



Board of Directors MEETING NOTICE

Mid-America Regional Council • 600 Broadway, Suite 200 • Kansas City, Missouri 64105 • 816/474-4240

May 24, 2022

Board Member Meeting: 12:00 p.m.

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

- **Members of the public who wish to participate in this meeting: please email Karina Bielecki at kbielecki@marc.org by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 for instructions to join the teleconference.**

AGENDA

1. Introductions and Board Sharing Time
2. VOTE: Election of Treasurer and Secretary for 2022 Board Term
3. REPORT: Recognition of Outgoing Board Member
4. COMPETITIVE ECONOMY
 - a. REPORT: KC Rising Update
5. CORE CAPACITIES
 - a. REPORT: Briefing on the 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
6. SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES
 - a. REPORT: Discussion of Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee Organizational Review
7. COMPETITIVE ECONOMY
 - a. REPORT and VOTE: Support Preparation of a Regional Digital Equity Action Plan
8. BRIEF REPORTS:
 - a. REPORT: Update on Regional COVID-19 Response and Recovery Initiatives
 - b. REPORT and VOTE: Authorize an Application to the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program's Produce Prescription Program to Increase Community Access to Fresh Produce
 - c. REPORT: Update on MARC's Website Redesign

CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

9. VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve Minutes of the April 26, 2022 Board Meeting
 - b. Approve an Agreement with GeoComm for 911 Mapping Software
 - c. Authorize Submission of Final SFY 2022 Area Plan Amendment
 - d. Approve a SFY 2022 Contract Ceiling Increase and SFY 2023 Contract Amounts and Rates for Selected Aging and Adult Services Partners
 - e. Authorize an Update and Re-release of the Rolling Aging Assessor Request for Qualifications



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- f. Authorize Contracts with CGA Consulting and ES Advisors to Provide Training, Advocacy, and Support for the Regional Community Health Worker Collaborative
- g. Authorize MARC Head Start to Receive and Expend Funds from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to Operate the Early Head Start State Program
- h. Authorize MARC Head Start to Apply for Early Head Start Expansion Continuation Funding from the Administration for Children and Families
- i. Authorize MARC Head Start to Apply for Cost of Living Adjustment and Quality Improvement Funds from the Administration for Children and Families to Support the Core Operating Grant
- j. Authorize an Application to the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation to Support and Expand the Educare Program
- k. Authorize Funding Agreements with Participating Local Governments for Operation Green Light's 2022-2023 Operating Years
- l. Authorize Funding Agreements with Participating Local Governments for Operation Green Light's Advance Traffic Management System Software Project Match
- m. Authorize a Contract Extension with Iteris for Traffic Signal Timing and Support Services for Operation Green Light
- n. Authorize a Supplemental Agreement with Affinis, Inc. for Traffic Engineering Services
- o. Approve the First Special Amendment to the 2022-26 Transportation Improvement Program

10. Other Business

11. Adjournment

MARC Board of Directors — Members and Alternates

Name	Jurisdiction	Title
Allen, Perry**	MoDOT	Asst. District Engineer
Bacon, John	City of Olathe	Mayor
Baird, Bill	City of Lee's Summit	Mayor
Boehm, Mike	City of Lenexa	Mayor
Boley, Damien	City of Smithville	Mayor
Bunch, Eric	City of Kansas City	Councilmember
Burnett, Scott	Jackson County	Legislator
Culbertson, Jeff	Leavenworth County	Commissioner
Dickey, David	City of Mission Hills	Mayor
Eilert, Ed	Johnson County	Commission Chairman
Ellington, Brandon	City of Kansas City	Councilmember
Fast, Becky	Johnson County	Commissioner
Fields, Vernon	City of Basehor	Councilmember
Garner, Tyrone	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Mayor/CEO
Grummert, Holly	City of Overland Park	Councilmember
Hall, Heather	City of Kansas City	Councilmember
Hanzlick, Janeé	Johnson County	Commissioner
Harrington, Jeff	City of Bonner Springs	Mayor
Heley, Logan	City of Overland Park	Councilmember
Hobart, Dan	City of Independence	Councilmember
Hurlbert, Victor	Clay County	Auditor
Huston, Bob	Cass County	Presiding Commissioner
Jarrold, Dick**	KCATA	Vice President
Johnson, Harold	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner
Johnson, Ryan	Cass County	Commissioner
Kane, Mike	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner
King, Bob	Ray County	Presiding Commissioner
Koehn, Leroy**	KDOT	District Engineer
Lucas, Quinton	City of Kansas City	Mayor
Lopez, Beto	City of Lee's Summit	Mayor Pro Tem
Makinen, Robbie**	KCATA	President/CEO
Markley, Angela	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner
McDonough, Mike	City of Raytown	Mayor
McKiernan, Brian*	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner
Mikkelson, Eric	City of Prairie Village	Mayor
Moriarty, Michael**	KDOT	Chief of Transportation Planning
Nolte, Jerry	Clay County	Presiding Commissioner
Pogue, Randy	City of Kearney	Mayor
Roberts, Rob	Miami County	Commission Chairman
Ross, Carson	City of Blue Springs	Mayor
Rowland, Rory	City of Independence	Mayor
Schieber, Ron	Platte County	Presiding Commissioner
Silvester, David**	MoDOT	District Engineer
Skoog, Curt	City of Overland Park	Mayor
Smith, Doug	Leavenworth County	Commission Chairman
Turnbow, Kristofer	City of Raymore	Mayor
Vogt, Marge	City of Olathe	Councilmember
Walker, Rick	City of De Soto	Mayor
White, Frank	Jackson County	County Executive
Wood, Dagmar	Platte County	Commissioner
Vaughan, Tyler	Miami County	Commissioner

*Public Transit Representatives (Voting) **Public Transit Advisory Representatives (Non-Voting)

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2022
Item No. 1

ISSUE:

Introductions and Board Sharing Time

BACKGROUND:

Time has been reserved on the agenda for introductions and items of interest to Board members. The Board Chair encourages board members to raise matters for discussion at future meetings or other issues of general concern or interest.

