



Board of Directors MEETING NOTICE

Mid-America Regional Council • 600 Broadway, Suite 200 • Kansas City, Missouri 64105 • 816/474-4240

September 26, 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 mned@marc.org by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, for instructions to join the teleconference.

AGENDA

1. Brief Self-Introductions
 - a. Introducing: Toni Sturdivant; Director of Early Learning and Head Start
2. EFFECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
 - a. PRESENTATION: KC Rising Update, Lia McIntosh, Director of KC Rising
 - b. DISCUSSION: Briefing on the 2024 State Policy Agenda
3. COMPETITIVE ECONOMY
 - a. REPORT/DISCUSSION: Economic Forecast Update and Public Sector Workforce Analysis
 - b. VOTE/DISCUSSION: Accept a grant award from the Marion and Henry Bloch Family Foundation in the amount of \$750,000 to support a public sector workforce development initiative.
4. BRIEF REPORTS
 - a. REPORT: National Incident Management System Overview for Executives and Senior Officials on Thursday, October 26, 2023
 - b. REPORT: RideshareKC update and launch of new brand, trip planner, and strategy refresh
 - c. REPORT: Kansas City Food Wise website launch
 - d. REPORT: Carbon Reduction Program Recommendations
 - e. REPORT: Mid-America Regional Council collaboration with the state of Missouri on a \$250 million Solar for All grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
5. Executive Director's Report

CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

6. VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda
 - a. VOTE: Approve Minutes of the August 22, 2023, Board Meeting
 - b. VOTE: Authorize renewal of the subcontract agreement with the Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging for the Give 5 program.
 - c. VOTE: Authorize the acceptance of proposals from Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity and PreservingUS to provide home modification and repair services to Mid-America Regional Council clients.
 - d. VOTE: Approve amendment increase of \$110,000 with Harps Food Stores, Inc for locations participating in the Double Up Food Bucks program.



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- e. VOTE: Authorize an application to the Health Forward Foundation for \$370,000 to support the KC Regional Community Health Worker Collaborative
- f. VOTE: Authorize a grant application to the Durwood Foundation up to \$75,000 to develop a new early learning strategic plan for the region.
- g. VOTE: Authorize a contract with The Family Conservancy's Start Young Program for quality assessments.
- h. VOTE: Authorize an application for Jackson County, Missouri American Rescue Plan Act funding for Eastern Jackson County Mental Health Outreach for People Experiencing Homelessness
- i. VOTE: Authorize application for Department of Housing and Urban Development Pathways to Removing Obstacles Housing Grant.
- j. VOTE: Authorize the purchase of Layer 3 routing switch hardware from SHI for regional 911 sites.
- k. VOTE: Approve the service order with LightEdge for renewal of datacenter space for 911 router and other network equipment
- l. VOTE: Approve grant application to the Missouri 911 Service Board for 2023 American Rescue Plan Act Next Generation 911 Funding Cycle
- m. VOTE: Authorization to solicit funding totaling \$110,960 from the States of Kansas and Missouri to support the regional air quality program.
- n. REPORT: UrbanSim upgrade and customization for the Kansas City region

7. Other Business

8. Adjournment

MARC Board of Directors - Members and Alternates

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Vaughan, Tyler	Miami County	Commissioner
Vogt, Marge	City of Olathe	Councilmember
Walker, Rick	City of De Soto	Mayor
White II, Frank	Jackson County	County Executive
White III, Frank**	KCATA	President/CEO
Wood, Dagmar	Platte County	Commissioner

*Public Transit Representatives (Voting) **Public Transit Advisory Representatives (Non-Voting)

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MARC Board of Directors

September 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

September 2023
Item No. 2a
Competitive Economy

ISSUE:

PRESENTATION: KC Rising Update, Lia McIntosh, Director of KC Rising

KC Rising is a regional economic development initiative to grow an inclusive economy. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has been a formative partner in this effort, along with the Greater Kansas Chamber of Commerce, Kansas City Area Development Council, and the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City (which provides core organizational support). The initiative involves hundreds of businesses, education, government, and community organizations led by a civic steering committee. Mayor Mike Boehm of Lenexa and Mayor Bill Baird of Lee's Summit represent the MARC Board on the KC Rising Steering Committee.

Since it began in 2015, KC Rising began several initiatives concentrated on seven pillars of prosperity: enterprise, industry, inclusion, connectivity, culture, neighborhoods, and education. Examples of success include the KC Rise Fund supporting investment in local innovation start-ups, KC Global Design advancing Kansas City's engineering and architecture sector, and several efforts to grow talent and opportunity in key economic and professional arenas. KC Rising rigorously uses data and analytics to assess progress in attaining key economic and social objectives, and MARC has been a key contributor to this element of the initiative.

KC Rising is currently reorganizing its work to sharpen its agenda and activities, including forming action teams that will focus on supporting promising industry sectors, developing workforce for the future, understanding the importance of attainable housing choices to economic growth, and seeking opportunities for innovation through regional grant opportunities. Lia McIntosh, Director of KC Rising, will provide an update to the MARC Board on the formation and focus of these new action teams.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm, Executive Director
Frank Lenk, Director of Research Services

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2023
Item No. 2b
Effective Local Government

ISSUE:

DISCUSSION: Briefing on the 2024 State Policy Agenda

BACKGROUND:

Annually, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Board has adopted a state policy agenda. The adopted policy has allowed the organization to address specific legislation or proposed rules that might affect the Kansas City region. MARC does not lobby directly for specific bills in the legislatures, but often works with community partners to share information with state officials to help inform decision-making.

The 2024, the policy agenda areas include:

Local Government Authority
Efficient Transportation
Healthy Environment
Quality Early Learning
Broadband Infrastructure and Digital Equity
Affordable Housing
Safe, Secure, and Healthy Communities
Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION: The MARC Board is asked to provide input in the development of the 2024 state policy agenda.

- Are there specific issues that should be included in the policy agenda?
- Are the suggested issues and statements appropriate or how might they be modified?
- Are there priorities among the issues?

EXHIBITS:

[2024 State Policy Agenda](#)

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. MARC staff will recommend adoption of the 2024 State Policy Agenda in October.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel, Director of Community Development

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2023
Item No. 3a
Competitive Economy

ISSUE:

REPORT/DISCUSSION: Economic Forecast Update and Public Sector Workforce Analysis

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) on behalf of the region, periodically prepares a forecast of the region’s expected employment growth over the next 6 to 8 quarters for use by public and private decision-makers as they plan for the coming year. The last forecast was delivered in December 2022 when it appeared the national economy was headed for a mild recession in 2023. It now looks like that recession will be avoided. This forecast will examine the implications of this revised growth path for the Kansas City economy.

In addition to the overall forecast, MARC staff have completed an analysis of public workforce trends and outlooks that inform MARC’s work in the arena. MARC staff will provide context for the next agenda item related to the current and pending efforts to cooperatively address public workforce needs. This report will include a deeper dive that explores some of the challenges in key public occupations.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$2,000
Source	Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Frank Lenk, Director of Research Services

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2023
Item No. 3b
Effective Local Government

ISSUE:

VOTE/DISCUSSION: Accept a grant award from the Marion and Henry Bloch Family Foundation in the amount of \$750,000 to support a public sector workforce development initiative.

