



Mid-America Regional Council Community Services Corporation

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May 28, 2024

**Meeting begins immediately following
the MARC Budget & Personnel Committee meeting**

In-person attendees in MARC's Westview Room with a remote option via Zoom.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. VOTE: Approve Minutes of the April 23, 2024, Meeting
3. VOTE: Affirm Early Learning grant application to the Hall Family Foundation for early learning program support.
4. VOTE: Authorize \$15.3 million grant application to the US Department of Energy with school district partners to carry out energy efficiency and health improvements in schools.
5. Other Business
6. Adjourn



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MEETING SUMMARY

APRIL 23, 2024

Immediately following the Budget & Personnel Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez, Lee's Summit, MO - Community Services Corporation Chair
Mayor John Bacon, Olathe, KS
Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, MO
Commissioner Becky Fast, Johnson County, KS
Commissioner Scott Fricker, Platte County, MO
Commissioner Billy Gaines, Ray County, MO
Councilmember Holly Grummert, Overland Park, KS
Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, KS
Commissioner Jerry Nolte, Clay County, MO
Commissioner Rob Roberts, Miami County, KS
Commissioner Doug Smith, Leavenworth County, KS

STAFF PRESENT

David Warm, Executive Director
McKenzie Neds, Executive Assistant
Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration
Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services
Marlene Nagel, Director of Community Development
Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services
Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start
Bob Hogan, Manager of Aging Administrative Services
Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director
Jeramy Medlin, Human Resource Generalist
Donna Martin, Public Health Senior Planner
Lukas Parrish, Graduate Management Intern

OTHERS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez called the MARC Community Services Corporation Board of Directors meeting to order at 11:39 a.m.

Due to the meeting being conducted remotely and in-person, Mr. Lopez provided instructions for participation. He 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 with one vote at the end of the meeting. Members would have an opportunity to abstain or object to any items necessary during the final vote.



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VOTE: Approve Minutes of the February 26, 2024, Meeting

VOTE: Authorize grant applications to the USDA Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program and other non-federal funders for a combined amount up to \$12 million dollars to support the Double Up Food Bucks Program.

VOTE: Authorize grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health for the Community Level Innovations for Improving Health Outcomes for the Mid-America Community Support Network.

Mayor Damien Boley motioned to approve and Commissioner Hanzlick seconded. The motioned passes.

Other Business

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.



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May 2024

Item No. 3

Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Affirm Early Learning grant application to the Hall Family Foundation for early learning program support.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council’s (MARC) Early Learning department applied for a grant to the Hall Family Foundation to provide early learning program support. In order to meet the foundation’s board approval timeline, the application was submitted prior to MARC’s May board Meeting. MARC is collaborating with community leaders throughout the bi-state Kansas City region to build an actionable road map toward a sustainable and high-quality early learning system. This funding would provide support until the end of 2024 to gather information on provider needs and vendor options as the network begins to organize early childhood providers into a collective.

The collective seeks to provide shared services such as: an employee assistance program/emergency mental health support, insurance, access to a substitute system, shared job fairs and recruitment efforts, along with our current offerings of coordinated child and classroom assessments, and professional development.

Shared services among providers are integral because they free up funds for other projects, like raising wages, and they can help to increase the job satisfaction of workers in centers that would traditionally be unable to afford such benefits. In addition to any new services, MARC Early Learning will continue the shared services already in place, including classroom assessments, child assessments, and professional development.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$170,000
Source	Hall Family Foundation
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$159,974.55
Contractual	-
Pass-Through	-
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	10,025.45

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

MARC Early Learning initiatives currently support programs in Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth counties in Kansas and Andrew, Atchison, Bates, Buchanan, Cass, Clay, Clinton, DeKalb, Gentry, Holt, Jackson, Nodaway, Platte, Vernon, and Worth counties in Missouri.

EXHIBITS:

None.



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RECOMMENDATION:

Affirm executive approval for an application for a \$170,000 grant from the Hall Family Foundation for early learning program support, and acceptance of funds if awarded.

STAFF CONTACT:

Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start



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Item No. 4
Healthy Environment

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize \$15.3 million grant application to the US Department of Energy with school district partners to carry out energy efficiency and health improvements in schools.

BACKGROUND:

The Renew America's Schools Grant Program is designed to provide grants to make energy efficiency, renewable energy, alternative fueled vehicle upgrades, and improvements at public schools. In 2023, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) worked with Kansas City Kansas Public Schools, Kansas City, MO Public Schools, and the Independence School District to submit a highly rated application but did not receive funding. Despite this, the three districts expressed interest in seeking funds in this new round.

The US Department of Energy (DOE) aims to facilitate substantial additional investment, prioritize schools with high needs, minimize administrative burden, build enduring capacity in local educational agencies (LEAs), and assist states to maximize impact equitably and efficiently. The DOE has allocated funds from Section 40541 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and this year's grant opportunity is structured in three phases of support: planning, project design, and implementation/construction.

The school districts are identifying facilities within and around the Bistate Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor, the subject of a recently awarded US Department of Transportation planning grant. The school districts have conducted recent facility energy efficiency assessments and identified those facilities that would benefit from federally supported investments. DOE has been directed to give priority to school districts that have the following conditions:

- Renovation, repair, and improvement funding needs
- Serve a high percentage of students who are eligible for a free or reduced-price lunch (FRPL)
- Partnering local educational agencies are designated with a rural school district locale code
- Leverages private sector investment through energy-related performance contracting

MARC's Community Services Corporation, a 501c3, will serve as the applicant and the three school districts as sub-recipients. The districts will provide the necessary match for the grant funds (5% for the first \$1 million for planning and design and 25% for the \$14 million for construction projects). The grant is due on June 15, 2024.

The DOE is directed to consider the potential energy efficiency, health, and safety benefits from the proposed energy improvements. Energy improvements include school improvements, repairs, or renovations that reduce energy costs or improve teacher and student health and achieve energy savings.



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BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Phase 1: \$300,000 “prize” - MARC would pass through a portion of the funds to the three school districts to support planning work.

Phase 2: Up to \$1 million requires a 5% funding match from the districts. The funds will be passed through to the school districts or will allow MARC to cover energy audit costs for the school district buildings.

Phase 3: \$14 million, requires 25% funding match from the districts for construction costs. MARC would pass the funds through to help the districts cover the costs of their projects that will achieve the greatest energy savings.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The project will include three school districts, Kansas City, Missouri Public Schools, Independence, Missouri School District and Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools.

EXHIBITS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the submission of a grant application to the US Department of Energy with a consortium of three school districts for funds to carry out energy efficiency and health improvements in schools and accept and expend the funds of up to \$15.3 million, if awarded.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel, Director of Community Development