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2022
Item No. 2

ISSUE:

VOTE: Election of Treasurer and Secretary for 2022 Board Term

BACKGROUND:

The position of MARC Board Treasurer is currently vacant. MARC's Executive Committee has nominated Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez as Treasurer. Since Mayor Pro Tem Lopez is currently serving as MARC Board Secretary, the Executive Committee has concurrently nominated Mayor Damien Boley to the position of Secretary. If approved, 2022 Board Officers would then be as follows:

- Chair: Harold Johnson Jr., Commissioner, Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas
- First Vice Chair: Carson Ross, Mayor, City of Blue Springs, Missouri
- Second Vice Chair: Janeé Hanzlick, Commissioner, Johnson County, Kansas
- Treasurer: Beto Lopez, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Lee's Summit, Missouri
- Secretary: Damien Boley, Mayor, City of Smithville, Missouri

RECOMMENDATION:

Elect officers to the positions of Treasurer and Secretary for 2022 as recommended by the Executive Committee.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2022
Item No. 3

ISSUE:

Recognition of Outgoing Board Member

BACKGROUND:

The following members of the MARC Board have left in May:

Mayor Paula Schwach, Westwood Hills, Kansas

We would like to recognize these members for their service and leadership on the Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

None.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2022
Item No. 4-a
Competitive Economy

ISSUE:

REPORT: KC Rising Update

BACKGROUND:

KC Rising is a regional economic development initiative to grow an inclusive economy, including members of the public square (business, education, government, and human services). Formed in 2015 to help KC grow faster and more intentionally, KC Rising supports and amplifies complementary initiatives and serve with community-wide impact.

KC Rising exists to achieve a regional vision of prosperity for all by aligning and accelerating community effort for greatest impact. KC Rising measures progress against 10 benchmark metros that we typically compete against. The goal is for KC to rise in rank among these metro regions on two measures: grow the economy and include everyone.

To accomplish this, KC Rising relies on a distributed implementation model, allowing for a multitude of leaders and teams to work toward a shared vision of regional prosperity. Guided by a steering committee composed of business and education leaders, as well as regional elected officials, KC Rising concentrates its efforts on seven pillars of prosperity: enterprise, industry, inclusion, connectivity, culture, neighborhoods and education.

Sheri Gonzales, Director of KC Rising, will update the MARC Board on KC Rising's work.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2022
Item No. 5-a
Core Capacities

ISSUE:

REPORT: Briefing on the 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

BACKGROUND:

The annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) for fiscal year 2021 is nearly complete. An email with a link to the draft document will be sent out prior to Tuesday's meetings. Information that is still a work in progress will be highlighted in yellow.

The audit has been especially challenging this year due to MARC staffing changes, and because this is the first year of RubinBrown taking on more of the responsibility for preparing schedules and compiling the document. Staff is very appreciative of the support that the RubinBrown team has given us.

Included with this memo is the Auditor Communications Letter and the Management Representation attachment, which is a required communication to the Board from RubinBrown. At the Budget and Personnel Committee meeting, Kaleb Lily, partner at RubinBrown, will review the letter, and the draft ACFR document. He will also cover the following highlights:

- Disclosure 1(B) Significant Accounting Policies - Restatement
- Disclosure 3(B) Grants Receivable and Unearned Revenue
- Disclosure 3(G) 911 Equipment Fund
- Disclosure 4(A) Risk Management
- Disclosure 4(E) Postemployment Healthcare Plan

As part of the 2021 audit process, two other audit reports are prepared. Those documents will be available before the June meeting.

- Federal Single-audit Supplemental Financial Report
- Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District Report

Following this meeting, if there are any questions about the draft report that were not addressed at the meeting, please contact Carol Gonzales, Darlene Pickett, or David Warm at MARC, or Kaleb Lily, Partner with RubinBrown at (913) 859-7917. At the June meeting, additional information will be presented and Board members will be asked to vote on acceptance of the fiscal year 2021 audit reports.

RECOMMENDATION:

No action required at this time; information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Carol Gonzales
Darlene Pickett
Lisa Santa Maria

MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL

AUDITOR COMMUNICATIONS

DECEMBER 31, 2021

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Board of Directors and Members of Management
Mid-America Regional Council
Kansas City, Missouri

We have audited the financial statements of Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated _____2022*. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated January 25, 2022. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Qualitative Aspects Of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended December 31, 2021. We noted no transactions entered into during the year for which there was a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred. There are no instances where we consider a significant accounting practice that is acceptable under the applicable financial reporting framework not to be most appropriate to the particular circumstances of MARC.

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to communicate to you significant unusual transactions identified during our audit. There were no significant unusual transactions identified as a result of our audit procedures that were brought to the attention of management.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements were:

Management's estimate of the depreciable lives and estimated residual value of capital assets is based on management's experience with similar assets. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the depreciable lives and estimated residual value of capital assets in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the OPEB related liability and deferred inflows and outflows is based on assumptions used by actuaries and determining whether they are within guidelines established by professional standards. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the OPEB related estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The disclosures to the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear. Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the users of the financial statements. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements are:

- Disclosure 3(B) – Grants Receivable and Unearned
- Disclosure 3(G) – 911 Equipment Fund
- Disclosure 4(A) – Risk Management
- Disclosure 4(E) – Postemployment Healthcare Plan

Circumstances That Affect The Form And Content Of The Auditors' Report

For purposes of this letter, professional standards require that we communicate any circumstances that affect the form and content of our auditors' report. There were no circumstances that caused us to modify our auditors' report.