BACKGROUND:

Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) staff submitted a proposal to the Bloch Family Foundation for funding to sustain and expand work to strengthen a highly trained and effective public sector workforce throughout the region. The Foundation awarded MARC a \$750,000 grant for a 27-month project to promote high-demand careers in public service and create more opportunities for disadvantaged workers. The key deliverables are as follows:

1. Continue to support the Government-2-University (G2U) initiative to convene government and higher education partners to strengthen the public sector talent pipeline.
2. Advance the work of the G2U Talent Connections Toolkit that is set to be released on September 28, 2023.
3. Build a network of workforce development programs to expand training programs to support high-demand government needs.
4. Build a coalition of public sector hiring managers to guide the project and specifically design processes and procedures to accelerate hiring newly skilled workers.
5. Use performance measures to demonstrate value to partners and develop a business model to sustain the work in year three and beyond.

ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION:

- From your jurisdiction's perspective, what occupations are some of the biggest challenges in finding and keeping qualified personnel?
- What kinds of cooperative approaches might help your jurisdiction address these challenges?

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The grant will primarily support staff to execute the work plan. A portion of funding is reserved for contractual partnerships with non-profit workforce development programs to assist with any costs related to expanding training to meet government needs. MARC will provide an in-kind match of \$73,806.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$750,000
Source	Bloch Family Foundation
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$616,144
Contractual	\$109,607
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$24,250

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Many aspects of the grant proposal were incorporated based on prior input from the G2U Steering Committee, although the committee did not take specific action on this award.

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RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The Bloch Family Foundation supports projects that benefit Jackson, Clay, and Platte counties in Missouri and Wyandotte and Johnson counties in Kansas, though elements of this work will have a broader regional impact.

EXHIBITS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize staff to accept a grant award from the Marion and Henry Bloch Family Foundation in the amount of \$750,000 to support a public sector workforce development initiative.

STAFF CONTACT:

Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2023
Item No. 4a
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

REPORT: National Incident Management System Overview for Executives and Senior Officials on Thursday, October 26, 2023

BACKGROUND:

On behalf of the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee (RHSCC), the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is partnering with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and hosting a National Incident Management System (NIMS) training for executive and senior officials (G402). This 4-hour, in-person course is an introduction and overview of the Incident Command System (ICS) for local governing bodies, city/county managers, agency administrators, etc. The course is designed for executives and policy makers to introduce ICS concepts and provide an orientation for executive understanding and participation in ICS. Staff is encouraging members of the MARC Board of Directors to attend and promote this training to other senior leaders in their organizations. The training will be at the Independence Utility Center in Independence, MO on Thursday, October 26 from 1-5 p.m. The event is free but space is limited and advance registration is required.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

This training is responsive to the Regional COVID-19 Response After Action Report (AAR) that was presented to the RHSCC on August 31, 2022, and the MARC Board of Directors on September 27, 2022. An area of improvement identified in the AAR under Operational Coordination is to “develop an awareness to the role of the Multi-agency Coordination Group (MAC G) in a large-scale incident.” The corrective action recommended is to educate leaders in advance about the purpose and importance of the MAC G. The curriculum for G402 includes the role of the MAC G in the off-site incident command structure of NIMS.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This training is open to all jurisdictions in the region.

EXHIBITS:

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services
Erin Lynch, Emergency Services & Homeland Security Program Director
Lisa Elsa, Emergency Services Training Coordinator

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2023

Item No. 4b

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

REPORT: RideshareKC update and launch of new brand, trip planner, and strategy refresh

BACKGROUND:

RideshareKC, now known as WAY TO GO, is the region's transportation demand management program. The program began in 1980 to reduce congestion on roadways and improve air quality by promoting carpooling to communities and area employers and helping match workers to form carpools. The program has evolved over the years by incorporating ride-matching software, commuter challenges, and tailored outreach to area employers and events.

The program supports employers, like Hallmark, Spectrum, Fed Ex, Amazon, KU Med, Johnson County and UMB, with sustainable transportation resources and consulting services to improve recruitment and retention rates and create employer commute programs. Individual commuters are supported through our commuter help line and in-person outreach.

Earlier this year, the RideshareKC team started a rebranding and strategic planning process in response to the changing post-pandemic landscape of transportation, the urgent need to reduce carbon emissions and to better respond to the needs of employers and commuters.

The WAY TO GO program supports the goals in ConnectedKC 2050, metropolitan transportation plan, the Clean Air Action Plan and the Regional Kansas City Climate Action Plan.

MARC staff will share the strategic priorities for the rebranded program.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This program impacts all counties and cities in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Karen Clawson, Principal Planner/Air Quality Program Manager

Rachel Krause, Rideshare Program Outreach Coordinator

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2023
Item No. 4c
Healthy Environment

ISSUE:

REPORT: Kansas City Food Wise website launch

BACKGROUND:

Kansas City Food Wise is a regional effort to reduce food waste, increase access to healthy food and build a sustainable food system that benefits us, our community, and our planet. It is a result of a two-year Sustainable Materials Management Grant provided to the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) by the U.S Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7.

The Kansas City Food Wise website, www.kcfoodwise.org, launched Sept. 11, 2023. It provides the following food waste reduction resources for individuals and organizations:

- Simple steps individuals can take to reduce the food they waste.
- A 'Get Involved' section which provides the latest news, event listings, and volunteer and job opportunities.
- The Food System Map is designed to build connections among all the individuals and organizations that are part of our regional food system.
- The Kansas City Regional Food Loss & Waste Reduction Action Plan provides a comprehensive set of short, medium, and long-term solutions to reduce the amount of food that is wasted in our region.

MARC has launched a multi-prong paid media campaign to promote Kansas City Food Wise. Its goal is to raise individuals' awareness and drive them to the website where they can find simple steps to reduce the food they waste.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Kansas City Food Wise serves the entire nine-county MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

KCFoodWise.org

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Matt Riggs, SWMD Outreach Coordinator

AGENDA REPORT

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September 2023

Item No. 4d

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

REPORT: Carbon Reduction Program Recommendations

BACKGROUND:

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law establishes the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), which provides funds for projects designed to reduce transportation emissions, defined as carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from on-road highway sources. Congress funded this program at a \$6 billion dollar level, with 65% of resources allocated by formula to metropolitan planning organizations. The Kansas City region's share is roughly \$23.5 million over five years. The current programming cycle will award slightly over \$14 million for FY 2022-2024 projects; another \$9.8 million will be awarded in 2024 for FY 2025 and 2026 projects.

CRP eligibility defined in the legislation includes over a dozen different activities that reduce carbon emissions from the transportation system, including such items as public transportation, transportation alternatives, travel demand management strategies and programs, or native landscaping on highway rights of way, among others.

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) convened a task force that met three times during the fall of 2022 to define the process, priorities, and criteria that would guide the project selection process. Members of the committee included representatives from the Total Transportation Policy Committee, Air Quality Forum, Sustainable Places Policy Committee and the Climate and Environment Council.

MARC opened a call for applications from March 30 to May 19. During this period, 26 applications from 22 local governments or organizations were received. In total, the applications amount to \$43 million in federal funding requests—306% greater than funding availability.

MARC staff scored applications based on criteria advised upon by the task force. Criteria categories include transportation impacts, community engagement, environmental justice, plan consistency, sustainability, project partnerships, operations and maintenance and emissions reduction. Additionally, all projects were made available for public comment through the month of June. Three hundred and three comments were received. In general, the comments are mostly positive, showing strong support for projects aimed at reducing carbon emissions, improving transportation options, and enhancing environmental sustainability. However, there are also concerns about the need for proper infrastructure, safety, and environmental considerations in these initiatives.

