,680,000	N/A	Rehabilitation	3	Stay in current Tier. Cost adjustment of 10% from prior year.
MO 92 Hwy Improvements - Phase 2	$22,000,000	20	Low		Mo STP Cmte recommends moving this project to Tier listing from Prior Tier 3.
Tier 2 Total	**$371,525,000**				

Missouri Unfunded Needs Tier 3 Regional Priorities					
Project Name	Cost	MTP Score	MTP Prioritization	MoDOT Prioritiy	Note
Safety Improvements Across Bruce R. Watkins (Partial 2 of 2)	$90,750,000	120	High	2	Cost adjustment of 10% from prior year. Partially included in Tiers 2 and 3.
I-70 and I-470 Interchange Improvement	$81,191,000	100	Rehabilitation	1	Stay in current Tier. Cost adjustment of 10% from prior year.
I-35 (I-435 to US 69) Corridor Improvements	$73,810,000	87	HIgh	2	Stay in current Tier. Cost adjustment of 10% from prior year.
I-435 at Parvin Rd	$22,143,000	N/A	N/A	7	Stay in current Tier. Cost adjustment of 10% from prior year.
Interstate 49/ Route 58 Interchange Enhancement Project	$22,000,000	93	High	5	Stay in current Tier. Cost adjustment of 10% from prior year.
Route AA/Waukomis Drive Complete Streets Reconstruction	$8,800,000	149	Rehabilitation		Stay in current Tier. Cost adjustment of 10% from prior year.
US 50 - Pavement Reconstruction from I-470 to Rte. RA	$50,820,000	N/A	Rehabilitation	6	Stay in current Tier. Cost adjustment of 10% from prior year.
~~I-70 Capacity Project (MO 7 to Rt. F)~~	~~$100,000,000~~	~~77~~	~~High~~	~~3~~	Remove. Project funded by legislature
Tier 3 Total	**$349,514,000**				

Missouri Unfunded Needs - Multimodal (Transit)	
Project/service route or program	Project / Program Cost
Interjurisdictional Transit Service Operations	$36,000,000
Interjurisdictional Transit Capital Projects	$36,000,000
Independence Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (Fast and Frequent Service)	
Burlington/North Oak Enhanced Transit (Fast and Frequent Service)	
31st/Rock Island Corridor (to stadiums) (Fast and Frequent Service)	
Other routes and services	
Total	**$72,000,000**
Note: Assume state funds cover 20% of capital cost for projects. Remainder for "Interjurisdictional transit operations".	

Missouri Unfunded Needs - Multimodal (Bike/Ped)	
Project	Cost
Strategic pedestrian safety improvements (Potentially include but not limited to sections of Rt 78 in Independence from I-435 to MO-291, MO-7 in Blue Springs from Pink Hill Road to Mason School Road and US-69 in Kansas City from I-29 to I-35)	$25,000,000
Regional Bicycle Network - Cass County	$5,775,000
Regional Bicycle Network - Jackson County	$16,275,000
Regional Bicycle Network - Clay County	$7,525,000
Regional Bicycle Network - Platte County	$5,425,000
Total	**$60,000,000**
Note: Protected bicycle facilities preferred for bicycle network improvements.	

Missouri Unfunded Needs - Multimodal (Freight)*	
Project	Cost
Independence Avenue Rail Bridge Construction (KCMO & Terminal RR)	$20,000,000
Canadian Pacific RR grade-separated crossing (Birmingham Rd @ Holt Dr) (City of Liberty)	$8,000,000
Missouri River Terminal/Woodswether port improvements (Port KC)	$22,000,000
Mexico City Ave Extension**	$10,000,000 *
Total	**$50,000,000**

* Goods Movement Committee has revised this list from prior 2022 list. Programmatic priorities have been replaced by these specific project priorities.

**Goods Movement Committee recommends this project as a priority freight supportive project. However, MoDOT indicates that Roadway Projects are not eligible for multi-modal list. Given this project is not on Missouri system, it is also not eligible for Tier I/III road/bridge list'

Missouri Unfunded Needs - Multimodal (Aviation)***	
Project	Cost
RSA Grading and Erosion Control (Clay County general aviation airport)	**$2,400,000**
Runway Lighting Rehabilitation (Exelsior Springs)	**$300,000**
Northeast Side Development (Lee's Summit airport)	**$3,900,000**
South Apron Expansion (Lee's Summit airport)	**$1,700,000**
Construct Air Traffic Control Tower (Lee's Summit airport)	**$7,200,000**
Construct Hangars (Harrisonville general aviation airport)	**$1,000,000**
Total	**$16,500,000**

*** Project list to be prioritized by MARC Aviation Committee on May 11, 2023

With the expansion of the unfunded needs list to include the addition of a third tier and a multimodal listing, districts will need to work with planning partners from April through May to remove any delivered needs from the list, validate the remaining existing needs and to prioritize any new needs that must be considered for inclusion. Each district will be provided an estimate of available capacity between the current list with delivered needs removed and an overall target for each tier (1, 2, 3 and MO). The goal of the unfunded needs list is to be able to react quickly with deliverable projects to any identified or secured funding and to provide a list of needs which represent where additional funding could be used.

Road and Bridge: The $4.5 billion of needs for road and bridges will be categorized as follows:
1. Tier 1 - $500 million urgent needs
   a. Projects to address the need must be deliverable (awarded) within the timeline of the current STIP if funds become available.
2. Tier 2 - $2 billion of remaining needs
   a. Projects to address the need should be deliverable in any of the next 10 years, (2024-2033) if funds would come available.
3. Tier 3 - $2 billion of remaining needs
   a. Remaining needs deliverable in future years if funds become available.

Multimodal: The $1 billion future funding for Multimodal will be categorized as follows:
1. Needs may include all modes of Multimodal transportation.
2. The identified needs can address infrastructure improvements, operation assistance and capital maintenance.