Matters Resulting In Consultation Outside The Engagement Team

There were no significant matters which resulted in consultation outside of our engagement team.

Difficulties Encountered In Performing The Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected And Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole. The attached schedule summarizes uncorrected misstatements, including disclosures, of the financial statements. Those uncorrected misstatements (including the current year effect of prior periods' uncorrected misstatements), in the aggregate decreased change in net position by \$67,993. Management has determined these uncorrected misstatements are not materially, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. Uncorrected misstatements or matters underlying those uncorrected misstatements could potentially cause future-period financial statements to be materially misstated, even though the uncorrected misstatements are immaterial to the financial statements currently under audit.

In addition, professional standards require us to communicate to you all material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures. There were no corrected misstatements.

Disagreements With Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the attached management representation letter.

Management Consultations With Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a “second opinion” on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to an entity’s financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors’ opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Information Included In Annual Reports

Pursuant to professional standards, our responsibility as auditors for other information, whether financial or nonfinancial, included in annual reports, does not extend beyond the information identified in the audit report, and we are not required to perform any procedures to corroborate such other information. However, in accordance with such standards, we have read the information and considered whether such information, or the manner of its presentation, was materially inconsistent with its presentation in the financial statements. Our responsibility also includes communicating to you any information which we believe is a material misstatement of fact. Nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that such information, or its manner of presentation, is materially inconsistent with the information, or manner of its presentation, appearing in the financial statements.

Other Audit Findings Or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as MARC’s auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors and Members of Management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

RubinBrown LLP
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Suite 1000
Kansas City, Missouri 64105

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of Mid-America Regional Council as of December 31, 2021 and for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing opinions on whether the basic financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows, where applicable, of the various opinion units of Mid-America Regional Council in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted for governments in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

We understand we are responsible for management decisions and functions, for designating a qualified employee to oversee any nonattest services you provide, for evaluating the adequacy and results of the services performed and accepting responsibility for such services.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

We confirm that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of [insert date of auditor's report] the following representations made to you during your audit:

Financial Statements

- 1) We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements of the various opinion units referred to above in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 2) The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and include all properly classified funds and other financial information of the primary government and all component units required by generally accepted accounting principles to be included in the financial reporting entity.
- 3) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- 4) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 5) Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates are reasonable.
- 6) All related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP.
- 7) All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- 8) The effects of uncorrected misstatements summarized in the attached schedule and aggregated by you during the current engagement are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the applicable opinion units and to the financial statements as a whole.
- 9) The effects of all known actual or possible litigation and claims have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

- 10) With regard to items reported at fair value:
 - a. The underlying assumptions are reasonable, and they appropriately reflect management's intent and ability to carry out its stated courses of action.
 - b. The measurement methods and related assumptions used in determining fair value are appropriate in the circumstances and have been consistently applied.
 - c. The disclosures related to fair values are complete, adequate, and in conformity with U.S. GAAP.
 - d. There are no subsequent events that require adjustments to the fair value measurements and disclosures included in the financial statements.
- 11) All component units, as well as joint ventures with an equity interest, are included and other joint ventures and related organizations are properly disclosed.
- 12) All funds and activities are properly classified.
- 13) All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments*, and GASB Statement No. 37, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments: Omnibus*, for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are considered important to financial statement users.
- 14) All net position components and fund balance classifications have been properly reported.
- 15) All revenues within the statement of activities have been properly classified as program revenues, general revenues, contributions to term or permanent endowments, or contributions to permanent fund principal.
- 16) All expenses have been properly classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations, if any, have been made on a reasonable basis.
- 17) All interfund and intra-entity transactions and balances have been properly classified and reported.
- 18) Deposit and investment risks have been properly and fully disclosed.
- 19) Capital assets, including infrastructure assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and if applicable, depreciated.
- 20) All required supplementary information is measured and presented within the prescribed guidelines.
- 21) Nonexchange and exchange financial guarantees, either written or oral, under which it is more likely than not that a liability exists have been properly recorded, or if we are obligated in any manner, are disclosed.
- 22) With regard to OPEB:
 - a. We believe that the actuarial assumptions and methods used to measure OPEB liabilities and costs for financial accounting purposes are appropriate in the circumstances.
 - b. We are unable to determine the possibility of a withdrawal liability from the OPEB Plan, of which we are a sponsor and are not currently contemplating withdrawing from the OPEB Plan.
 - c. Increases in benefits, elimination of benefits, changes in assumptions and all similar amendments have been disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP and are included in the most recent actuarial valuation, or disclosed as a subsequent event.

Information Provided

- 23) We have provided you with:
 - a. Access to all information, of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements of the various opinion units referred to above, such as records, documentation, meeting minutes, and other matters;
 - b. Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit; and
 - c. Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- 24) All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.