Scores and comments were first provided to the Carbon Reduction Workgroup in preparation for a meeting on Wednesday, July 26th. At the meeting representatives from Total Transportation Policy Committee, Air Quality Forum, Sustainable Places Policy Committee, the Climate and Environment Council, and the Kansas and Missouri STP Committees were briefed on previous Carbon Reduction Program efforts, project scores, and scopes. The workgroup voted to accept the scoring as recommended by staff; they also discussed potential funding scenarios for project applications. Prior to adjourning, the workgroup voted to split the cost of two buses between Kansas and Missouri for the KCATA Electric Buses and Charging Infrastructure and Training project. The Workgroup reconvened on Friday, August 4th where they recommended funding for Kansas and Missouri projects as shown in Attachment A.

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POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Program funds will support implementation of relevant carbon reduction policies from Connected KC 2050 and the Regional Climate Action Plan.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The process will guide the allocation of approximately \$23.5 million over five years. MARC will request its 1% project management fee from all selected projects.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

TTPC will consider action on this item on September 19, 2023.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. MARC staff will ask for approval at the October 2023 Board meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

Karen Clawson, Principal Planner/Air Quality Program Manager

Ryan Umberger, Transportation Planner II

Tom Jacobs, Chief Resilience Officer and Environmental Programs Director

Martin Rivarola, Assistant Director of Transportation and Land Use Planning

2023 Carbon Reduction Program Workgroup Recommendation

September 19, 2023 Total Transportation Policy Committee meeting

Kansas

Project Sponsor	Project Name	Carbon Redux		Requested	Recommended
		Ranking	Total Score	Funding	Funding
KCATA	Electric Buses and Charging Infrastructure and Training	1	86	\$1,932,000	\$1,320,000
Johnson County	"Connecting JOCO" -A Coordinated Public Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Pilot Project	4	81	\$1,791,416	\$1,433,000
City of Merriam	Citywide Streetlight LED Upgrades	2	71	\$1,115,908	\$522,867
Unified Government	Northeast KCK Heritage Trail	7	71	\$1,600,000	\$1,200,000
MARC	Johnson Drive Traffic Signal Enhancements	6	68	\$157,904	\$157,904
City of Overland Park	Sustainable Medians Pilot Project	10	67	\$192,000	\$150,000
City of Mission	Bike Share in Northeast Johnson County	9	66	\$503,046	\$503,046
City of Gardner	Gardner Traffic Signal Interconnect	5	64	\$240,000	\$240,000
City of Overland Park	Driver Feedback Sign Speed Management	3	57	\$100,000	\$100,000
City of Roeland Park	2025 Electric Street Sweeper Purchase	8	46	\$496,000	\$0
Totals				\$8,128,274	\$5,626,817

Missouri

Project Sponsor	Project Name	Carbon Redux		Requested	Recommended
		Ranking	Total Score	Funding	Funding
KCATA	Electric Buses and Charging Infrastructure and Training	1	86	\$1,932,000	\$1,320,000
BikeWalkKC	Bike Share battery upgrades and NKC expansion	10	85	\$364,787	\$319,188
Heartland Conservation Alliance (in partnership with Foundation for Regeneration, MoDot, and Good Oa)	Cloverleaf Ramp Regeneration	2	81	\$100,000	\$0
City of Kansas City	Montgall Avenue Pedestrian Path	7	80	\$6,400,000	\$1,904,150
City of Independence	Truman Connected Phase 2	3	80	\$5,544,000	\$3,500,000
City of Gladstone	Vivion Road Trail	6	80	\$3,072,005	\$0
Kansas City Streetcar Authority	KC Streetcar Riverfront Extension	4	77	\$6,000,000	\$1,000,000
The City of Grandview	Blue Ridge Boulevard - Intersection Conversions	8	74	\$3,716,240	\$0
Platte County	Running Horse Road and NW 136th Street Shared Use Path Extension and Crosswalk	13	73	\$1,208,200	\$0
City of Liberty	Liberty Drive Sidewalk/Trail Missing Link Connection	11	70	\$400,000	\$250,000
City of Peculiar	Trail Crossings	9	69	\$20,000	\$20,000
Platte County	Route 152 Trail Segment 1 and 2	5	65	\$4,674,306	\$0
North Kansas City	Burlington Corridor Cycle Track	14	64	\$600,000	\$247,082
City of Lee's Summit	Mouse Creek Trail Arterial Crossing	12	58	\$760,000	\$0
City of Grandview	Transition to Electric Vehicles	16	55	\$80,000	\$0
City of Peculiar	EV Charging Station	15	50	\$8,000	\$0
City of Peculiar	Electric Vehicles	17	22	\$56,000	\$0
Totals				\$34,935,538	\$8,560,420

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2023

Item No. 4e

Transportation and Environment Department

ISSUE:

REPORT: Mid-America Regional Council collaboration with the state of Missouri on a \$250 million Solar for All grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

BACKGROUND:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has unrolled a variety of climate protection initiatives through the Inflation Reduction Act. Their \$27 billion Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds include \$7 billion for the Solar for All (SfA) program. The SfA program is structured to provide grants to individual states and national not-for-profit organizations at variable levels, with the goal of delivering solar energy to low-income and disadvantaged households throughout the nation. Grant applications are due October 12, 2023.

Missouri's Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority (EIERA) intends to apply for \$250 million for the entire state. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is supporting the development of the statewide application alongside EIERA. The application will ideally include specific elements serving the Kansas City region. These elements would include:

- A clear workforce development program
- Program promotion and pipeline development by on-the-ground community-based organizations
- Coordinated efforts to leverage other federal/state/local investments to spur transformational change and cross-sector benefits
- Coordinated efforts among area local governments related to solar-ready policy adoption, including DOE's SolarAPP+ to streamline permitting and interconnection processes.

On the Kansas-side of the region, the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation will serve as the lead applicant for this program for the state of Kansas. They requested that MARC provide a letter of support for their application.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Tom Jacobs, Chief Resilience Officer and Environmental Programs Director

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2023
Item No. 6a

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve minutes of the August 22, 2023, Board meeting

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the August 22, 2023, meeting are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the August 22, 2023, meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm, Executive Director
McKenzie Neds, Executive Assistant

MARC

MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY

August 22, 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
Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, MO - MARC Board Treasurer
Councilmember Holly Grummert, Overland Park, KS - MARC Board Secretary
Legislator Jalen Anderson, Jackson County, MO
Mayor Mike Boehm, Lenexa, KS
Councilmember Eric Bunch, Kansas City, MO
Councilmember Vernon Fields, Basehor, KS
Presiding Commissioner Scott Fricker, Platte County, MO
Commissioner Billy Gaines, Ray County, MO
Councilmember Logan Heley, Overland Park, KS
Auditor Victor Hurlbert, Clay County, MO
Commissioner Ryan Johnson, Cass County, MO
Commissioner Angela Markley, Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS
Legislator Megan Marshall, Jackson County, MO
Councilmember Bridget McCandless, Independence, MO
Legislator DaRon McGee, Jackson County, MO
Commissioner Brian McKiernan, Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS
Mayor Eric Mikkelson, Prairie Village, KS
Commissioner Jerry Nolte, Clay County, MO
Commissioner Rob Roberts, Miami County, KS
Mayor Curt Skoog, Overland Park, KS
Commissioner Doug Smith, Leavenworth County, KS
Mayor Kristopher Turnbow, Raymore, MO
County Executive Frank White II, Jackson County, MO
Commissioner Dagmar Wood, Platte County, MO

STAFF PRESENT

Executive Director David Warm and other MARC staff

OTHERS

Dana Webb, Mayor of Oak Grove, MO
Lavert Murray, Economic Development Advisor, Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS

INTRODUCTIONS AND BOARD SHARING TIME

Mayor Carson Ross called the meeting to order at 12:00 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 opportunity to abstain or object to any items necessary during the final vote.