General Guidance:
- To have needs that can be located easily (as might be required to show needs within congressional districts) needs are required to be landed in TMS, and as such "Various/Various" for route and county cannot be used.
- Additionally, each need location must be landed under separate entries. Grouped routes of similar treatments must be separated into individual entries with specific costs and location data.
- Need descriptions should be kept flexible and describe the issue to be addressed, such as Capacity Improvement, Safety Improvement, Access Improvements, Intersection Improvements, Pavement Improvements, Bridge Improvements, etc.
- Estimates should be in today's dollars. During each review cycle, costs can be reviewed and revised if necessary. If estimates are still reasonable, they do not have to be updated. If an estimate appears to no longer be reflective of the anticipated cost to address the need, it should be updated. Updated estimates may require the removal of previous needs to do a reduction in project capacity as impacted by inflation. Once formally published, needs are not deleted. When a need is no longer a regional priority and removed from the list or if a need is formally committed in the STIP, specific fields in the TMS Unfunded Needs application updated to reflect the disposition. Only erroneous TMS entries incorrectly identifying an added need which occurred during the unfunded needs development should be deleted.
  o When a need is formally added to the STIP:

- "Added to STIP" is updated to Yes
- "STIP Cycle Added" is updated to reflect the STIP Cycle in which the project was added
- "Job Number" is updated to reflect the project Job Number added to the STIP
  - Once the project which was previously a need is delivered:
    - Delivered is updated to Yes
    - Year Delivered is updated to the award year
  - When a need is no longer regionally supported and is removed from the list:
    - "Removed by Dist. without adding to STIP" is updated to Yes.
  - *MO needs that have been funded (and thus would be considered delivered) should be updated by indicating "Delivered in STIP" even though the resultant project may have not been added to the STIP road and bridge program.*
    - *This will accommodate the need removal and allow the associated cost to be counted for capacity impacts.*
- While reviewing the existing unfunded needs the following fields should not be significantly changed without discussion with CO TP. Minor adjustments which tweak a need location or clarify the anticipated work are acceptable.
  - Description (other than to address greater flexibility as previously described)
  - Location (TW ID, Route, Begin Log, End Log or County Name)

List Capacity (millions)						
Region		**Road and Bridge**				**Multimodal**
District	**Distribution[1]**	**$500 Million Tier 1**	**$2 Billion Tier 2**	**$2 Billion Tier 3**	**Total**	**$1 Billion**
NW	4.648%	$23	$93	$93	$209	$46
NE	4.694%	$23	$94	$94	$211	$47
KCR	3.168%	$16	$63	$63	$143	$32
KCU	17.984%	$90	$360	$360	$809	$180
CD	11.265%	$56	$225	$225	$507	$113
SL	34.510%	$173	$690	$690	$1,553	$345
SWR	9.044%	$45	$181	$181	$407	$90
SWU	5.896%	$29	$118	$118	$265	$59
SE	8.791%	$44	$176	$176	$396	$88
Total Dist.	100%	$500	$2,000	$2,000	$4,500	$1,000

[1] Capacity apportioned based upon the MHTC's FY24 system improvements funding formula.

Timeline: To avoid having several major projects due at the end of the year we would like to start this process earlier:

- Projects that have been added to the STIP (even though it is not formally approved) need to be updated in the TMS Unfunded Needs application by **Friday, March 31st**. We will then know how much capacity each district has for adding new needs, if any. *(Note: Once a districts capacity impacts have been established, they may begin the prioritizations efforts with their partners)*
- Meetings with planning partners to discuss any changes or updates should be conducted from **April 1 –**

May 31st.

- Central Office will prepare the draft unfunded needs document by **June 9th** for management review and starting the public comment period.
- *We anticipate that districts can begin their public meetings June 19th. To meet the commission backup deadlines for the August Commission meeting, all meetings will need to be conducted by July 14th. The online comment period will run concurrently with this timeline. Districts should send sign in sheets, an attendance count and any written comments received at the meeting to COTP.*
- *The summary of comments is anticipated to be finalized on June 17th.*
- *It is anticipated that we will share the final unfunded needs list with the MHTC at the August 2nd Commission Meeting.*

List Submittal: A TMS application has been built to manage the unfunded needs list. A separate document is provided which offers guidance on using the application and required data needs.

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

ISSUE:
REPORT: Planning Sustainable Places Program Update

BACKGROUND:
The Planning Sustainable Places Program (PSP) provides local governments and agencies with financial support to advance detailed local planning and project development activities in direct support of the Creating Sustainable Places (CSP) Initiative, Connected KC 2050's (CKC2050) Activity Centers and Corridors framework, and the MARC Board's policy on regional land use direction.

PSP first round of funded projects was in 2013 and now a decade later it has funded 101 projects. It has supported planning in the breadth of our region's settings, from rural community historic downtowns to suburban corridors to urban centers. Complete streets, green infrastructure, enhanced connectivity, and associated redevelopment components have been furthered by communities who desire to make their places vibrant, connected and green through integrated planning.

Staff will provide an overview of the implementation and impact that the program has achieved.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:
None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:
The MARC Board authorized the receipt of STP funds and local match funds for use by the Planning Sustainable Places program on February 23, 2021 for the 2023 funding round.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:
This item affects all counties in the MARC metropolitan planning area.

EXHIBITS:
More information about the program is available at:
https://www.marc.org/transportation/transportation-programs/planning-sustainable-places

RECOMMENDATION:
None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:
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AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

ISSUE:
REPORT: Update on the 2023 Ozone Season

BACKGROUND:
In the upper atmosphere, ozone protects us from ultraviolet radiation but breathing it can be harmful. Ground level ozone pollution forms when emissions from combustion and evaporating fuels and solvents concentrate and react with each other in heat and sunlight. To protect the public, the EPA monitors and regulates ozone levels to enforce an (8-hour average based) ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) that is based on reducing health impacts.

The 2023 Ozone Season has been very active. Our region failed to meet the NAAQS for the first time this year during Memorial Day weekend. Since then, locally generated ozone has surged, and without mixing by winds, ozone from one day has lingered into the next. From June 3-16, nine additional days exceeded the NAAQS. Stable weather conditions have made our region ripe for the production and concentration of ground level ozone, and these weather patterns may settle into place for the summer, to the detriment of air quality.

Once any of the State or Local Air quality Monitoring Sites (SLAMS) report a 4th highest 8-hour daily reading above the standard, the region is considered to have violated the standard for the season. As of June 14, five of the six regional monitors are in violation for the 2023 season.

There are also potential implications for transportation planning and other sectors contributing to ozone pollution. The EPA averages the three most recent years of annual 4th highest readings to assign a Design Value (DV). If the DV is higher than the federal standard, the EPA and the states undertake a thorough review of recent data and may initiate the lengthy process to have its attainment designation reviewed. The DV is tentatively in violation at one monitor.

The Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Air Quality Program coordinates air quality activities and provides daily ozone forecasts (SkyCasts) to the public from March 1 through October 31. Forecasts are distributed for free by the EPA's EnviroFlash system to subscribers via text or email, on websites or at a call-in number. In addition, whenever unhealthy air quality is expected, we work with mobility partners and the media to maximize the dissemination of the Ozone Alert and encourage appropriate responses.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:
None

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:
This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION:
None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACTS
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AGENDA REPORT

June 2023
Item No. 5f
Effective Local Government

ISSUE:
REPORT: Update on Regional Housing Partnership launch of the KC Housing Locator website

BACKGROUND:
The city of Kansas City, Missouri selected Emphasys Software as its provider for a housing locator tool. This resource supports those looking for affordable housing or those assisting individuals looking for affordable housing. The site allows landlords and housing providers to post available units and provide information regarding services at the property.

As part of that procurement process, Kansas City, Missouri, requested proposers to price out the cost for regional expansion of the tool. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) staff assisted in the selection of the provider and worked over 2022 to gauge the interest in the region and find initial funding. The regional housing locator tool fits within the framework of the Regional Housing Partnership (RHP) under its rental & homeowners resource element.

The MARC Board of Directors approved the application and acceptance of the Marion and Henry Bloch Family Foundation grant that included two years of funding to expand the tool for the region with additional dollars for assisting with coordination of promoting the tool. The grant was approved and awarded on December 8, 2022.The MARC Board approved entering a two-year contract with Emphasys Software to provide a housing locator service at the December 2022 meeting.

Staff has worked with the city of Kansas City, Missouri and Emphasys Software to stand up the locator service that launched on June 7, 2023 (see exhibit on announcement). Work will continue to recruit landlords to list on the site, to demonstrate how service agencies can use the tool and to promote its use by the public. MARC will host three webinars demonstrating the resource to defined audiences – communities, services agencies, and landlords by the end of the June. These will be recorded and made available to those wishing to learn more. Staff will continue to work with these groups on promoting and building out this resource.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:
This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:
MARC Web Article on KCHousingLocator.com Launch
KCHousingLocator.com

RECOMMENDATION:
None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:
Katie Killen

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2023
Item No. 5g
Effective Local Government

ISSUE:
REPORT: New Government Training Institute course for elected officials – *Servant Leadership Leads to Finding Common Ground*

BACKGROUND:
Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Government Training Institute (GTI) is offering a new course for local elected officials. The session will be offered on Thursday, August 10, 2023, from 4 – 7:00 p.m.at the MARC offices. The training will help local officials better understand their roles and responsibilities within a healthy local government system that values mutual goals, effective communication, and fairness to the community. Attendees will learn how to be successful in a climate of increasing divisiveness and eroding civility.

This training was developed in response to stakeholder advice to offer more local courses that appeal to the interests and schedules of elected officials who may not be able to take advantage of state and national trainings. This session is offered in a condensed timeframe that is manageable for busy schedules. Dinner will be served, and the training format will emphasize small group discussion to create ample opportunities for peer interaction. A limited number of complimentary registrations are available for members of the MARC Board of Directors by contacting gti@marc.org. If this course is successful, GTI plans to develop additional training programs for elected officials.

The course was developed in partnership with Strategic Government Resources (SGR). SGR is a leader in executive search, leadership development, employee coaching, strategic planning and other services tailored for local governments. SGR was highly recommended by officials in several cities in the region that previously utilized SGR for training and facilitation.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:
GTI estimates expenses of $6,925 including administration, instructor fees and catering. Costs are covered by the GTI open enrollment budget and registration fees. Registration is $79.00.

REVENUES	
Amount	$6,925
Source	registration fees and local government dues
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	$2,075
Contractual	$4,000
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	$850

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:
This event is open to elected officials throughout the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION:
None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:
Lauren Palmer

AGENDA REPORT

June 2023
Item No. 5h
Effective Local Government

ISSUE:
REPORT: 2026 World Cup in Kansas City Listening Sessions

BACKGROUND:
KC2026 is a newly created nonprofit organization that will oversee strategy and delivery of host city duties for FIFA World Cup 26™ in Kansas City. KC2026 is partnering with civic organizations including the Kansas City Sports Commission, Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, Kansas City Area Development Council, Kansas City Civic Council and the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) to host a series of listening sessions for community leaders. Sessions are scheduled around the regional to provide updates on where the region is at in the planning, the largest needs moving forward and ways we can further collaborate.

We encourage members of the MARC Board of Directors to attend one of these sessions along with members of their city/county leadership teams and key civic leaders. MARC is committed to providing additional information to local officials as it becomes available to help cities and counties prepare for this significant regional event. The KC2026 Board of Directors is working to organize a subcommittee structure that will offer more opportunities for engagement on key topics such transportation, human rights, civic engagement, etc.

Wednesday, June 14
2:00-3:30 p.m.
Hosted by KC2026 and the Lee's Summit Chamber of Commerce
Missouri Innovation Campus
1101 Innovation Parkway, Lee's Summit, MO 64086

Thursday, June 15
12:00-1:30 p.m.
Hosted by KC2026 and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City, Hispanic Economic Development Corporation, and Guadalupe Centers
Guadalupe Center Middle School
2640 Belleview Ave., Kansas City, MO 64108

Tuesday, June 20
1:30-3:00 p.m.
Hosted by KC2026 and the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce
Overland Park Chamber of Commerce
9001 W 110th St., Overland Park, KS 66210

Wednesday, June 21
10:00-11:30 a.m.
Hosted by KC2026, the Kansas City Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Lawrence Chamber of Commerce
Children's Mercy Park
1 Sporting Way, Kansas City, KS 66111

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

Tuesday, July 11
2:00-3:30 p.m.
Hosted by KC2026, the Heartland Black Chamber of Commerce and Prospect Business Association
Location TBD
[RSVP HERE](#)

Wednesday, July 12
1:30-3:00 p.m.
Hosted by KC2026 and the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce
Riverside City Hall
2990 NW Vivion Rd, Riverside, MO 64150
[RSVP HERE](#)

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:
None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:
These sessions are relevant to all cities and counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION:
None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACTS:
David Warm
Lauren Palmer
Ron Achelpohl

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

ISSUE:
VOTE: Review and accept the 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

BACKGROUND:
At the May 2023 Budget and Personnel and Board meetings, Kaleb Lilly, partner with RubinBrown LLP, presented the draft 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), the draft Auditor Communications Letter, and the draft Management Representation Letter. Kaleb also discussed certain financial statement disclosures that are most sensitive to the financial statements in addition to discussing the Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) implementation of GASB 87 (Leases) during fiscal year 2022.