- 25) We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 26) We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the entity and involves:
 - a. Management;
 - b. Employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - c. Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 27) We have no knowledge of any instances, that have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws and regulations that have a material effect on the financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives, and any other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance, whether communicated by employees, former employees, vendors (contractors), regulators, or others.
- 28) We have no knowledge of any instances that have occurred or are likely to have occurred, of noncompliance with provisions of contracts and grant agreements that has a material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
- 29) We have no knowledge of any instances that have occurred or are likely to have occurred of abuse that could be quantitatively or qualitatively material to the financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives.
- 30) We have taken timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud, noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, or abuse that you have reported to us.
- 31) We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
- 32) We have identified for you all previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- 33) We have provided views on your reported audit findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as our planned corrective actions, for the report.
- 34) We have disclosed to you all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
- 35) We have disclosed to you the identity of all the entity's related parties and the nature of all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- 36) There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with or deficiencies in accounting, internal control, or financial reporting practices.
- 37) The entity has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.
- 38) We have disclosed to you all guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the entity is contingently liable.
- 39) We have identified and disclosed to you the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that could have a direct and material effect on financial statement amounts, including legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
- 40) There are no violations or possible violations or laws or regulations, or provisions of contracts or grant agreements whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, including applicable budget laws and regulations.
- 41) There are no other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by GASB 62.
- 42) We have disclosed to you all known actual or possible litigation, claims and assessment whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements
- 43) The entity has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset or future revenue been pledged as collateral, except as disclosed to you.
- 44) We have complied with all aspects of grant agreements and other contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- 45) We have disclosed to you all significant estimates and material concentrations known to management that are required to be disclosed in accordance with GASB-62. Significant estimates are estimates at the balance sheet date that could change materially within the next year. Concentrations refer to volumes of business, revenues, available sources of supply, or markets or

geographic areas for which events could occur that would significantly disrupt normal finances within the next year.

- 46) With respect to the combining and individual fund schedules and other supplementary information:
- a. We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the combining and individual fund schedules and other supplementary information in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and we believe the combining and individual fund schedules and other supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The methods of measurement and presentation of the combining and individual fund schedules and other supplementary information have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplementary information.
 - b. If the combining and individual fund schedules and other supplementary information is not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date we issue the supplementary information and the auditor's report thereon.
- 47) We have provided you with:
- a. A written acknowledgement of all the documents that we expect to issue that will be included in the annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) and the planned timing and method of issuance of that ACFR;
 - b. A final version of the ACFR (including all the documents that, together, comprise the ACFR) in a timely manner prior to the date of the auditors' report.
- 48) The financial statements and any other information included in the ACFR are consistent with one another, and the other information does not contain any material misstatements.
- 49) Your auditor's report will be included in our ACFR, which is comprised of an introductory, financial and statistical section and that this ACFR will be issued at the same time as the audited financial statements.

Single Audit

- 50) With respect to federal awards, we represent the following to you:
- a. We are responsible for understanding and complying with, and have complied with, the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).
 - b. We are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA) in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.
 - c. We believe the SEFA, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.
 - d. We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the SEFA in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Guidance, and we believe the SEFA, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with the Uniform Guidance. The methods of measurement or presentation of the SEFA have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the SEFA.
 - e. We are responsible for including the auditors' report on the SEFA in any document that contains the schedule and that indicates that the auditor has reported on such information.
 - f. We have identified and disclosed all of our government programs and related activities subject to the Uniform Guidance compliance audit.

- g. When the SEFA is not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the SEFA no later than the date of issuance by the entity of the SEFA and the auditors' report thereon.
- h. We have, in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, identified in the SEFA, expenditures made during the audit period for all awards provided by federal agencies in the form of grants, federal cost-reimbursement contracts, loans, loan guarantees, property (including donated surplus property), cooperative agreements, interest subsidies, food commodities, direct appropriations, and other assistance.
- i. We have provided to you our interpretations of any compliance requirements that are subject to varying interpretations.
- j. We have made available to you all federal awards (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence relevant to federal programs and related activities that have taken place with federal agencies or pass-through entities.
- k. We have received no requests from a federal agency to audit one or more specific programs as a major program.
- l. We have identified and disclosed to you all amounts questioned and any known noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements of federal awards, including the results of other audits or program reviews, or stated that there was no such noncompliance. We also know of no instances of noncompliance with direct and material compliance requirements occurring subsequent to period covered by the auditors' report.
- m. We have disclosed to you any communications from federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities concerning possible noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements, including communications received from the end of the period covered by the compliance audit to the date of the auditors' report.
- n. We have made available to you all documentation related to compliance with the direct and material compliance requirements, including information related to federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements.
- o. Federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements are supported by the books and records from which the basic financial statements have been prepared.
- p. The copies of federal program financial reports provided to you are true copies of the reports submitted, or electronically transmitted, to the respective federal agency or pass-through entity, as applicable.
- q. We have monitored subrecipients, as necessary, to determine if they have expended subawards in compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the subaward and have met the other pass-through entity requirements of the Uniform Guidance.
- r. We have issued management decisions for audit findings that relate to federal awards we make to subrecipients and such management decisions are issued within six months of acceptance of the audit report by the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. Additionally, we have followed-up ensuring that the subrecipients have taken the appropriate and timely action on all deficiencies detected through audits, on-site reviews, and other means that pertain to the federal award provided to the subrecipient from the pass-through entity.
- s. We have considered the results of subrecipients' audits and have made any necessary adjustments to our own books and records.
- t. We have properly classified amounts claimed or used for matching in accordance with related guidelines in the Uniform Guidance, as applicable.
- u. We have charged costs to federal awards in accordance with applicable cost principles.
- v. We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the summary schedule of prior audit findings to include all findings required to be included by the Uniform Guidance, and we have provided you with all information on the status of the follow-up on prior audit findings by federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, including all management decisions.
- w. We have disclosed to you the findings received and related corrective actions taken for previous audits, attestation engagements, and internal or external monitoring that directly

relate to the objectives of the compliance audit, including findings received and corrective actions taken from the end of the period covered by the compliance audit to the date of the auditor's report.

- x. The reporting package does not contain personally identifiable information.
- y. We have disclosed all contracts or other agreements with service organizations and disclosed to you all communications from these service organizations relating to noncompliance at the organizations.
- z. We have reviewed, approved, and taken responsibility for the financial statements and related notes and an acknowledgment of the auditor's role in the preparation of this information.
- aa. We have disclosed to you the nature of any subsequent events that provide additional evidence with respect to conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period that affect noncompliance during the reporting period.

