



Mid-America Regional Council Community Services Corporation

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January 25, 2022

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

Hybrid format: limited attendees in MARC's Board Room with a remote option via Zoom

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. VOTE: Approve Minutes of the December 21, 2021 Meeting
3. VOTE: Accept Funding from the Roger A. and Corinne R. Durkee Fund to Support Communities for All Ages
4. VOTE: Authorize an Application for the Economic Development Administration Good Jobs Challenge Grant Program
5. Other Business
6. Adjourn

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January 2022
Item No. 2

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve Minutes of the December 21, 2021 Meeting

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the December 21, 2021 meeting are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the December 21, 2021 meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm

Karina Bielecki



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MEETING SUMMARY

December 21, 2021

Immediately following the Budget & Personnel Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Harold Johnson, Jr., Unified Government of Wyandotte/Kansas City, Kan. - MARC Board Chair

Mayor Carson Ross, Blue Springs, Mo - MARC Board 1st Vice Chair

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, Kan. - MARC Board 2nd Vice Chair

Commissioner Rob Roberts, Miami County, Kan.

Councilmember Fred Spears, Overland Park, Kan.

Commission Chairman Ed Eilert, Johnson County, Kan.

Commissioner Brian McKiernan, Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kan.

Presiding Commissioner Jerry Nolte, Clay County, Mo.

Presiding Commissioner Bob King, Ray County, Mo.

Councilmember Vernon Fields, Basehor, Kan.

STAFF PRESENT

David Warm, Executive Director

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment

Marlene Nagel, Director of Community Development

Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services

Frank Lenk, Director of Research Services

Jovanna Rohs, Director of Early Learning and Head Start

Kristin Johnson-Waggoner, Public Affairs Program Director

Steven Lewis, Mid-America Head Start Program Director

Catherine Couch, Public Affairs Coordinator

Karina Bielecki, Executive Assistant

John Hwang, Network Administrator II

Amanda Graor, Chief Innovation Officer

Joanne Bussinger, Grant Manager

Katie Killen, Housing Program Manager

Amanda Rehani, Grant Accountant III

Ginny Williams, Grant Accountant III

Darlene Pickett, Accountant II

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carson Ross called the MARC Community Services Corporation Board of Directors meeting to order at 11:51 a.m.

Due to the meeting being conducted remotely, Mayor Ross provided instructions for

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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.

VOTE: Approve the Minutes of the November 23, 2021 Meeting

VOTE: Accept a Grant from the Hall Family Foundation to Support the Regional Housing Partnership

VOTE: Authorize Acceptance of Funds from the Durwood Foundation to Support Regional Early Learning System Work

MOTION: Commissioner Harold Johnson moved for approval of all items and Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick seconded. All were in favor of approving agenda items 2 through 4. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Carson Ross, Chair

Date

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Item No. 3

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Accept Funding from the Roger A. and Corinne R. Durkee Fund to Support Communities for All Ages

BACKGROUND:

The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation recently awarded \$78,560 from the Roger A. and Corinne R. Durkee Fund to support regional programs and services that enable older adults to lead vibrant, healthy, and independent lives. In 2022, funds will be used by MARC's Aging and Adult Services and Local Government Services Departments to support the following work:

- Continue support to the 20 local jurisdictions participating in the age-friendly Communities for All Ages Recognition Program.
- Provide key regional leadership to advance issues, legislative advocacy, and programs, including the Age Positive Conference, incorporated within the 2022 Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging (MA4) Aging Summit.
- Work with partners to strengthen our ability to effectively communicate with older adults - particularly those from marginalized communities.
- Continue implementation of a minor home repair and modification program for the maintenance and adaptation of housing to suit the functional needs of older adults and individuals with disabilities in Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray counties.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

| REVENUES | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Amount | \$78,560 |
| Sources | Roger A. and Corinne R. Durkee Fund |
| PROJECTED EXPENSES | |
| Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent) | \$38,560 |
| Contractual | \$40,000 |

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept award from the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation on behalf of the Roger A. and Corinne R. Durkee Fund in the amount of \$78,560.00 to support Communities for All Ages.

STAFF CONTACT:

Lauren Palmer

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Item No. 4
Competitive Economy

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an Application for the Economic Development Administration Good Jobs Challenge Grant Program

BACKGROUND:

The US Economic Development Administration (EDA) announced a number of grant opportunities through the American Rescue Plan in August, including the Good Jobs Challenge Program. The Good Jobs Program is intended to assist regions to form industry sector partnerships and design interventions to strengthen our workforce development system and our training and education systems to serve all residents, particularly those historically underserved populations, communities of color, women, and other groups facing labor market barriers. The grant requires the applicants to select one or more industry clusters for focus, and in cooperation with partners, MARC has selected the skilled trades/construction and advanced manufacturing sectors.

MARC is working with KC Rising, business-led organizations including the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) and Kansas Manufacturing Solutions, Missouri Enterprise and KC Manufacturing Network; workforce investment board; nonprofits like the Urban League, Community Services League, Hispanic EDC, Guadalupe Centers, KC Scholars and Goodwill; and colleges and universities including the three community college systems, University of Central Missouri, and UMKC to prepare an application for the grant, which has a deadline of February 10. The funds would be used to help design workforce system improvements in areas of career coaching, wrap-around support services, and backbone industry partnerships; expand education and training programs with training and education providers; and carry out programs with area employers and other partners to help adults secure services. Among the wrap-around support services that could be covered through the grant are securing documents, language services, child care, transportation, rent, and utilities. The system will engage employers and connect trained residents with available jobs. EDA is expecting to fund up to 50 regions at between \$5 and \$20 million each.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

MARC is working with a consultant, Equity Cities, and partners to finalize the grant proposal and the budget. Up to \$1 million would be used for MARC staff support for coalition building, convening, and project planning as well as career coaching system implementation through KC Degrees. Subcontracts would be awarded to support other system and program design work and program implementation. No match is required for this grant; however, MARC and partners expect to demonstrate significant leverage of other community resources toward the program.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the application to the EDA, and if awarded acceptance of funds, to support workforce development system and program design and implementation up to \$20 million.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel
Beth Heslowitz