The Draft 2022 ACFR and letters in addition to the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District Financial Report are available for review on the MARC website at:

https://www.marc.org/about-marc/financial-information

The 2022 ACFR will be submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for compliance with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting upon report finalization and issuance.

The 2022 Uniform Single Audit Financial Report is currently nearing completion and will be brought to the August Budget & Personnel meeting for acceptance.

If there are any questions about the draft report and letters, please contact Carol Gonzales, Darlene Pickett or David Warm at MARC, or Kaleb Lilly at (913) 499-4417.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:
The Board approved the agreement with Rubin Brown for continuation of Audit Services at the January 2023 board meeting. The estimated cost for the 2022 audit is $79,700. Funds for the audit are budgeted in the Indirect Costs Fund in the 2023 Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:
The MARC financial team recommends acceptance of the 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

STAFF CONTACT:
Carol Gonzales
Andrew Molloy
Darlene Pickett
Lisa Santa Maria

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

ISSUE:
VOTE: Approve minutes of the May 23, 2023, Board meeting

BACKGROUND:
The minutes of the May 23, 2023, meeting are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:
Approve the minutes of the May 23, 2023, meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:
David Warm
McKenzie Neds

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY
May 23, 2023
12:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Mayor Carson Ross, Blue Springs, MO – MARC Board Chair
Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, KS – MARC Board 1st Vice Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez, Lee's Summit, MO – MARC Board 2nd Vice Chair
Councilmember Holly Grummert, Overland Park, KS – MARC Board Secretary
Councilmember Jalen Anderson, Jackson County, MO
Mayor Mike Boehm, Lenexa, KS
Councilmember Eric Bunch, Kansas City, MO
Commissioner Becky Fast, Johnson County, KS
Councilmember Vernon Fields, Basehor, KS
Presiding Commissioner Scott Fricker, Platte County, MO
Commissioner Billy Gaines, Ray County, MO
Mayor Tyrone Garner, Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS
Councilmember Logan Heley, City of Overland Park, KS
Councilmember Dan Hobart, City of Independence, MO
Auditor Victor Hurlbert, Clay County, MO
Councilmember Bridget McCandless, Independence, MO
Mayor Mike McDonough, City of Raytown, MO
Mayor Curt Skoog, Overland Park, KS
Mayor Kristofer Turnbow, City of Raymore, MO
Mayor Rick Walker, City of De Soto, KS
Commissioner Dagmar Wood, Platte County, MO

STAFF PRESENT
Executive Director David Warm and other MARC staff

OTHERS

INTRODUCTIONS AND BOARD SHARING TIME
Mayor Carson Ross called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m. and welcomed attendees. Due to the meeting being held remotely, Mayor Ross provided instructions for participation. She reported that staff would present on all the agenda items, provide an opportunity for comments and questions after each item, and ask for approval of all agenda items, as well as the consent agenda, with one vote at the end of the meeting. Members will have an opportunityto abstain or object to any items necessary during the final vote.

Self-introductions were made, and members shared items of interest from their jurisdictions.

REPORT: Update on the Health & Human Services, Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Agency Mobile Crisis Response grant
Julie Phillips, Shared Services Program Director, introduced Kim Freese, the Region 7 Director of SAMHSA to speak about the success of the mobile crisis responses grant MARC has been

implementing. The grant has a 4-year timeline and impacts Jackson, Clay, Platte, and Ray counties in Missouri.

Ms. Freese spoke about the ongoing opioid crisis that is affecting the nation; the CDC reported in 2022 that 109,000 people died from overdose and 50,000 people died from suicide and these numbers continue to grow. The SAMHSA grant that MARC received has technical parts of the funding that are included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 23 which housed a pilot project aimed at addressing comprehensive community approach to crisis response. MARC was one of 12 entities chosen across the country to receive $750,000 over the course of 4 years to embark in this work with five community certified community behavioral health organizations. Because this is a pilot project, SAMHSA is creating a baseline report that will go before Congress to explain the impact that this kind of collaboration has. Questions like how many people are being helped and what kind of linkages are these individuals getting so we can create partnerships that standardize the response to crisis calls. Creating standardization will reduce the law enforcement and hospitalization burden we're currently seeing because the system is not equipped to handle these calls. With the 988 program that has been open for almost a year, it has allowed professionals to resolve crisis issues on a phone call before it escalates. For the handful of individuals that need a further continuum of crisis response, mobile units can dispatch and arrive to help facilitate stabilization.

Mayor Kristopher Turnbow asked what the mobile crisis response look like, and how is it implemented?

Julie Phillips answered that the best practice is that a team of two people would go out and respond, with one person having at least a masters level clinician, but the second individual could be bachelors' level, or it could be a peer support. One of our challenges is in that staffing space of those individuals. The five agencies are still trying to build up their teams. Once that team arrives, and depending on what the individual needs, they can resolve the issue there on site whether that's making a safety plan with that individual, getting them to a safe place, or it might be going to the hospital. After the immediate need is met, there may be a need for the individual to enter a crisis stabilization center within the community. The overall picture is making sure they get that immediate support and then it's also providing follow up. One of the incredible things is that everybody is getting a follow up in most cases within 24 hours, but it at the absolute longest period, 72 hours. These teams are doing that for every individual and in several cases, there will be continual follow-up and care placement as needed.

Mayor Turnbow commented that there is a crisis center in Northern Cass County that has been a huge resource for the surrounding communities. However, one of the largest issues they have experienced is once an individual has been stabilized and are released, they tend to go out into the community which can trigger a regeneration of their instability. He was concerned about the planning and implementation of the proper care an individual needs with the mobile crisis units.

Ms. Phillips indicated that they are currently working on building clear protocols and procedures for someone who may be in Swopes catchment, but Rediscover responded to the crisis call. Being able to make sure that the team talks to the right person that can include the care they've received and making sure that they have the option to be served by the agency. It's still a work in progress but we are very aware of the potential of individuals that cross over boundary lines.

Commissioner Billy Gaines asked which local units are being used in Ray County?

Ms. Phillips answered that Tri-County Mental Health is the organization that serves Ray County.

Commissioner Becky Fast asked which counties and CBHO's are included in the work?