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

PRESENTATION: Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 Administrator Meg McCollister

Meg McCollister, the Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 Administrator, gave a presentation congratulating the MARC Board on being selected for the \$1 million climate pollution reduction grant (CPRG) award for the Kansas City area. MARC has clearly demonstrated how they would be good stewards of this funding by helping our communities become more resilient in the face of an ever-changing climate. And the EPA applauds MARC's various commitments to reach net zero status through implementation of the Regional Climate Action Plan. The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), which is the source for this funding, is the most significant climate legislation in U.S. history and it positions us to reach net 0 emissions no later than 2050. In just one year of the IRA program, the EPA has made tremendous progress creating and implementing various climate resilience programs.

The CPRG grant program will further advance our ambitious pollution reduction goals and relies heavily on our meaningful collaboration between EPA and stakeholders like you. These planning grants can be used in many ways to advance climate resilience, for example, helping cover the cost for public outreach initiatives, planning meetings, staffing and supplies. They will also help stakeholders identify climate reduction opportunities across communities, with a focus on creating comprehensive climate pollution plans that ensure reductions while maximizing benefits to low incomes and disadvantaged communities.

The EPA is committed to implementing the President's Justice 40 initiative, which aims to deliver 40% of the overall benefits of certain federal investments to low income and disadvantaged communities, which are often the most overburdened by pollution and by climate change. Along with Justice 40, the priority climate action and comprehensive climate action plans are two deliverables that will identify disadvantaged communities in the jurisdictions covered by the program.

Through these funding opportunities and our ongoing work, EPA will continue to tackle climate and air pollution from multiple angles. In addition to our environmental justice efforts and climate plans, we'll also work with various sectors to decrease mobile sources of pollution, with funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, EPA's Clean School bus program will provide about \$5 billion through fiscal year 26 to replace those old diesel buses with newer low and 0 emission models. EPA anticipates awarding approximately \$400 million of that right here in Region 7. Last year, EPA presented a check for nearly \$2 million to the Sidney IA School district for the purchase of three new electric school buses. EPA will also tackle stationary sources of pollution by increasing air monitoring capabilities throughout the region. Last year, EPA awarded a grant for nearly \$300,000 to the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska to enhance their ambient air quality monitoring system.

The Inflation Reduction Act will also invest in American workers and industry by spurring US supply chains across technologies like solar, wind carbon capture, and clean hydro. It will also provide tax credits to make electric vehicles, housing solar panels, and other clean energy technologies more affordable. And it will give farmers, ranchers, and foresters the tools they need to adopt farming practices that will help with climate change, and this is especially important in Region 7 states Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, which utilize 80% of the total land area for agriculture, which is about double the national average.

Now we've only mentioned a few of the tools we have to combat climate change in our country and with the financial backing of this administration through Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act, there are many more opportunities on the horizon available for our stakeholders like you in this room. The EPA is looking forward to working with all of

you as we continue to develop strategies to build a more resilient, resilient future for all of our collective communities.

Legislator DaRon McGee asked Ms. McCollister if she had specific information on grants that are coming from the federal government for counties to have more electric vehicles parking stations?

Ms. McCollister indicated that while the EPA doesn't provide specific funding, other federal agencies like transportation and energy departments will have listings of their resources on their websites which can be found via Google.

REPORT: Mid-America Regional Council staff will provide overview of regional environmental grants under development

Tom Jacobs, Environmental Programs Director, presented two initiatives underway at MARC that will advance our climate planning work. The first initiative will be following the climate pollution reduction planning grant that Ms. McCollister just spoke about. EPA's intention with those funds is to provide resources to local communities to spur implementation planning of regional climate action plans. In April of 2024, there will be a \$4.6 billion pot of resources available to communities throughout the country for the implementation of those plans. MARC will be using part of the planning funds to bring people together from across the community to determine priorities for the climate pollution reduction implementation grant. The first portion of engagement will take place at two workshops the morning of September 7th and 8th at the Flexpod near 39th and Main St. We hope to bring around 100 to 200 people together to build project pipelines, expand coalitions, and sharpen understanding of what priorities might be included.

The second initiative is a grant submission MARC is working very closely with the Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority, EIERA, of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. EIERA is taking the lead on submission of a \$250 million grant to the EPA under a program called Solar for All. MARC and EIERA are working together to figure out how we can support the statewide application while bringing substantial resources to Kansas City for the installation of solar energy on low-income residential housing. Some of the elements that we hope to include in this application for Kansas City are workforce development with strong connections to local suppliers and directly working with community-based organizations to help identify and secure projects that we can invest in.

REPORT: Emergency Services Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee strategic planning outcomes

Joe Connor, Assistant County Manager for Johnson County and the Kansas side Co-chair for the RHSCC, presented the revamped strategic planning process that recently occurred. The committee focused several things during the planning process: building a multi-year approach and outlook, they focused on what kind of metrics can be added to the efforts to show tracking and progress for goal setting, and they hired an outside facilitator who pushed the group to be different and think creatively.

Erin Lynch, Emergency Services/Homeland Security Program Director, shared each of the strategic imperatives in the new RHSCC Strategic Plan: Enhance Our Culture of Preparedness, Evaluate and Continuously Improve Capabilities, Secure and Administer Financial Resources, and Gather and Share Information. Enhancing the culture of preparedness means mobilizing the officials that are in the room today. We just heard the EPA and Mr. Jacobs talk about how important it was to bring the community partners together and it's no different in emergency services ensuring equity and resilience. All these things allow us to better understand the threats and hazards we have and then also mobilize the resources available to help support them and to empower the community. Continuous improvement is where we can help local jurisdictions have strong local emergency operation plans all while maintaining our regional plans and taking advantage of real-world incidents. Securing and administering financial resources is critical because we need the dollars to have the capacity to perform this

cooperative work. Lastly, gathering and sharing information the training MARC hosts each year is about 90 training activities for all of our emergency services partners and HealthCare partners. But this is also about having the communications platform to maintain the regional radio system, which was is one of the most successful collaborative efforts we've had here over the last 20 years.

Ms. Lynch then provided a walkthrough of the newly formed regional plans dashboard that the members of the MARC board received access to prior to the meeting. Several years ago, MARC received feedback that access to the regional plans was challenging. At that time, we were relying on a federal system to provide that safe, secure platform but there were hoops to jump through. The new dashboard does two things, one is to provide an initial orientation to the regional plans and then to act as a live resource and a one stop shop for the plans. If you have any trouble accessing the dashboard, please reach out to me.

Mr. Connor encouraged the MARC board members to encourage their staff to participate in these committees as turnover increases and retirements happen. He stated that there is no reason that communities need to do everything by themselves when there are resources in the community already. He also urged everyone to think regionally about the benefits.

Mayor Mike Boehm asked how long to access to the dashboard lasts and how does he reassign his login credentials as he transitions out of his role in the future.

Ms. Lynch directed him to contact herself and other MARC staff so they can work on a plan and get the list of important meetings and information for sharing.

REPORT: Kansas City Police 911 Auto Attendant Request

Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services, briefed the board about a request from the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners related to auto attendants. Mayor Ross provided a communication a few weeks back with background information about the regional 911 system. The board packet includes a chronology of the actions that MARC has taken in response to this request from the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners. MARC provided a handout with additional information just to help prepare the elected officials of the board for any questions that they may get as they go back to their communities, either from the staff or from others on the governing bodies.