In addition:

- bb. We are responsible for understanding and complying with the requirements of federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards related to each of our federal programs and have identified and disclosed to you the federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that are considered to have a direct and material effect on each major federal program; and we have complied with these direct and material compliance requirements
- cc. We are responsible for establishing and maintaining, and have established and maintained, effective internal control over compliance for federal programs that provide reasonable assurance that we are managing our federal awards in compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award that could have a material effect on our federal programs. Also, no changes have been made in the internal control over compliance or other factors that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action taken by management with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance, have occurred subsequent to the period covered by the auditors' report.
- dd. We are responsible for and have accurately completed the appropriate sections of the Data Collection Form and we are responsible for taking corrective action on audit findings of the compliance audit and have developed a corrective action plan that meets the requirements of the Uniform Guidance.

Carol Gonzales
Director of Finance and Administration

David A. Warm
Executive Director

Client: 20154.0000 - MARC (Mid America Regional Council)
Engagement: 2021 AUD - MARC (Mid America Regional Council)
Period Ending: 12/31/2021
Trial Balance: Government Fund Trial Balance
Workpaper: 3056 - Passed Journal Entries Report
Fund Level: All
Index: All

Account	Description	W/P Ref	Debit	Credit	Increase (Decrease) in Change in Net Position
Proposed Journal Entries					
Proposed Journal Entries JE # 2					
To adjust investments to fair value at year end					
1-RB	Investment (Appreciation) Depreciation		46,738		(46,738)
1-1230	Gov Securities Alloc - Child Care Scholarship			46,738	
Total			<u>46,738</u>	<u>46,738</u>	
Proposed Journal Entries JE # 4					
Remove inclusion of Bi-State as a Fiduciary Fund					
B-3200	Fund Balance		50,785		
B-4500	Interest Income		25		(25)
B-1111	Cash UMB 6460			23,601	
B-1131	Municipal Investment Pool			26,059	
B-5411	Consultants/Contracted Service--Administration			1,150	1,150
Total			<u>50,810</u>	<u>50,810</u>	
	Total Proposed Journal Entries		97,548	97,548	
				Current Year PJE	(45,613)
				Current Year Impact of Prior Year PJE	(22,380)
				Total Impact of Uncorrected Misstatements	<u>(67,993)</u>

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May 2022
Item No. 6-a
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

REPORT: Discussion of Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee Organizational Review

BACKGROUND:

The mission of the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee (RHSCC) is that agencies and organizations in the Kansas City metropolitan area (nine counties and 114 jurisdictions) cooperate to prevent, protect, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the threats and hazards the region faces through coordinated planning, information and resource sharing, training and exercises, and to the extent feasible, critical equipment replacement.

Originally, the RHSCC was formed by the MARC Board of Directors as a lead policy committee to address the events of September 11 and ongoing terrorist threats. The RHSCC brought together regional emergency services committees to coordinate and advance regional emergency services goals. It was formed before there were large sums of federal funding and focused on all-hazards investments. Over time the RHSCC mission and the funding that supported it grew to address prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery efforts for the range of threats and hazards the region faces. Shared plans and policies, trained and exercised personnel, material resources, and strong relationships ensure that agencies are better positioned to share information and resources, support one another, and prevent, protect, and respond to whatever threat or incident occurs in our region. The RHSCC has been designated by the two states to oversee the allocation of federal homeland security funds for the bi-state region.

With the ever-changing and expanding threat picture (cyber, pandemic, domestic violence extremism, complex coordinated terrorist attacks, etc.), the RHSCC is facilitating a review and engagement process to identify the optimal inclusive multi-discipline, jurisdictional, and effective organization structure for its work.

The optimal structure will:

- Maximize the time, interest, and energy of participating communities, agencies, and personnel,
- Streamline the number of committees and meetings requiring local official participation while not losing needed engagement, and
- Strengthen support to the core committees and improve internal and external communications.

Key considerations include but are not limited to:

- Maintaining aspects of the current structure that add value for stakeholders while identifying gaps or areas for improvement
- Continuing to meet states' requirements related to funding sources
- Identifying ways to strengthen operations
- Minimizing duplication
- Maximizing participation across the five mission areas of prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery
- Ensuring flexibility and increased resiliency in response to the ever-changing threat environment

The review process involves extensive stakeholder engagement through interviews, focus groups, and surveys. Staff seeks input from the MARC Board of Directors at the May meeting. The project consultant, Brandy Welch of IEM, will facilitate a discussion to gain insight on the following:

- Threats and hazards that pose the greatest concern;
- Opportunities for increased coordination and cooperation;

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- Information and training needs;
- The role of the MARC Board in response and recovery to provide coordinated leadership, planning, and action to advance common goals.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Regional Homeland Security Coordination committee approved and has committed to this review and analysis.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Erin Lynch

Lauren Palmer

Marlene Nagel

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May 2022
Item No. 7-a
Competitive Economy

ISSUE:

REPORT and VOTE: Support Preparation of a Regional Digital Equity Action Plan

BACKGROUND:

Congress has authorized over \$100 billion to support addressing broadband infrastructure and digital equity needs. States and local communities recognize the importance of quality, reliable, affordable internet for businesses and residents. The states of Missouri and Kansas are considering the use of some American Rescue Plan dollars for broadband infrastructure, particularly to improve connections in rural areas. The recent Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act allocated \$65 billion for infrastructure and equity. Each state will be receiving a minimum of \$100 million for infrastructure and additional resources for digital equity. In the near future, states will be provided the opportunity to seek federal funds to support preparation of statewide digital equity plans. Following development of those plans, funds to support implementation would be available to communities and non-profits.

