

Note/Message



Dear {{CFirstName}}

Thank you for attending the **First Suburbs Coalition** meeting on Friday, April 19, 2024. In case you missed it, here is a quick synopsis. [Click here](#) for a copy the slide deck that includes links and additional information.

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### **Communities for All Ages Recognition Program**

Congratulations to two communities that were recognized for program achievements.

Kansas City, KS - bronze level  
Grain Valley, MO - gold level

A [promotional video](#) was shown to highlight gold level recognition communities. CFAA is recruiting new program participants for 2024.

Don't forget to register for the [Age Positive Conference](#) on May 7-8, 2024.

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### **Housing Developer Needs Assessment**

Andrea Genereaux, LISC Kansas City, presented the findings of a recent needs assessment conducted among non-profit and for-profit housing developers to better understand the current barriers in the development process that prevent them from taking on more affordable housing projects. Common themes included:

- Financial Barriers

Need Help?

- Government and Process
- Community and Public Outreach
- Education and Training
- Construction Costs
- Market Factors

Katie Killen provided an update on MARC's pending HUD PRO Housing grant application that includes strategies to address recommendations in the needs assessment. Awards were anticipated by January 31 yet have not been announced. The Regional Housing Partnership is working with members of the Congressional delegation to get an updated timeline from HUD.

Curt Skoog presented on MARC's shared services partnership with IBTS to help communities with building and development services. IBTS may be a resource to help your community deliver more effective services to the housing development community. [Click here](#) to learn more.

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### Save the Date!

Please join us for our next meeting on Friday, July 19, 2024 in Raytown, MO. Watch your emails for more information about the program and registration.

Best,  
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