MARC is trying to consistently reiterate four key messages that are outlined on this handout. The first is that we want officials to take pride in the regional 911 system; it is really a model system that is promoted at the state level by both the states of Kansas and Missouri and because we cooperate regionally in this system, we enhance our collective interoperability redundancy along with sharing of costs and technology. The second is that this regional system is at the forefront of innovation and is actively pursuing the latest technologies to improve service delivery. On the handout there are specific examples of things that our team and the Public Safety Communication Board are actively implementing, always looking at ways that we can improve the functionality of that system. MARC is very aware that many of the PSAPs in our region are facing urgent staffing challenges and we are working to assist in any way that we can with retention. Through things like our training program, our recognition program, our peer support program that are aimed at supporting our telecommunicators, and then also with recruitment. We are also looking at alternative staffing models through the study that we are about to undergo with Jackson County PSAPs. MARC has done work recently to gather comparative compensation data that we've shared back with the PSAPs to help them in their decision making. And then finally, on August 3rd, the Kansas City, MO, City Council adopted a resolution that directs the city manager to solicit proposals to establish an in House 911 call center. We are concerned and monitoring that action, but we think it's premature to speculate on what that might mean for the regional system. We have offered to Kansas City to help in any way that we can with their evaluation to provide information about the status quo in the regional system that might help them as they are considering.

Victor Hurlbert asked about the funding mechanism for the call center if Kansas City, MO went this direction because he was under the impression that the counties pay for the cost of the call centers in Missouri.

Ms. Palmer answered that Mr. Hurlbert is correct, the regional 911 system is based on an intergovernmental agreement that is among the counties of the participating jurisdictions. However, the resolution was directing the City Manager to get more information about this possibility so we do not know the specifics of how it would be funded. We may learn more as the request progresses.

Commissioner Jerry Nolte expressed concern for his jurisdictional citizens and the implications of this action on those residents. He indicated that the Clay County Sheriff is on the relevant committees and will be monitoring as this progresses.

Mayor Mike Boehm commented that we don't know what we don't know. He believes we should convene a smaller group of officials to work through options and scenarios so that there can be a coordinated response if needed.

BRIEF REPORTS

REPORT: KCI Airport Public Transit Action Plan Update

Martin Rivarola, Assistant Director of Transportation and Land Use Planning, presented that in coordination with the KCATA, MARC has started public engagement work and outreach regarding the transit service access to KCI. We know there are a lot of great things happening in the Kansas City region, and access to the airport could be the next big transit win for the region. However, we do know also that there are needs that need to be addressed like workforce, visitor traffic and resident movement. And there is also a need to connect with a variety of regional activity centers across the city.

So, we launched an action planning process with an objective to identify regional transit service investment strategies that can support our daily needs, our baseline growth and that KC for travel and employment, and that can also be scalable for larger events. This is meant to be a quick action planning process of six months to design new services or enhanced services that exist today. Then ultimately develop implementation strategies for these regional opportunities.

There is a significant public engagement element to this work consisting of focus groups, public meetings, open houses, and more as the process continues. We are asking you to share the invitation to the online public meeting with your networks and please stop by the open house preview today after the board meeting.

Commissioner Jerry Nolte and Commissioner Dagmar Wood both expressed concerns regarding Clay County and Platte County suggested appointments to the KCATA Board.

VOTE: Ray County request to enter the Metropolitan Planning Area

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, brought forth the recommendation from Total Transportation Policy Committee regarding Ray County's request to become part of MARC's metropolitan planning area. In a high level overview, the planning boundary for transportation is established cooperatively with the governor and has been amended in the past. At a minimum, it needs to include the area of the urban area boundary and can expand as large as the metropolitan statistical area, Ray County is within the metropolitan statistical area for the Kansas City area.

The boundary was originally set in 1991 and this will be the 5th change to the boundary since then. In 2009, we expanded the boundary to include the entirety of Leavenworth, Platte, Clay, and Cass counties. In 2010, due to the results of the 2010 census, there's a portion of Lafayette County that became part of the metropolitan planning area and then in 2015 Miami County requested to come into the metropolitan planning area. MARC established

a work group that involved the Missouri members of the Total Transportation Policy Committee. They met twice over the summer to consider the cost and benefits for Ray County, for MARC, for MODOT, and MARC's other members. In the discussions, there were several potential benefits to all parties involved. It is a mutually beneficial change for Ray County and will provide access to resources for transportation planning, it will allow MODOT to work within the district related to unfunded needs and transportation priorities on the state system, and there are a few communities in Clay County that shares a border with Ray County that will benefit. Pending your action today, the next step in the process is to forward a recommendation to MODOT and the governor to amend the boundary.

REPORT: Update on Give 5 volunteer match program for older adults

Lauren Schaumburg, Community Engagement Specialist, gave a report on the Give 5 pilot program that happened this spring. We're calling it a volunteer matching program, but it is really about social engagement for older adults. The basic premise is that we recruit program participants who are 60 or older and give them the opportunity to learn about the work of local nonprofit organizations. And this builds on other volunteer programs by focusing on education, where we bring in guest speakers from the community to discuss topics and trends in community service. The broader goal is to make a connection between older adults who maybe are experiencing social isolation with a meaningful volunteer experience.

This program is funded by the state of Missouri for the AAA's and the state to implement. Many of you know that our society is aging and 75 million people from the baby boomer generation are expected to retire by 2030. This generation holds a vast amount of knowledge and over 50% of our nation's wealth. Retirement can cause an identity crisis for many who derive personal satisfaction from their occupation which can lead to social isolation, which has been made worse by the COVID-19 pandemic. Social connection is the top indicator of quality of life for older adults. MARC sees the Give 5 program as a conduit for community connection by connecting older adults to service opportunities, where we strengthen the community's fabric and encourage the exchange of ideas and resources among often disconnected groups.

We had 29 nonprofit organizations engaged. 24 participants between 2 cohorts, and we made 127 matches between participants and nonprofit organizations. At the time of this presentation, the state was still in the process of authorizing these funds, but the MARC program was approved for double the amount of funding from last year. Our goal for this next fiscal year is to expand the program to three cohorts, 75 participants total, and this will aide in identifying partners to help us with recruitment, enrollment and participant follow up. We're also hoping to target different areas of the metro to make the program more accessible to our participants.

REPORT: 2023 #CityHallSelfie Day success

Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services, was excited to share that MARC had another great City Hall Selfie Day event! We want to start by highlighting that we are one of five nominees for the People's Choice Awards for City Hall Selfie Excellence and she encouraged all of the members to vote for MARC in the competition. We are very proud that this year we achieved our goal of hitting all 119 cities and 9 counties in our region with over 40 MARC employees helping in the efforts.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

David Warm had nothing to report out to the board at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda

- a. VOTE: Approve Minutes of the June 27, 2023, Board Meeting
- b. VOTE: Accept Missouri Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds for

the Missouri Regional Preventive Maintenance Program

- c. VOTE: Authorize consultant agreements for three Planning Sustainable Places projects, one in each of the following Kansas jurisdictions: De Soto, Mission, and Overland Park.
- d. VOTE: Authorize a contract addendum to approve Master Agreement #4 with the Institute for Building Technology and Safety for building and development shared services
- e. VOTE: Authorize the fourth amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Assel Grant Services to include Mid-America Regional Council member cities and counties
- f. VOTE: Authorize amendments to increase the current community center agreements with the Guadalupe Center, Palestine Senior Activity Center, and the City of Independence.
- g. VOTE: Authorize amendment increase of \$800,000 to the current community center agreement with the Guadalupe Center
- h. Review and accept the 2022 Uniform Guidance Single Audit Report
- i. VOTE: Head Start FY2022 Cost of Living Adjustment and Quality Improvement Application to the Administration for Children and Families to be expended
- j. VOTE: Approve Contracts for Head Start and Early Head Start Support Services
- k. VOTE: Final approval of remodel project at 600 Broadway, Mid-America Regional Council offices