Initial planning work completed for the KC Rising Place Committee by Rockcreek Way has helped raise awareness among business and civic leaders that only 73.5 percent of our area households have broadband services, with disparities in many urban neighborhoods and rural communities. Meaningful use includes ability to use the technology with devices and knowhow for education, employment, and health. The technology and connectivity are fundamental to ongoing personal engagement and social and community involvement for personal well-being.

Local government, business, and civic interests recognize the opportunities and the challenges in front of us. There are sizable resources coming from the federal government for investments in broadband infrastructure and digital equity. The lack of clear plans and funding proposals limit the region's ability to be in a position to secure a portion of the funds being directed to the states of MO and KS.

MARC, KC Rising, and the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City have outlined an initiative to advance regional plans to improve broadband infrastructure and address digital equity. This effort is responding to needs identified by the KC Rising's Place Committee, the Coalition for Digital Inclusion, the UMKC digital equity task group, and others to achieve a mutually stated goal that all households in the KC region have access to quality, affordable broadband for meaningful use.

To respond to these opportunities and challenges, MARC (representing local governments), KC Rising (a business-led initiative), and the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank (with background and expertise on this issue and community development engagement) have agreed to support the development of a strategic action plan taking full advantage of the expertise that exists in the community and with broad community engagement.

Work underway and planned to be initiated soon includes:

Gaps in Broadband Infrastructure - MARC proposes to contract with Black and Veatch to analyze unserved and underserved neighborhoods and areas in the Kansas City region using private and public data. The analysis will put the region in a better position to seek funds to reduce gaps and improve quality broadband availability. The \$49,770 cost would be split between MARC (\$29,770 from funding received from the COVID-19 Regional Response and Recovery Fund) and the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City (\$20,000).

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Digital Equity - Support a regional digital equity strategy plan that identifies what investments are needed to move toward the goal of having all households in the metro area with access to affordable quality broadband. The planning work involves working with local and national consultants, local officials, libraries, schools, community experts, and others. Initial planning work in addition to the funds required for the broadband infrastructure analysis would be supported by approximately \$160,000 in COVID-19 Fund dollars. The planning will:

- Build on prior work by local governments and community organizations committed to digital equity.
- Be regional in focus.
- Engage local officials and community organizations to seek broad community input.
- Develop specific investment recommendations for infrastructure, connectivity, devices, and skill building.
- Include information identified by the National Digital Inclusion Alliance for state digital equity plans, and in coordination with state broadband offices, produce information and a plan that will ensure that the needs and possible investments for the KC area are incorporated into the state plans.
- The investments will focus on taking full advantage of existing assets, institutions, and organizations in the community; encourage collaborative approaches; recognize the challenges that many households face to connectivity to achieve meaningful use; and focus on securing federal funds in the short-term while considering long-term sustainability.

Digital Equity Pilot - MARC is in discussion with the Regional COVID-19 Fund's Advisory Board on use of funds as outlined:

1. Outline use of the \$800,000 to the Advisory Board members working on digital equity and secure approval from the Advisory Board for use of funds through MARC process
2. Secure support for recommendation from full board for use of initial \$200,000 toward planning
 - a. \$29,770 toward Black & Veatch analysis (plus \$20,000 from Civic Council)
 - b. \$35,000 initial investment for Triveece Penelton/Vireo to support community outreach for pilot project and design of outreach for digital equity plan
 - c. Funds of up to \$115,000 for nationally recognized digital planning consultant and additional community engagement
3. Secure support for MARC to oversee investment of remaining \$600,000
 - a. Ask for requests from community organizations to deploy digital navigators to help households apply for federal Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) and to identify device and training needs (up to \$200,000)
 - b. \$50,000 for KC Digital Drive to work with community organizations to provide training on how to take best advantage of ACP and other internet service provider programs for low-income households
 - c. Ask for requests/proposal plans to use up to \$200,000 for devices, working with PCs for People and libraries to provide or loan devices to households
 - d. Ask for requests/proposals for up to \$150,000 for digital literacy training (Goodwill, Literacy KC, Libraries)

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The digital equity planning and broadband infrastructure analysis will be supported by a \$20,000 grant from the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City and up to \$200,000 from the Kansas City Regional COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund. The Fund's Advisory Board has set aside \$800,000 to address digital equity. MARC is determining the potential to guide the use of the remaining \$600,000 to pilot promotion of the federal Affordable Connectivity Program to help households with limited incomes with low-cost broadband services; and to provide devices and digital skills training to support households achieving meaningful use of the technology.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize MARC to partner with KC Rising and the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City to lead a regional digital equity planning effort, including a limited analysis of broadband infrastructure. Authorize an agreement with Black and Veatch for \$49,770 to prepare a broadband infrastructure analysis for the nine-county region and an agreement with Vireo for \$35,000 for digital equity community engagement. Authorize acceptance of funds from the Civic Council of \$20,000 toward the broadband analysis, and up to \$800,000 from the COVID-19 Fund to support digital equity planning and implementation of a pilot program.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel

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Item No. 8-a

ISSUE:

REPORT: Update on Regional COVID-19 Response and Recovery Initiatives

BACKGROUND:

MARC staff will give short updates on regional efforts in which we are engaged to support and coordinate regional response and recovery to the COVID-19 pandemic, including a rise in COVID-19 cases, changes in hospitalizations, and other data.

