



Mid-America Regional Council Community Services Corporation

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October 26, 2021

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

Hosted remotely via Zoom conference call

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. VOTE: Approve Minutes of the September 28, 2021 Meeting
3. REPORT: Review of 2020 Internal Revenue Service 990 Form
4. VOTE: Accept a Grant from the Health Forward Foundation to Support the Regional Housing Partnership
5. VOTE: Authorize Applications to the Ewing Marion Kauffman and Kresge Foundations to Support Grant Preparation Services for American Rescue Plan Funds
6. Other Business
7. Adjourn

AGENDA REPORT

MARC CSC Board of Directors

October 2021
Item No. 2

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve Minutes of the September 28, 2021 Meeting

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the September 28, 2021 meeting are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the September 28, 2021 meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm

Karina Bielecki



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MEETING SUMMARY

September 28, 2021

Immediately following the Budget & Personnel Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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

Mayor Eileen Weir, Independence, Mo. - MARC Board Treasurer

Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez, Lee's Summit, Mo - MARC Board Secretary

Commissioner Rob Roberts, Miami County, Kan.

Councilmember Curt Skoog, Overland Park, Kan.

Councilmember Fred Spears, Overland Park, Kan.

Commission Chairman Ed Eilert, Johnson County, Kan.

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

Presiding Commissioner Jerry Nolte, Clay County, Mo.

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

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

Jovanna Rohs, Director of Early Learning and Head Start

Tom Jacobs, Environmental Programs Director

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carson Ross was unable to attend so Mayor Weir led the meeting in his absence. Mayor Weir called the MARC Community Services Corporation Board of Directors meeting to order at 11:29 a.m.

Due to the meeting being conducted remotely, Mayor Weir 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 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 August 24, 2021 Meeting

AGENDA REPORT

MARC CSC Board of Directors

VOTE: Accept Funds from the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund to Support Public Health

VOTE: Authorize an Application for the Economic Development Administration Build Back Better Program

MOTION: Commissioner Harold Johnson moved for approval of all items and Councilmember Fred Spears 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 11:30 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Carson Ross, Chair

Date

AGENDA REPORT

MARC CSC Board of Directors

October 2021
Item No. 3
Core Capacities

ISSUE:

REPORT: Review of 2020 Internal Revenue Service 990 Form

BACKGROUND:

MARC Community Services Corporation is a 501(c)(3) organization and is required to submit the 990 Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax each fiscal year (January 1st to December 31st). It is required that the 990 Form be reviewed by the organization's Board of Directors.

The 990 Form is prepared with the assistance of MARC's audit firm, RubinBrown. A link to the 990 Form for 2020 will be provided in an email.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Carol Gonzales
Katelyn Click

AGENDA REPORT

MARC CSC Board of Directors

October 2021
Item No. 4
Effective Local Government

ISSUE:

VOTE: Accept a Grant from the Health Forward Foundation to Support the Regional Housing Partnership

BACKGROUND:

MARC is partnering with Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Greater Kansas City to organize the Regional Housing Partnership (RHP). The RHP will mobilize individuals and organizations to enact systems-level change to grow the supply of affordable housing for cost-burdened households. This will be accomplished through seven elements of an effective regional housing system: (1) data and analysis; (2) networked leadership; (3) financing tools; (4) production capacity; (5) rental & homeowner resources; (6) policy; and (7) education.

This award will supplement a previous grant of \$560,000 from the Marion and Henry Bloch Foundation. A portion of the Health Forward Foundation grant will be subcontracted to LISC to launch the Kansas City Regional Housing Connection in consultation with KC SourceLink. LISC will also assist with implementation of advocacy, financing, and capacity strategies of the Regional Housing Partnership. In addition, LISC and MARC will coordinate with other key stakeholders to identify gaps in existing local resources for community mobilization and advocacy. This information will be utilized to determine a plan and resources for future years to build capacity.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$150,000
Source	Health Forward Foundation Grant
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$58,806
Contractual	\$91,194

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$150,000 from the Health Forward Foundation to support the Regional Housing Partnership.

STAFF CONTACT:

Lauren Palmer

AGENDA REPORT

MARC CSC Board of Directors

October 2021
Item No. 5
Competitive Economy

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize Applications to the Ewing Marion Kauffman and Kresge Foundations to Support Grant Preparation Services for American Rescue Plan Funds

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) announced a number of grant opportunities through the American Rescue Plan in August, including the Good Jobs Program. The Good Jobs Program is intended to assist regions to form industry sector partnerships and design interventions to strengthen our workforce development, training, and education systems to serve all residents, particularly those in historically underserved populations (such as communities of color, women, and other groups facing labor market barriers). The four industry clusters initially identified are health care, information technology, advanced manufacturing, and logistics. Equity Cities, a national consulting firm, has been identified by KC Rising and the Kauffman Foundation to assist with convening organization representatives and drafting an application, which is due late January. Once a proposal has been drafted, we will ask the MARC Board and MARC CSC Board to authorize submission of the application. The EDA expects to make 30-50 grant awards with \$3 billion available for this program.

Congress also appropriated sizable grants to states, local governments, and other organizations with the passage of the American Rescue Plan. Congress is considering additional legislation that could add more resources to support communities in recovering from the pandemic. The Kresge Foundation has offered funding to support efforts at convening stakeholders and outlining funding strategies and proposals for resources to support a broad range of initiatives for regional economic recovery and progress.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$70,000
Source	Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation
Amount	\$75,000
Source	Kresge Foundation
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Staff time and consultant services	\$75,000
Contractual	\$70,000

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize applications to the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation and the Kresge Foundation for \$70,000 and \$75,000, respectively, to support preparation of grant proposals for EDA and other ARP funding on behalf of the region. Authorize an agreement with Equity Cities to support the EDA grant application as described above for \$70,000.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel
Beth Heslowitz