VOTE: Approve Administrative Actions from July 2023 Memo

- l. Authorize application and acceptance of an Assistant Secretary Preparedness and Response grant for FY23/24 (\$387,271.87)
- m. Authorize staff to execute related subcontract (ASPR FY23/24) with David Schemenauer (\$54,853)
- n. Authorize a contract with the Mid America Missouri Local Emergency Planning District to provide hazardous materials planning, training and exercise, and administrative services (\$52,800)
- o. Authorize a contract with a qualified contractor for exercise design, execution, and evaluation services not to exceed \$75,000 for a multiple-site exercise planned for October 2023.
- p. Authorize agreement and amendments with FORVIS to complete and provide support for continued implementation of the upgraded Monthly Service and Expenditure Report spreadsheet solution (\$20,000)
- q. Approve contract amendment with Hilcrest Foods, Inc to increase their budget for redeemed Double Up Food Bucks (\$86,000)
- r. Approve contract amendment with White's Foodliner, Inc. to increase their budget for redeemed Double Up Food Bucks (\$50,000)
- s. Approve a contract with Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) assessment system (\$55,000)
- t. Approve consultant contracts for two Planning Sustainable Places projects (\$70,250)
- u. Approve Connected KC 2050 Amendment #7
- v. Approve the 2023 3rd Quarter Amendment to the 2022-26 Transportation Improvement Program.
- w. Authorize an application to Continue to Provide Administrative Services, Office Space Rental and other District Operation Services to Missouri Solid Waste Management District E and Enter into Agreement if selected.
- x. Authorize the application and acceptance of an additional \$300,000 from Kansas Department of Health and Environment for Community Health Worker support.
- y. Authorize application through the Community Services Corporation for US Department of Energy Grant to Support Non-Profit Organizations; grant request of \$5.5 million with a match of \$1.2 million

MOTION: Legislator DaRon McGee moved for approval of all agenda items and the consent agenda, and Commissioner Billy Gaines seconded. Mayor Ross asked if any member wanted to abstain or object to any of the agenda items.

Mayor Curt Skoog abstained from item 6d: *VOTE: Authorize a contract addendum to approve Master Agreement #4 with the Institute for Building Technology and Safety for building and development shared services*

Let the record reflect that Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez was not present for the vote and therefore not conflict of interest was breached.

The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

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Item No. 6b

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize renewal of the subcontract agreement with the Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging for the Give 5 program.

BACKGROUND:

The Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging (MA4) is renewing subcontracts with Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) funded by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) for the Give 5 Volunteer Matching program.

Lauren Schaumburg provided an overview of the Give 5 program at the August 2023 Board Meeting. The Give 5 program connects skilled and passionate retired (or otherwise have the time to commit) older adults with meaningful volunteer opportunities. Participation in Give 5 requires a commitment to five day-long classes, which include guest speakers and nonprofit site visits, and a graduation ceremony. Each Give 5 class experience allows participants to learn about public and community service trends, “taste test” a wide variety of volunteer opportunities and find a role that matches with their passions.

This subcontract renewal and funding increase reflects growth of the program from hosting one Give 5 class to three by May 30, 2024.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount (renewal)	\$89,595
Source	Subcontract with ma4, funded by DHSS

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Commission on Aging considered this at its September meeting and recommended board approval.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray counties in Missouri

EXHIBITS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a contract between the Mid-America Regional Council and MA4 for the provision and administration of the Give 5 program.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services
Lauren Schaumburg, Public Health Planner

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Item No. 6c

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize the acceptance of proposals from Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity and PreservingUS to provide home modification and repair services to Mid-America Regional Council clients.

BACKGROUND:

Through Older American's Act funding, the Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Aging and Adult Services has provided home modification and repair services to qualifying older adults. Per state regulations, the cost of each project is capped at \$5,000. Currently, MARC contracts with four agencies to provide this popular and essential service line that helps older adults safely age-in-place: Habitat for Humanity, HopeBUILDERS, Jewish Family Services and Rebuilding Together. However, due to capacity constraints, these four agencies cannot keep up with the demand which prompted MARC to create a rolling request for proposals (RFP) for this service line.

MARC has received proposals from [Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity](#) which seeks to serve Eastern Jackson County, Missouri (areas east of Interstate 435) and [PreservingUS](#) is dedicated to serving our entire five-county region (Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri) which will fill gaps in our current service area for program-eligible MARC clients.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$250,000
Source	Older American's Act
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual - Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity	\$125,000
Contractual - PreservingUS	\$125,000

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Commission on Aging considered this at its September 20, 2023, meeting and recommended Board approval.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity: Eastern Jackson County
PreservingUS: Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray Counties

EXHIBITS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize contracts with Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity in the amount of \$125,000 and PreservingUS in the amount of \$125,000 to increase access to home modification and repair services for MARC clients.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services
Shannon Halvorsen, Integrated Care Manager

AGENDA REPORT

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Item No. 6d

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve amendment increase of \$110,000 with Harps Food Stores, Inc for locations participating in the Double Up Food Bucks program.

BACKGROUND:

Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) received a USDA Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP) COVID Relief and Response (CRR) grant in the fall of 2021. This grant allowed the Double Up Food Bucks program to significantly expand to new locations, particularly in Missouri. The Harps Food Stores located in De Soto, Kansas, Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and Richmond, Missouri have been offering the Double Up Food Bucks incentive program since April 2022 to their customers who receive food assistance. The original budget was \$100,000 and program usage at all three of the stores has grown significantly since the program began. The August reimbursement request is expected to deplete their remaining budget. The Double Up Food Bucks GusNIP CRR budget has funds available to increase the contract so that the Harps Food Stores can continue offering the incentive to their customers.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The budget for the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive COVID Relief and Response grant totals \$4.35 million and can accommodate an increase to the budget for the Harps Food Stores to implement the program. The new total contract amount will be \$210,000.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$110,000
Source	
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$0
Contractual	\$0
Pass-Through	\$110,000
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$0

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts store locations in DeSoto, Kansas; Richmond, Missouri; and Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a contract amendment with Harps Food Stores to allow them to continue implementing the Double Up Food Bucks program supported by a grant from the USDA's Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (COVID Relief and Response).

STAFF CONTACT:

Donna Martin, Public Health Senior Planner

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services

AGENDA REPORT

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Item No. 6e

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an application to the Health Forward Foundation for \$370,000 to support the KC Regional Community Health Worker Collaborative

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) supported the launch of a regional community health worker collaborative in 2016, and MARC has continued to assist with coordination of the collaborative and various committees through regular meetings, communications and outreach, planning and training. Community Health Workers (CHWs) are individuals trained to connect patients to needed health care and community services to improve their health outcomes, including reducing re-admissions at hospitals. Over the last seven years, MARC has received funding from foundations and state agencies to support the collaborative’s work. The work has focused on advocacy encouraging agencies to consider adding CHWs to their workforce; supervisory, CEU and other training and enrollment in a state credential for CHWs in both Missouri and Kansas to increase professionalism of those in the workforce; and preparation of a toolkit to help agencies understand how to use billing codes for reimbursement of CHW services.