RECOMMENDATION:

None; information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel
Jennifer Sutherlin

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May 2022
Item No. 8-b
Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an Application to the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program's Produce Prescription Program to Increase Community Access to Fresh Produce

BACKGROUND:

The USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP) released a Request for Applications in late April for Produce Prescription Programs. The deadline for applications is June 30, 2022. The proposal that is being developed by MARC staff and community partners will connect health care providers serving low-income patients at risk of developing diet related illnesses with retailers (Balls Food stores) selling fresh fruits and vegetables.

The clinical partners will identify eligible participants for the program. Participants must be enrolled in Medicaid, at risk of developing a diet related health condition (pre-diabetes, pre-hypertension) and have recently experienced food insecurity. The following clinics are likely to be included in the project, pending finalization of the proposal: Samuel Rodgers, Swope Health, AdventHealth, and the University of Kansas Medical Center.

After participants are referred into the program, they would attend an orientation meeting. After the orientation meeting, for six months they will receive nutrition education and an incentive (i.e., gift card or debit card) allowing participants to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at Balls Food stores.

To facilitate participant purchases, About Fresh (Boston, MA), a not-for-profit incentive card developer, has a card specifically for produce prescription programs. Balls Food stores utilizes FiServ electronic payment providers, which may offer a lower-price service and integration with a wide variety of stores that utilize Retailx for their point-of-sale system. Project partners will make a final selection between the two options during proposal development or implementation, if awarded.

Participants will be surveyed by evaluators from the University of Kansas Medical Center during the 6-month period regarding health, fruit and vegetable consumption, food security, and other related topics. After the 6-month period, the participating clinics will perform follow-up lab tests and the evaluators will conduct final assessments to determine the impact of the program.

The maximum amount that can be requested through this funding opportunity is \$500,000 for up to a 3-year grant period.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

A successful grant application to the USDA for a Produce Prescription Program proposal would bring new revenue to MARC to support the program. This revenue would support the program for a proposed 3-year grant period. The proposed budget is intended to cover the expenses of this new program.

REVENUES	
Amount	Up to \$500,000
Source	USDA NIFA Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$180,000
Contractual	\$180,000
Pass-Through	\$115,000

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Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$25,000
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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize MARC's Aging and Adult Services Department to apply for up to a \$500,000 grant from the USDA NIFA Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program for a Produce Prescription Program and, if awarded, to accept the funds and execute the agreements with contractors if awarded.

STAFF CONTACT:

Donna Martin

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May 2022
Item No. 8-c
Core Capacities

ISSUE:

REPORT: Update on MARC's Website Redesign

BACKGROUND:

In January 2021, the MARC Board of Directors approved a contract with a web partner to redesign and restructure MARC.org. The goals were to create a website that is:

- Clean, modern, and visually pleasing
- Easy to navigate and search
- Mobile responsive and ADA compliant
- Easy to manage, including adding and editing pages and documents
- Able to organize and display a variety of content types including text, images, documents, events, and data

MARC staff will give a short demonstration of the redesigned website. The goal is to launch the site by the end of May.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kristin Johnson-Waggoner
Amy Strange

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May 2022
Item No. 9-a

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve minutes of the April 26, 2022 Board meeting

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the April 26, 2022 meeting are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the April 26, 2022 meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm

Karina Bielecki



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING SUMMARY
April 26, 2022
12:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Carson Ross, Blue Springs, Mo. - MARC Board 1st Vice Chair
Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, Kan. - MARC Board 2nd Vice Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez, Lee's Summit, Mo. - MARC Board Secretary
Mayor Curt Skoog, Overland Park, Kan.
Commissioner Rob Roberts, Miami County, Kan.
Mayor Paula Schwach, Westwood Hills, Kan.
Presiding Commissioner Jerry Nolte, Clay County, Mo.
Councilmember Daniel Hobart, Independence, Mo.
Mayor Eric Mikkelson, Prairie Village, Kan.
Commissioner Doug Smith, Leavenworth County, Kan.
Commissioner Angela Markley, Unified Government of Wyandotte/Kansas City, Kan.
Commissioner Becky Fast, Johnson County, Kan.
Mayor Kristofer Turnbow, Raymore, Mo.
Councilmember Logan Heley, Overland Park, Kan.
Mayor Michael Boehm, Lenexa, Kan.
Mayor Tyrone Garner, Unified Government of Wyandotte/Kansas City, Kan.
Mayor Mike McDonough, Raytown, Mo.
Councilmember Vernon Fields, Basehor, Kan.
Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, Mo.
Commissioner Andrew Davis, Unified Government of Wyandotte/Kansas City, Kan.
Councilmember Holly Grummert, Overland Park, Kan.
Councilmember Eric Bunch, Kansas City, Mo.

STAFF PRESENT

Executive Director David Warm and other MARC staff

OTHERS

Mayor Mike Kelly, Roeland Park, Kan.

INTRODUCTIONS AND BOARD SHARING TIME

Commissioner Harold Johnson was unable to attend, so Mayor Carson Ross called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and welcomed attendees. Due to the meeting being held remotely, Mayor Ross 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, as well as the consent agenda, with one vote at the end of the meeting. Members will have an opportunity to abstain or object to any items necessary during the final vote.

Self-introductions were made, and members shared items of interest from their jurisdictions.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mayor Ross recognized Mayor Eileen Weir for her service to the MARC Board of Directors. He also announced that the Executive Committee would bring forward a nomination for the Treasurer position at the next meeting in May.

EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION AND QUALITY PLACES

REPORT: Transportation Funding Programs Update

Mr. Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment at MARC, provided updates on several ongoing transportation funding programs. One of MARC's fundamental roles as Metropolitan Planning Organization is to provide a forum and facilitate processes for cooperative decision-making about the use of federal transportation dollars for projects and programs in the Kansas City area. Consistent with this role, MARC issued a call for projects for pre-applications for federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), and Surface Transportation Block Grant Program - Set Aside (TAP) funding programs estimated to total \$103.8 million through FFY 2026. A total of 135 completed pre-applications were received.