Ms. Phillips answered Clay, Platte, Ray, and Jackson Counties in Missouri. One of the priorities of this group is to have ongoing conversations with the partners on the Kansas side of the state line in order to create collaboration and increase awareness of the importance to

regional cooperation on this matter.

REPORT: Briefing on the 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
Carol Gonzales informed the board that a draft version of the audit was presented at the Budget and Personnel meeting and that the final report will be presented at the June board meeting. She introduced Kaleb Lilly from Rubin Brown to give an overview of the draft thus far. Mr. Lilly indicated that the firm is near completion of their work on the audit, which includes the audit of the federal dollars that we received, and they expect to issue no adjustments or findings. They anticipate being able to issue an unmodified or clean opinion on both those financial statements and on the single audit for the federal dollars. If you have any questions on the document or process, please reach out to Carol, David, or Kaleb at any time.

DISCUSSION/VOTE: Authorize grant application to the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service's Urban and Community Forest Grant Program for an amount not to exceed $20 million
Tom Jacobs, Environmental Programs Director anticipated needing approval for a grant application to the USDA for between $10 and $20 million dollars. After MARC published the board report, the staff learned that two other jurisdictions intended to pursue the grant opportunity. Because MARC works best when there are opportunities to frame collaborative, regional opportunities it seems prudent not to pursue this grant funding and allow the jurisdictions to apply independently.
Mayor Mike Boehm asked if the request was being discontinued or if MARC was pausing on its application and if the jurisdictions are independently going after the application, are they each eligible for $20 million dollars?
Mr. Jacobs answered that the MARC application is being discontinued and that yes, each jurisdiction is eligible to apply for $20 million. This grant is heavily focused on environmental justice tracts which will only impact parts of our region, but it's important work nonetheless.

REPORT: 2023 Missouri Unfunded Transportation Needs
Martin Rivarola, Assistant Director of Transportation and Land Use Planning & Transportation, presented that the goal of the unfunded needs list is to provide a list of projects which represent where additional funding could be used if it were to materialize and to be able to react quickly with deliverable projects. This specific request is to validate and update the 2022 list based on things that may have happened since the list was approved. The list itself is divided into different buckets that have a certain target for total and combined project costs. Detailed project charts were included in the board packet memo and Mr. Rivarola proceeded to outline the project tiers and ways the MARC committees work to assign projects based on a prioritization process. Tier one bucket projects are projects that are projected to move forward towards construction and implementation over the next five years. Tier 2 projects are those projects that would advance towards construction in the five-to-ten-year planning horizon. Tier 3 projects are envisioned to advance towards implementation outside of the ten-year planning horizon. The final recommendations will be made to the Board for approval in June.

BRIEF REPORTS
REPORT/VOTE: Authorize a contract with Jackson County, Missouri for the Jackson County Regional Dispatch Feasibility Study
Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Director, explained that in March, the new chief of police from Kansas City, Stacy Graves, contacted MARC during a time when she was 35 dispatchers short in her communications center in search of a regional solution. MARC contacted the chiefs of the agencies that are adjacent to Kansas City and had a discussion about current issues that they are facing. Because most of the agencies in the region have staffing problems, they agreed that the next step would be a study to see what possibilities were there to work regionally. MARC contacted Troy Schulte with Jackson County and Mr. Schulte agreed to ask the legislature for up to $200,000 to fund a study for the primary PSAP agencies

in Jackson County. This agreement would allow MARC to do the RFP process for the consultant that would perform the study.

Mayor Mike McDonough asked if this agreement would include fire, EMS and Law enforcement? Mr. Winebrenner indicated that it just involves primary PSAPs and they encompass all law enforcement agencies.

REPORT: Ray County Request to enter Metropolitan Planning Area

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, presented a request for Ray County to join the MARC MPO boundary. These boundaries, which were jointly agreed upon by the governors of both Kansas and Missouri, need to include the area that is urbanized or expected to be urbanized within the next 20 years, but it may also include areas that are in our combined statistical areas as defined by the Census Bureau. The original metropolitan planning boundary was set back in 1991 and since that time, it has been adjusted to incorporate other county jurisdictions. Ray County is an original founding member of MARC and they active in all of our work except the transportation planning work and they are also part of MODOT's Kansas City District. The unfunded needs item that was presented earlier is a good example of the type of work that MARC would be able to support with Ray County if they were part of our planning boundary. We've identified a few potential impacts by Ray County coming into the boundary: Ray County would become part of our planning process which includes planning for the long range transportation plan, transportation improvement program, and sub-allocated funding. It would also result in some minor changes to MODOT funding distribution, it would shift some funding in the Kansas City District from the rural part of the district to the urban part of the district but we're not anticipating any significant changes at all in the US DOT fund. We're going to be establishing a work group focusing primarily with Missouri STP and Transportation Policy Committee members.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

David Warm reminded board members about the upcoming MARC Regional Assembly happening on June 9th at the Westin Crown Center.

CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda
a. VOTE: Approve Minutes of the April 25, 2023, Board Meeting
b. VOTE: Authorize contract with Four B Corps (Balls Foods Stores) to assist in the implementation of the KC Fresh Rx produce prescription program from 2023-2025.
c. VOTE: Authorize contract amendment with Farmers Market Grocery Store in Wichita, KS to continue implementation of the Double Up Food Bucks program.
d. VOTE Authorize Aging and Adult Services to receive a grant from the Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative
e. VOTE: Authorize consultant agreements for four Planning Sustainable Places projects in the following jurisdictions: Kansas City, MO, North Kansas City, MO, Overland Park, KS, and Bonner Springs, KS
f. VOTE: Regional Transit Asset Management and Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Performance Measure Targets
g. VOTE: Authorize agreement with Esri for enterprise-wide access to GIS software platform
h. VOTE: Authorize an agreement with Assel Grant Services for grant writing services, including research and partner facilitation.
i. VOTE: Authorize amendments to increase the current agreements with the five indicated partners for services to continue until the end of the 2023 program year.
j. VOTE: Recommend submission of a final SFY 2023 Area Plan and Budget amendment to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.
k. VOTE: Authorize SFY 2024 contract renewals, amounts, and rates for selected Aging and Adult Services partners.

MOTION: Mayor Mike McDonough moved for approval of all agenda items and the consent agenda, and Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick seconded. Mayor Ross asked if any member wanted to abstain or object to any of the agenda items.