The work that would be supported by the two-year Health Forward Foundation grant would include continuation of support for expanding the collaborative, promoting the use of CHWs by local healthcare and other agencies, supporting education and advocacy around state policy to support use of CHWs, and helping agencies utilize established insurance billing codes to secure reimbursement for CHW services.

In April 2023, the MARC Board and MARC CSC Board authorized an application to Health Forward Foundation for this work at \$250,000. After further discussions with the foundation, a larger grant award has been offered.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$370,000
Source	Health Forward Foundation
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$190,000
Contractual	ES Advisors LLC - \$60,000 GTI: \$17,000 Billing Consultants: \$50,000 Training Consultant: \$17,000 Other Consulting Services: \$26,000
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	Meeting \$700 Printing \$2,000 Travel \$4,300 Supplies \$3,000

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RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an application to the Health Forward Foundation, and accept funds if awarded, to support the KC Regional Community Health Worker Collaborative in the amount of \$370,000 for 24 months.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel, Director of Community Development
Hannayd Ruiz, HMIS Project Administrator

AGENDA REPORT

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September 2023
Item No. 6f
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a grant application to the Durwood Foundation up to \$75,000 to develop a new early learning strategic plan for the region.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Department of Early Learning provides leadership to the development and implementation of a community-driven, outcomes-based plan for a comprehensive early learning system.

The Department of Early Learning's grant application to the Durwood Foundation will support efforts to develop, expand and strengthen the regional early learning system. Funding will provide general operating funding and support for a new early learning strategic plan for the region.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Funding from this grant will be included in the 2023 and 2024 budget.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$75,000
Source	Durwood Foundation
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$70,000
Contractual	\$5,000
Pass-Through	\$ 0
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$ 0

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize MARC's Department of Early Learning to submit a \$75,000 grant to the Durwood Foundation and if awarded accept and disburse grant funds.

STAFF CONTACT

Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start
Kasey Lawson, Head Start Program Director
Kyle Matchell, Early Learning Manage

AGENDA REPORT

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September 2023
Item No. 6g
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a contract with The Family Conservancy's Start Young Program for quality assessments.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Department of Early Learning provides leadership for the development and implementation of a community-driven, outcomes-based plan for a comprehensive early learning system. The Family Conservancy's (TFC) Start Young Program is a public-private collaborative designed to improve childcare in Wyandotte County, increasing access to high-quality, full-day, full-year childcare for working families. MARC contracts with Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) certified assessors to conduct observations in all Start Young participating classrooms to measure classroom quality.

This project complements and supports other initiatives within MARC's Department of Early Learning. Most of the funding from this agreement will be passed through for classroom assessments and professional development grants. A portion of the funds will be used to support Department of Early Learning staff time in the management and oversight of the project subcontracts, support data entry, and coordination of program supports.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Funding from this contract was included in the 2023 and 2024 budgets.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$53,232
Source	The Family Conservancy
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$20,232
Contractual	\$31,000
Pass-Through	\$0
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$2,000

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize MARC to enter into a contract agreement with TFC in an amount not to exceed \$53,232 and authorize the executive director to accept funds and execute agreements with contractors.

STAFF CONTACT

Kyle Matchell, Early Learning Manager
Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start

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September 2023

Item No. 6h

Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an application for Jackson County, Missouri American Rescue Plan Act funding for Eastern Jackson County Mental Health Outreach for People Experiencing Homelessness

BACKGROUND:

Jackson County, Missouri recently solicited applications for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for qualifying projects. A portion of funds are designated for initiatives to address homelessness within Jackson County. Earlier this year, the Eastern Jackson County Shared Services initiative and its mental health agency partners submitted an application to the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for a project to expand mental health outreach for persons experiencing homelessness in the following Missouri cities: Blue Springs, Grandview, Independence, Lee's Summit and Raytown. The SAMSHA grant was not awarded, so MARC submitted an application on behalf of the shared services partners to Jackson County to fund the same project with ARPA dollars. Due to the deadline on September 15, staff seeks retroactive board approval for this application.

If awarded, funds will be used to hire outreach workers to provide coordinated, evidence-based treatment and services for individuals with substance abuse disorders and co-occurring mental health conditions who are experiencing homelessness. This work will be integrated with the existing mental health co-responder program with police departments to improve coordination of treatment.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Funds will be primarily passed through to the partner mental health agencies (ReDiscover and Burrell Behavioral Health) to hire and train outreach staff. The remaining dollars will be used for grant administration, project coordination and program evaluation.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$459,130
Source	Jackson County ARPA grant
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$58,196
Contractual	\$36,095
Pass-Through	\$364,839
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This funding is limited to Jackson County, Missouri and primarily benefits the cities of Blue Springs, Grandview, Independence, Lee's Summit and Raytown. Services may also be offered in adjacent communities within the catchment areas for partner mental health agencies.

EXHIBITS:

None

AGENDA REPORT

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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an application for Jackson County, Missouri American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding in the amount of \$459,130 for Eastern Jackson County Mental Health Outreach for People Experiencing Homelessness, and authorize staff to accept funds if awarded.

STAFF CONTACT:

Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2023
Item No. 6i
Effective Local Government

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize application for Department of Housing and Urban Development Pathways to Removing Obstacles Housing Grant.

BACKGROUND: Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is distributing \$85 million in competitive grant funding for the identification and removal of barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. Barriers to affordable housing may include but are not limited to: zoning decisions, land use policies, inadequate infrastructure, expiration of affordability requirements, preservation funds, harmonizing building codes, etc. HUD expects to make approximately 20 awards with a minimum award of \$1 million and a maximum award of \$10 million. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) are eligible entities to apply for these competitive grants.

The Greater Kansas City Regional Housing Partnership (RHP) works to accomplish the very goal of this grant opportunity. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) on behalf of the RHP is planning to submit a regional application based around four projects:

- Developing a strategy and program to assist communities in reviewing land-use policies, zoning codes and development processes to increase and preserve affordable housing with an aim for implementation and adoption.
- Funding development of the Community Land Trust Consortium as described in the Regional Business Plan for CLTs that will provide technical assistance and development of CLTs in the region.
- Development of the Regional Housing Trust Fund to assist communities with housing for new build and preservation projects.
- Harmonizing building codes within the region to foster development and preservation of affordable housing.

Expected partners/subrecipients in this work include Institute for Building Technology and Safety (IBTS), Kansas City Community Land Trust (formerly Marlborough Community Land Trust) and LISC Greater Kansas City.

To date MARC staff has had conversations with key partners, entitlement communities, and jurisdictions identified as “priority” communities under HUD’s definition of communities with “acute need.” There is a required public hearing on the application anticipated to be held the week of October 16th and the application will be posted on the MARC website for a 15-day comment period as required by the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

MARC staff is still in the process of pulling together the application and final budget numbers. The maximum award is \$10 million and the total request in federal dollars will not exceed that amount. Staff will present additional details at the B&P meeting.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The application is meant to serve the nine-county MARC region.

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

EXHIBITS:

[HUD PRO Housing Summary](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize staff to submit a regional application for the Department of Housing and Urban Development PRO-Housing Grant not to exceed \$10 Million in federal grant dollars.

STAFF CONTACT:

Katie Killen, Housing Program Manager

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2023
Item No. 6j
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize the purchase of routing switches and dual power supplies from SHI for regional 911 sites.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) 911 system is a complex network consisting of many hardware devices which require monitoring and maintenance to ensure peak performance. The MARC public safety technical team forecasts for hardware refresh on a rotating basis; this plan entails replacing current hardware with current models to combat capacity and performance issues. Network hardware components have a limited lifespan and as such, an ongoing replacement schedule has been beneficial in reduced failure rates and potential downtime of the critical 911 system.

