

Climate & Environment Council

August 23, 2024

9–11 a.m.

MARC Board Room

600 Broadway, Ste. 200 Kansas City, Mo 64105

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Sharing (20 minutes)
2. Approval of July meeting minutes* (1 minute)
 - a. Approving at September meeting
3. EPA Community Change Grant Program (30 minutes)
 - a. The Unified Government and the City of Kansas City, MO, are both applying for Community Change grants, a possible 20-million-dollar opportunity. MARC asked for KCMO and the UG to share about their applications so we can see how the CEC can promote their applications and help further engage the community.
 - i. City of Kansas City, MO: Community Change, like many grants, has been a moving target. Community Change is an EPA grant. The grant suggests it will award 100+ grants. Track 1 of the grant is because of the size and also because it has a novel format around co-governance. Grant applications need to be community-based organization (CBO) led. KCMO is partnering with Bridging the Gap as their lead Community-Based Organization. The application is currently focused on home efficiency and workforce development. The actual deadline for the grant is in November. The City is still determining whether or not they will submit the application or if Bridging the Gap will.
 - ii. Unified Government of Wyandotte County, Kansas City, Kansas: Within the Community Change Grant, there are different pots of money you can apply for. WYCO will be focusing its application on pollution. Kansas City, Kansas, is currently under a descent decree to find a solution to the pollution problem. The combined sewer system in the community has issues that are contributing to the increase in pollution, so WYCO's community change grant application focuses on how we can decrease the issue. WYCO will be working with Groundwork NRG as their community-based organization for the grant. The grant application currently being worked up looks at the overlap between combined sewer systems and environmental justice communities. Groundwork NRG will be focusing on workforce development for green infrastructure, and the Central Area Betterment Association will focus on the combined-sewer issue. RDA- Community center is KCK and MEC is also a partner. This would be an example of a really efficient building as a model for other community centers.
 1. Questions:

- a. Carl, who has been a part of workforce development? People continue to be involved in workforce development, but nothing is happening.
 - i. Jerusalem Farms is working to help us employ people, and BTG is looking at the traditional model of getting a grant and hiring a contractor.
- b. What do you think of replication and scaling?
 - i. Groundwork NRG has taken it upon themselves to hire people to help address the replication/scaling problem at hand.
- c. How will you go about making the decision to hand over the grant applications?
 - i. The city has received strong encouragement to hand over the application to the community- based-organizations. KCMO is fortunate to have CBOs that are working within neighborhoods.
 - ii. Is it possible to do one city plus a CBOS or for two CBOS to partner together?
 - 1. Yes, the grant application just needs to show there is full technical assistance available.

4. APWA 5600 Presentation (30 minutes)

- a. Scope: To update and integrate regional stormwater management standards and planning guidelines, based upon APWA Section 5600 and the MARC/APWA BMP Manual. To develop a next generation planning and engineering approach to manage stormwater in metro Kansas City.
 - i. Project Partners: Blue Springs, Bonner Springs, De Soto, Excelsior Springs, Fairway, Gardner, Gladstone, Grandview, Independence, Johnson County, Kansas City, Lawrence, Leawood, Lenexa, Liberty, Merriam, Miami County, Mission Hills, Mission, North Kansas City, Olathe, Osawatomie, Overland park, Parkville, Prairie Village, Riverside, Roeland park, Shawnee, Spring Hill, Unified Government, Westwood Hills, Westwood
- b. The updated manual will focus on a more proactive approach to keeping rainwater on-site, encouraging strategies that prevent downstream flooding emergencies.
- c.
- d. New standards will result in highly functional infrastructure that not only improves water quality but also reduces downstream flood events, provides high-quality open space, and results in natural, healthy landscapes. Additionally, the new manual will focus on a more proactive approach to keeping rainwater on-site, encouraging strategies that prevent downstream flooding emergencies. The updated manual replaces the existing APWA 5600 stormwater regulations and the Mid-America Regional Council's BMP Manual with one consolidated manual. Everything from hydrology methods to design criteria to operations and maintenance requirements is within the updated manual.
- e. Discussion:
 - i. Is there a way to engage and get feedback from on the ground CBOs who are helping implement these stormwater best practices?
 - 1. Yes. We will be continuing to do extensive engagement.