It should be noted for the minutes that Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez was not present at the time of the vote. Therefor, there is no conflict of interest within the vote of consent item 8i: *Authorize amendments to increase the current agreements with the five indicated partners for services to continue until the end of the 2023 program year* or 8j: *Recommend submission of a final SFY 2023 Area Plan and Budget amendment to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.*

The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS
There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

ISSUE:
VOTE: Approve key agency contracts to provide support services for the new Missouri Office of Childhood Child Care Collaborative Networks

BACKGROUND:
In November 2022, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Department of Early Learning submitted three proposals to the Missouri Office of Childhood to administer new Child Care Collaborative Networks that replaced the Educare program that MARC administered since 2018. The new Collaborative Networks provide onsite coaching support, intensive cohort trainings, and best practice trainings to support home based childcare providers, infant/toddler and preschool teachers.

MARC was awarded all three contracts on May 24, 2023. Each one-year contract is renewable for up to four additional years.

The amount of each of the awards are as follows:

Home Based Child Care Collaborative Network:	$463,505
Infant Toddler Child Care Collaborative Network:	$803,423
Preschool Child Care Collaborative Network:	$1,694,728

Most of the funding from this agreement will be passed through to three key service agencies: the Local Investment Commission, The Family Conservancy, and the St. Joseph Youth Alliance to support implementation of targeted services outlined in the three contracts. A portion of the funds will be used to support existing and new MARC staff time in the management and oversight of the project subcontracts and coordination of program supports.

The attached chart indicates the name of the agency, the type of service to be provided, and the total dollar amount not to be exceeded for each contract. The grand total amount of these 12- month contracts are not to exceed $1,852,900.00.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Total Amount	$2,961,656
Source	Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Childhood
	PROJECTED EXPENSES
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	$465,000
LINC	$650,800
TFC	$709,300
Youth Alliance	$492,800
Total Other Contractual	$370,000
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	$273,756

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:
The geographical area for the Collaborative Networks comprises: Andrew, Atchison, Bates, Buchanan, Cass, Clay, Clinton, DeKalb, Gentry, Holt, Jackson, Nodaway, Platte, Vernon, and Worth counties in Missouri.

EXHIBITS:
Collaborative Network Board Summary

RECOMMENDATION
Approve 12-month key agency contracts for support services to implement the Child Care Collaborative Networks for a total amount not to exceed $1,852,900.

STAFF CONTACT
Kasey Lawson
Kyle Matchell

MARC Board of Directors

Detail of 12-Month Agency Support Service Contracts for the Child Care Collaborative Networks 2023 – 2024

The Local Investment Commission (LINC)

Contract Support Services	Not to Exceed
Infant Toddler Child Care Collaborative Network: Provide intensive on-site consultation and cohort training for up to 80 infant toddler teachers.	$198,500
Preschool Child Care Collaborative Network: Provide intensive on-site consultation and cohort training for up to 120 preschool teachers.	$452,300
Total	**$650,800**

The Family Conservancy (TFC)

Contract Support Services	Not to Exceed
Home Based Child Care Collaborative Network: Provide intensive on-site consultation and cohort training for up to 20 home based providers and develop and deliver 120 clock hours of in-person best practice training.	$188,200
Infant Toddler Child Care Collaborative Network: Provide intensive on-site consultation and cohort training for up to 40 infant toddler teachers and develop and deliver 120 clock hours of in-person best practice training.	$176,400
Preschool Child Care Collaborative Network: Provide intensive on-site consultation and cohort training for up to 60 preschool teachers and develop and deliver 120 clock hours of in-person best practice training.	$344,700
Total	**$709,300**

Youth Alliance

Contract Support Services	Not to Exceed
Home Based Child Care Collaborative Network: Provide intensive on-site consultation and cohort training for up to 20 home based providers.	$105,500
Infant Toddler Child Care Collaborative Network: Provide intensive on-site consultation, and cohort training for up to 40 infant toddler teachers.	$117,300
Preschool Child Care Collaborative Network: Provide intensive on-site consultation and cohort training for up to 60 preschool teachers.	$270,000
Total	**$492,800**

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

ISSUE:
VOTE: Authorize Mid-America Regional Council's Head Start program to submit a change in scope grant consolidation effective September 1, 2023

BACKGROUND:
Mid-America Regional Council's Head Start/Early Head Start (07CH010610) and Early Head Start Expansion (O7HP000467) is recommending a change in scope grant consolidation. By making this request, the MARC Head Start/Early Head Start funding will all stream into one grant award: (07CH010610).

The Early Head Start Expansion grant will end on August 31 and will impact eighty-four (84) Early Head Start (EHS) slots at five programs: Learn A Lot, Kansas City Public Schools, Operation Breakthrough, EarlystART and Blue Springs School District-Cub Care. In the consolidation additional funds for EHS Expansion will be awarded for the period of September 1, 2023 - October 31, 2023 to provide uninterrupted services.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	$295,317.00
Source	Administration for Children and Families
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Program Operations	$289,017.00
Training and Technical Assistance	$6,300.00
Total	$295,317.00

COMMITTEE ACTION:
This consolidation request was approved by the Head Start Policy Council on June 12 and is anticipated to be approved by the Head Start Advisory Committee on June 20.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:
This item impacts Clay, Jackson, and Platte Counties.

RECOMMENDATION:
Authorize MARC Head Start to submit a request to consolidate Head Start/Early Head Start and EHS Expansion grant awards effective September 1 and spend the operational funds of $289,017 and TTA funds of $6,300 from the Administration for Children and Families for the period of September 1, 2023, to October 31, 2023.

STAFF CONTACT:
Kasey Lawson
Ginny Williams

MARC Board of Directors

June 2023
Item No. 7d
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE
VOTE: Authorization to receive Missouri Department of Transportation Innovative Technology Program Funds to lead a regional Missouri metro area crowd sourcing project

BACKGROUND
Operation Green Light (OGL) is an initiative that assists state and local governments that own and operate traffic signals on regional arterial roadways work together to coordinate traffic signal timing to improve traffic flow, reduce excessive fuel consumption and reduce emissions. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) staff currently assists in the management and operation of traffic signal timing for over 755 intersections in 27 jurisdictions throughout the region.

MARC staff have applied for and the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) has awarded funding through their Innovative Technology Program for MARC to contract crowdsource data vendors for arterial performance measures. The objectives of this project are to better manage the area arterials with available probe data that could come from a variety of sources.