As part of that procurement process, MARC staff received three quotes and SHI was 25% less than the other vendors. The network hardware refresh includes 30 units with dual power supplies and five years of support, at a cost of \$155,049.90.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The SHI quote of \$155,049.90 will include 30 switch units, accompanying power supplies and five years of support. Funding for planned hardware refresh work, was included in the 2023 911 Allocation Budget/Capital Projects.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$155,049.90
Source	911 Allocation Budget (Capital Projects)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$155,049.90
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

COMMITTEE ACTION:

This work is an anticipated expense in the 911 system capital projects budget, which was approved as part of the 2023 budget by the Public Safety Communication Board on October 26, 2022

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This affects all counties in the MARC region as well as the 911 contract counties of Atchison and Linn County Kansas.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the purchase of routing switches and dual power supplies from SHI to support the planned hardware refresh project in the amount of total of \$155,049.90.

STAFF CONTACT:

Eric Winebrenner, 911 Public Safety Program Director
Nikki Thomas, Public Safety Operations Manager

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2023
Item No. 6k
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve the service order with LightEdge for renewal of datacenter space for 911 router and other network equipment.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) 911 system has two wireless routers for diversity, redundancy, and security purposes. One is located in Kansas and the other in Missouri. In 2020, the Missouri router needed to be relocated to a new datacenter. Based on bids received, LightEdge was the most competitive providing mission critical security and survivability with the following security features included: armed security, monitored video surveillance, biometric hand readers, and card access. MARC public safety technical staff are provided unlimited access 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The initial agreement with LightEdge was executed in August of 2020, at which time an estimate for power needs and a setup fee of \$10,000 was required. The contract renewal will reflect a 27% decrease due to a reduction in power needs and no setup fee.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The LightEdge quote estimates cost of \$5,324.40 per month over a three-year contract. There are no setup costs for the renewal. Funding for the router storage, was included in the 2023 911 Allocation Budget/Network Costs, 36 months (\$5,324.40*36 = \$191,678.40)

REVENUES	
Amount	\$191,678.40
Source	911 Allocation Budget (Network Costs)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$191,678.40
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Public Safety Communications Board approved the use of these funds with the 2023 Regional 911 Budget, at the October 26, 2022, meeting.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This affects all counties in the MARC region as well as the 911 contract counties of Atchison and Linn County Kansas.

EXHIBITS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve renewal of the 911 router dataspace storage with LightEdge for an additional 36 months in the amount of total of \$191,678.40.

STAFF CONTACT:

Eric Winebrenner, 911 Public Safety Program Director

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2023
Item No. 6l
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve grant application to the Missouri 911 Service Board for 2023 American Rescue Plan Act Next Generation 911 Funding Cycle

BACKGROUND:

On September 1, 2023, the Missouri 911 Service Board announced the opening of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) 2023 Next Generation 911 (NG911) Funding Cycle. These funds must be used to support Next Generation 911. The Missouri 911 Service Board will be awarding up to \$21 million in NG911 improvement projects over the next year and will accept and review applications on a rolling basis between September 1, 2023, and September 1, 2024, until all funds have been obligated. Per ARPA requirements, funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by June 30, 2026.

Last year the Public Safety Communications Board and the MARC Board of Directors approved purchasing VESTA Version 2 selective routers with Geospatial Routing Capabilities from Motorola and paying for them with the 911 Allocation Budget/Capital Projects. This equipment is eligible for funding under the ARPA 2023 Next Generation 911 (NG911) requirements so we are recommending that we apply and if awarded we buy the routers with ARPA 2023 Next Generation 911 funds instead.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

This grant is a 90/10 match grant. The total amount being requested from the Missouri 911 Service Board is \$1,745,664.04. The 10% percent match required of MARC is \$174,566.40 and the grant, if approved, would fund \$1,571,107.64. The grant match will come from the 911 Capital Projects Account.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$1,571,107.64
Source	Missouri 911 Service Board ARPA 2023 NG911 Grant
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$1,571,107.64
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Public Safety Communications Board approved the purchase of the version 2 routers from Motorola on October 26, 2022, as part of the 2023 911 Budget. The Public Safety Communications Board is aware that MARC will be requesting grant funds from the Missouri 911 Service Board.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This affects all counties in the MARC region as well as the 911 contract counties of Atchison and Linn County Kansas.

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend the MARC Board of Directors approve the application to the Missouri 911 Service Board ARPA 2023 Next Generation 911 Grant.

STAFF CONTACT:

Eric Winebrenner, 911 Public Safety Program Director
Nikki Thomas, Public Safety Operations Manager

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2023
Item No. 6m
Healthy Environment

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorization to solicit funding totaling \$110,960 from the States of Kansas and Missouri to support the regional air quality program.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has been actively involved in air quality issues since the early 1970s. Since 1978, MARC has served as the official air quality planning organization for the bistate metro area under section 174 of the Federal Clean Air Act. Section 174 requires that states appoint an organization to coordinate local input to the development of the state air quality implementation plans.

MARC's air quality responsibilities include coordination, planning, technical analysis, and public information and education. MARC has no regulatory authority related to air quality issues but makes recommendations to the state air quality agencies concerning air quality planning and regulatory measures.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Kansas and Missouri each provide planning funds to support regional air quality work on an annual basis. The State of Kansas has increased the budget for 2024 by \$2,250. Contractual elements of the grants will support the 2024 Air Quality Public Education Campaign and Clean Air Action Plan implementation and a study of mass notification systems for environmental emergencies.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$110,960
Source	Kansas Dept. of Health & Environment (\$65,000) Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources (\$45,960)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$44,960
Contractual	\$65,000
Pass-Through	\$0
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$1000

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the executive director to solicit and accept funding, if awarded, from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) for the MARC air quality program for the fiscal period October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$110,960.

STAFF CONTACT:

Karen Clawson, Principal Planner/Air Quality Program Manager

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

September 2023
Item No. 6n
Competitive Economy

ISSUE:

REPORT: UrbanSim upgrade and customization for the Kansas City region

BACKGROUND:

A key part of updating the long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is updating underlying land use forecasts that determine how much and where the region will grow in terms of population, households, and jobs, as these determine changes in travel demand. UrbanSim is the most common platform used by Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) around the country like Phoenix, Detroit, Chicago, Denver, Albuquerque, Salt Lake City, Seattle, Boston and San Diego. For the past year, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has been testing a new version of this platform specifically designed to better capture how metropolitan areas change over time. There is no other land use model like the one that resulted from this testing. This version provides more realistic forecasts for the Kansas City area than the prior model's framework. Because of the uniqueness and newness of the model only UrbanSim, Inc. has the expertise to assist with its implementation. However, to maximize UrbanSim's ability to predict metropolitan growth patterns, it must be customized to capture the unique features of each metro. This customization is essential to provide decision-makers with realistic policy levers that can help them understand which actions might most help the region achieve its policy goals.

The customization required for the Kansas City region will cost \$92,500. This amount was budgeted in the 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The customization will occur during the last quarter of 2023 and first quarter of 2024 in order to prepare forecasts that will be ready for adoption by the MARC Board of Directors with the MTP by June 2025.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$92,500
Source	Consolidated Planning Grant Funds and Associated Match
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$92,500
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

EXHIBITS:

None

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts the entire MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Mid-America Regional Council to enter into a contract with UrbanSim, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$92,500 for an UrbanSim customization for the Kansas City region.

STAFF CONTACT

Frank Lenk, Director of Research Services