5. FHWA Carbon Reduction Program (10 minutes)

- a. Review project submittals
 - i. Application period: June 21-July 26

1. 19 applications received
 - a. 15 bicycle/pedestrian
 - b. 2 EV Infrastructure
 - c. 1 Streetlight

2. 10 local government organizations

Kansas Applications

Project Sponsor	Project Name
Basehor, KS	Coralberry Trail – Metro Green Extension
Basehor, KS	Trails at Basehor Town Center
BikeWalkKC	Kansas Safe Routes to School
KCATA	Regional Alternate Fuel Buses, Charging Infrastructure and Training
Lenexa, KS	Pedestrian Accommodations at Traffic Signals and connecting sidewalk links
Lenexa, KS	Signalization and Pedestrian accommodations at 87 th Street and Scarborough
Lenexa, KS	95 th Street and Lackman Rd.
Olathe, KS	Olathe LED Streetlights

Missouri Applications

Project Sponsor	Project Name
BikeWalkKC	Missouri Bike Share Program
Harrisonville, MO	EV Charging Stations
Independence, MO	23 rd Street (M-78) Sidewalks Speck Rd. to Jackson Dr.
Independence, MO	23 rd Street Mobility & Safety Improvement Project
Liberty, MO	Little Shoal Creek Trail
Liberty, MO	South Liberty Parkway Traffic Signal Interconnect
Missouri DOT	Adding a shared use path on RTE 2991 NB bridge over Missouri River
Platte County, MO	Route 152 Trail Segment 1
Platte County, MO	Route 152 Trail Segment 2
Platte County, MO	Route 152 Trail Completion
Platte County, MO	Brush Creek Trail North Segment 1

3. \$36.9M total request

State	Funding Available (2025-2028)*	Total Request	Oversubscription
Kansas	\$8,000,000	\$12,796,000	160%
Missouri	\$14,600,000	\$23,571,269	161%
Total	\$ 22,600,000	\$36,367,269	161%

6. Upcoming community events (15 minutes)

a. WAY TO GO's 2024 Green Commute Challenge

i. WAY TO GO's 16th annual event encourages commuters around the region to take greener ways to work. The challenge will occur during October 1-31, 2024.

ii. Commuters log work-related trips on the WAY TO GO KC app to compete for weekly raffles and grand prize.

1. Points can be earned for:

- a. Carpooling
- b. Biking
- c. Walking
- d. Scooting
- e. Taking the Bus
- f. Riding the Streetcar

iii. Individual competition:

1. Grand Prize: E-bike
2. Second place: \$200

iv. Team Competition

1. Grant Prize \$300
2. Second Place: \$150

v. Local Government Challenge:

1. City/county government team with the highest average green trips per team member wins!
 - a. Grand prize: \$300 donation to the charity of your choice on your behalf

vi. What can you do?

1. Be a champion in your community
 - a. Post on social, newsletter, or website
2. Be a champion in your workplace.
 - a. Establish internal prizes, post on your intranet, or host a lunch 'n learn.

vii. Questions:

1. If you are carpooling, can you both log a trip for carpooling or just one person?
 - a. You both get to log the trip
2. If I am our leader for OP, can I reach out to you weekly to check-in because we want to up our own internal conversations.
 - a. Yes, we can do that.

viii. For more information reach out to Rachel Krause at rkrause@marc.org

- b. Plogtober from MARC Water Quality
 - i. An October streamside trail and greenspace clean up competition between KC region counties. To find out more information visit:
 - 1. <https://www.cleanwaterkcmetro.org/kcplogtober/>
7. Next Meeting – September 27, 2024

* Action item

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