Crowdsourcing is a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Everyday Counts Initiative to increase use of crowdsource technologies in operations. Crowd source data is large data and anonymized so that no personally identifiable data (PID) is included in any data product we may procure with the grant.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

REVENUES	
Amount	$125,000
Source	$100,000 from MoDOT's Innovative Technology Program and $25,000 from OGL's 11 Missouri Partners agencies that include: Belton, Blue Springs, Gladstone, Grandview, Independence, Kansas City, Lee's Summit, Liberty, North Kansas City, Raymore
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	$125,000

RECOMMENDATION
Authorization to receive Missouri Department of Transportation Innovative Technology Program Funds and contract with MoDOT to provide performance measures for the Operation Green Light (OGL) program.

EXHIBITS:
MODOT Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) Incentive Program

STAFF CONTACT
Ron Achelpohl
Ray M. Webb

MARC Board of Directors

June 2023
Item No. 7e
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE
VOTE: Authorization to receive SMART Grant funds from the US Department of Transportation for the Operation Green Light program to lead a regional Kansas City metro area crowd sourcing project

BACKGROUND
Operation Green Light (OGL) is an initiative that assists state and local governments that own and operate traffic signals on regional arterial roadways work together to operate and coordinate traffic signal timing to improve traffic flow, reduce excessive fuel consumption and reduce emissions. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) staff currently assist in the management and operation of traffic signal timing for over 755 intersections in 27 jurisdictions throughout the region.

MARC staff applied for the USDOT SMART Grant program during the fall 2022 and was recently awarded funding for MARC to contract and evaluate crowdsource data vendors for arterial performance measures. The objectives of this project are to better manage the area arterials with available probe data that could come from a variety of sources.

Crowdsourcing is a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Everyday Counts Initiative to increase use of crowdsource technologies in operations. Crowdsource data is large data and anonymized so that no personally identifiable data (PID) is included in any data product we may procure with the grant.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

REVENUES	
Amount	$734,653
Source	USDOT SMART Grant Program. No local match is required.
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	$267,950
Personnel	$66,703
Vendor	$400,000

RECOMMENDATION
Authorization to receive USDOT SMART Grant Funds and contract with USDOT to provide performance measures for the Operation Green Light program.

STAFF CONTACT
Ron Achelpohl
Ray M. Webb

June 2023
Item No. 7f
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:
VOTE: Approve amendment with Motorola Solutions to include support for the
VESTA 9-1-1 Router Version 1

BACKGROUND:
The purchase of VESTA 9-1-1 Router Version 2 was approved by the Mid-America Regional
Council (MARC) Board at the November 22, 2022 meeting and the contract was executed on
December 12, 2022. The upgrade from the legacy routers currently in use requires a phased
migration to the NextGen VESTA Router version 2. The first step in the migration plan is the
need to upgrade to VESTA 9-1-1 Router version 1. The MARC Board approved the agreement
to purchase VESTA version 1 on December 19, 2017, from Commenco, Inc., a Motorola
reseller. The contract with Commenco for Router 1 included a monthly recurring charge of
$16,959.48 for required support, which was to begin when the system began routing active
calls.

The transition to the version 1 router started in 2019 and has been plagued with numerous
challenges and setbacks, many associated with a company acquisition, supply and resource
limitations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and challenges with telephone carriers.
Additionally, MARC Public Safety has terminated the maintenance contract with Commenco
and has since become certified to provide Motorola tier 1 and tier 2 support. Terminating
the maintenance contract with Commenco has been a significant cost savings; however,
there is a need to provide tier 3 support for VESTA Router 1. Router 1 is in the final phases
of testing and is scheduled to begin routing live 911 calls in the coming weeks.

The total cost for a 12-month agreement with Motorola for tier 3 support is $377,508.36, to
be paid monthly of $31,459.03.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:
Funding for the upgrade of the VESTA Router 1, was included in the 2019 911 Allocation
Budget/ 911 Maintenance, 12 months of support was included in the 2023 911 Allocation
budget. ($377,508.36/12 = $31,459.03)

REVENUES	
Amount	$377,508.36
Source	911 Allocation Budget (911 Maintenance)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	$377,508.36
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

COMMITTEE ACTION:
This work has been reviewed by the Public Safety Communications Users Committee and
recommended for approval. The Public Safety Communication Board approved the
agreement with Motorola on October 26,2022.

MARC Board of Directors

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:
This request supports the 11-county MARC regional 911 network.

EXHIBITS:
None

RECOMMENDATION:
Approve amendment to the agreement with Motorola Solutions for Motorola VESTA Router version 2 to include 12 months of support for Router version 1 in the amount of $377,508.36.

STAFF CONTACT:
Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Director
Nikki Thomas, Public Safety Operations Manager

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

ISSUE:
VOTE: Approve amendment to increase spending authority within the current catering agreement with the Don Bosco Community Center

BACKGROUND:
Due to the initial under estimation of service delivery during the SFY 2023 program year, Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) staff are now recommending a contract amendment to ensure that service provision goes uninterrupted through June 30th, the end of the program year.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS
The Don Bosco Community Center provides catering services of hot daily meals to the following MARC-contract community centers: Belton, Davis Oak Grove, Excelsior Springs, Liberty, Palmer in Independence, and Ray County in Richmond. They also prepare and home delivered hot daily meals for eligible clients from the Oak Grove center.

Provider	Initial Spending Authority	Recommended Increase	Total Contract Amount Value
Don Bosco	$316,879	$84,794	$401,673

COMMITTEE ACTION
On June 14, the Commission on Aging recommended that the Don Bosco's current SFY 2023 catering agreement be increased.

RECOMMENDATION
It is recommended to amend Don Bosco's current SFY 2023 catering agreement in order to allow for uninterrupted services through the end of the current program year.

STAFF CONTACT
Melody Elston
Bob Hogan

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

ISSUE:
VOTE: Approve SFY 2024 contract renewals, amounts and rates for selected contract assessors

BACKGROUND:
The existing Aging Contract Assessors will be administratively recertified, and contracts will be renewed in accordance with any updated opportunities and requirements.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:
Contract amounts range from $25,000 – 75,000, depending upon the individual contractor's historical volume of service. Aging is renewing contracts with the contract assessors in the amounts mentioned below:
Sheryse Navarro, Total Value of Contract…………………………………………….$75,000 (VDC FT)
Tracey Bentley, Total Value of Contract…………………………………………..$50,000 (OAA FT)
Linsey Ferrell, Total Value of Contract……………………………………………..$25,000 (OAA PT)
Gabrielle Collins, Total Value of Contract…………………………………………$25,000 (OAA PT)
Jessica Cook, Total Value of Contract …………………………………………..$25,000 (OAA PT)
Adrianne Mason, Total Value of Contract …………………………………………..$50,000 (OAA PT)
Vicki Hon, Total Value of Contract…………………………………………….......$25,000 (CSN PT)
Janice Ingram, Total Value of Contract …………………………………………..$25,000 (CSN PT)
Salima DeMots, Total Value of Contract…………………………………………....$25,000 (CSN PT)

The following contracts will not be recommended for renewal for SFY '24:
Megan Grubb, Total Value of Contract...$25,000
Tammera Davis, Total Value of Contract..$25,000
Erik Nelson, Total Value of Contract..$75,000
Tristan Sherman, Total Value of Contract.......................................$25,000

COMMITTEE ACTION:
The MARC Commission on Aging recommends authorization to approve SFY 2024 contract amounts and rates for selected partners.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:
This item impacts Jackson, Platte, Ray, Cass, and Clay counties in Missouri.

EXHIBITS:
None.

RECOMMENDATION:
Recommend authorization to approve SFY 2024 contract amounts and rates for selected contract assessors.

STAFF CONTACT:
Melody Elston
Shannon Halvorsen
Tane Lewis
Katelyn Staab

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

ISSUE:
VOTE: Approve SFY 2024 contract renewals, amounts and rates for Trio Community Meals

BACKGROUND:
In May, the Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Aging Department requested an increase of 5% to TRIO Community Meals' contract to reflect inflation and rising food prices. However, TRIO Community Meals has now requested a rate increase of 12% for the new contract fiscal year, SFY '24, beginning July 1st. After receiving the request, the Aging department consulted MARC's research services team to review the request and the team verified the increase would be at-cost of food inflation and production costs.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:
Trio Community Meals is a critical partner for frozen meal services across the region, including MARC's entire Medicaid portfolio.

Currently, in lieu of a repackaging facility for MARC to deliver frozen home delivered meals, Trio will provide frozen meals to MARC's frozen meals delivery drivers, at a meal cost of $4.89.
Estimated Value of Contract .... not to exceed $288,000

Trio Community Meals
Services to be provided at $5.99 per meal (production and delivery of Medicaid and Title III C2 frozen meals)
Estimated Value of Contract .... not to exceed $1,433,100

COMMITTEE ACTION:
The MARC Commission on Aging recommends authorization to approve SFY 2024 contract amounts and rates for TRIO Community Meals.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:
This item impacts Jackson, Platte, Ray, Cass, and Clay in Missouri.

EXHIBITS:
None

RECOMMENDATION:
Recommend authorization to approve SFY 2024 contract amounts and rates for Trio Community Meals.

STAFF CONTACT:
Melody Elston
Bob Hogan

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

ISSUE:
VOTE: Authorize Mid-America Regional Council Head Start to submit a Health Resource & Services Administration grant application

BACKGROUND:
Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Head Start program has been awarded prize money for Phase 1 in the amount of $11,000 and Phase 2 in the amount of $20,000. The funding received has helped with the startup of Excelsior Springs Clinic, branding material and supplies. The Phase 3 award is up to $150,000. By making this request MARC Head Start will obtain additional funding to support Excelsior Springs School District in partnership with Swope Health Services to continue work in the community in supporting health care needs of children and families in the Excelsior Springs community.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	$150,000
Source	Health Resource & Services Administration (HRSA)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Come on Now App	
Transportation for the uninsured	
Uninsured	
Total	$150,000

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:
The HRSA grant will provide medical, dental, and ophthalmology services in Excelsior Springs Early Learning facility in Clay County.

RECOMMENDATION:
Authorize MARC Head Start to submit a request for the HRSA grant application in the amount not to exceed $150,000.

STAFF CONTACT:
Kasey Lawson

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

ISSUE:
VOTE: Approve actions taken at the May 16, 2023, and the June 20, 2023 Head Start Advisory Committee meetings

BACKGROUND:
The Head Start Advisory Committee reviewed and approved the following program information reports at its May and June meetings:
- Approval of June 2023 Meeting Minutes
- Approval of May 2023 Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Consolidation of HS/EHS CORE and EHS Expansion Grants
- Approval of Budget Approval for MARC Head Start 5-year Grant
- Head Start Fiscal Reports for May 2023
    - Credit Card reports were from March – May 2023
    - CACFP reports from February – May 2023

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:
None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:
The Head Start Advisory Committee considered this information at its May 16th and June 20th meetings and recommended MARC Board approval.

EXHIBITS:
Head Start Advisory Committee Actions

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:
This item impacts Clay, Platte, and Jackson Counties in Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION:
Approve the actions taken at the May 16th and June 20th Head Start Advisory Committee meetings.

STAFF CONTACT:
Kasey Lawson

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

This item was added to the agenda on 6/23/2023 at 2:30pm

ISSUE:
VOTE: Approve key agency contracts to provide Early Head Start services through the State Early Head Start grant

BACKGROUND:
On December 8, 2023, the State of Missouri issued a bid opportunity in the MissouriBUYS Statewide eProcurement System the completion of the bid application for the upcoming budget period of July 1, 2023 – March 30, 2028 for Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Early Head State Grant. MARC proposes to continue funding for the 103 enrollment slots in the Early Head Start State Program and pass through most of the funding (99%) to the following direct service providers: Independence School District and Operation Breakthrough.

MARC was awarded the contract on June 7, 2023.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:
The total amount of annual funding available is $1,642,850.00. Included in this total is $16,425 in funds to support program operations and training and technical assistance. The chart below describes the allocation of funding and slots for each agency.

REVENUES	
Amount	$1,642,600
Source	State of Missouri

Early Head Start State Budget 2023 – 2024

Partner Agencies	EHS State Slots	EHS FY 23/24 Program Budget
Independence School District	Sunshine Center-22 Truman High School-24	717,025
Operation Breakthrough	Operation Breakthrough-57	909,150
Partner Sub-Total	103	1,642,600
MARC		16,425
Grand Total	**103**	**1,642,600**

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:
This item impacts Jackson County, Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION:
Approve 12-month contracts for Early Head Start services for a total amount not to exceed $1,642,600.

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