MARC awards sub-allocated federal transportation funding to eligible local priorities that advance regional goals, strategies, and actions as articulated in the metropolitan transportation plan, Connected KC 2050. Over the next 2 months, MARC committees will review these candidate projects for plan alignment. This preapplication assessment is advisory in nature and will not preclude a sponsor's ability to submit a project for funding consideration during the full technical application stage over the summer.

US DOT recently released a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program. Various applications were submitted by regional agencies for USDOT consideration. In addition, a bi-state multi-city application for a planning study was submitted by MARC on behalf of the partnership team for the Bistate Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor. During this month's Board meeting, MARC staff will provide an overview on the various RAISE program applications which have originated from our region, as well as anticipated timeline for program selection.

Several other opportunities for competitive grant funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law are known or anticipated. Most recently, US DOT issued a combined notice of funding opportunity for the INFRA, MEGA, and RURAL programs, due May 23, 2022. Many other competitive programs for Bridges; Culverts; Carbon Reduction; Advanced Transportation Technologies & Innovative Mobility Deployment; Reconnecting Communities; Congestion Relief; and others are pending. More information is available at: https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/BUILDING-A-BETTER-AMERICA_FINAL.pdf#page=11. There were no questions.

HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

REPORT: Briefing on Regional and International Climate Coordination and Building Energy

Exchange Efforts

Mayor Mike Kelly with Climate Action KC introduced Ms. Ashley Sadowski, Executive Director of the Building Energy Exchange, to report on recent regional and international climate coordination efforts. The Regional Building Energy Exchange (BE-Ex KC) is an initiative of Climate Action KC and led or participated in many of the events over the course of the week. Ms. Sadowski reported that, during the week leading up to the Regional Climate Action Summit held on Saturday, April 9, participants from 19 different regions in the US and around the world arrived in Kansas City to learn from local leaders in climate and energy work and share their experiences through a partnership with Climate Action KC.

The International Urban and Regional Cooperation Program (IURC), a program of the European Union, has paired the Kansas City region with Metropolis GZM, based in Katowice, Poland and consisting of 41 cities and communes in the center of the Silesian Province. The delegation from Metropolis GZM participated in discussions on innovation, alternative fuels and unmanned aerial vehicles, transportation, university and public sector collaboration, and sustainable development. The IURC and the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM) joined forces with Climate Action KC for the second half of the week to lead a Renovation Wave Networking Event. This event included discussions on sustainable buildings, fulfilling local climate action plans through renovation wave initiatives, and presenting creative and replicable solutions.

The week culminated in the Regional Climate Action Summit with over 600 participants attending at Johnson County Community College. There were no questions.

REPORT: Update on Green Infrastructure Implementation Efforts and Potential Next Steps

Mr. Tom Jacobs, Environmental Programs Director at MARC, reported that MARC has long embraced green infrastructure conservation in ways that are integral to MetroGreen, Planning Sustainable Places, the Climate Action Plan, Clean Air Action Plan, Regional Transportation Plan, and Hazard Mitigation Plan. Staff will provide an update on recent efforts to advance green infrastructure conservation and restoration and share potential next steps to make continued progress.

From the planning perspective, MARC adopted the Green Infrastructure Framework in June 2019. An EPA Wetlands Program Development grant supported regional plan integration leading to more robust implementation efforts at both the regional and local levels. Much of that effort was focused at the intersection of climate protection and transportation (e.g. complete and green streets, Planning Sustainable Places).

From a policy perspective, the framework identified several priority policy areas. EPA funds supported the development of model ordinances on tree protection and native landscaping. Staff shared detailed information about those policy proposals, along with plans to address the stream protection, stormwater management standards, and transportation system resilience rooted in nature-based solutions. There were no questions.

COMPETITIVE ECONOMY

REPORT: Economic Forecast Update for Kansas City Metropolitan Area

Mr. Frank Lenk, Director of Research Services at MARC, shared an economic forecast for the region. He reported that US job growth has been exceptionally strong, averaging 600K per month.

Still, payroll employment is roughly 1.5 million below the pre-pandemic peak. Job postings remain at record levels as employers seek employees in the face of record quits and retirements. The official unemployment rate is just 0.1% above its pre-recession low, while the broader measure of labor underutilization, the U-6 rate that includes discouraged workers and part-time workers who want to work full-time, is 0.1% *below* the pre-pandemic low. The unemployment rate for Black workers is nearly twice that of white workers, while Latino workers' unemployment rate is about 30% higher. Asian unemployment, at 2.8%, is the lowest of all racial groups. Prime-age labor force participation is finally growing more strongly and is now only 0.5% below the pre-recession peak.

Mr. Lenk shared some of the underlying assumptions of Moody's Analytic's baseline forecast: that the Russian invasion of Ukraine won't expand beyond Ukraine, that oil supply will be down between 2-3 million barrels per day, that the economy will reach full employment by summer, and that the US dollar remains strong. Contrastingly, in a "stagflation scenario", inflation accelerates even as the economy remains below full employment. In this scenario, the military conflict between Russia and Ukraine persists longer than anticipated and oil supply is down by up to 4 million barrels per day. Supply-chain problems also persist, and the US economy decelerates to very weak growth.

Despite an expected slow-down in GDP in first quarter 2022 due to the Omicron variant, GDP growth is now on the same trajectory it was before the pandemic hit under the baseline forecast. Under the stagflation scenario, the economy barely grows, making it susceptible to a new recession when the Fed aggressively tackles inflation. The trajectory for employment in the baseline, though, does not recover to its pre-pandemic trajectory due to ongoing labor supply issues. Slow GDP growth under the stagflation scenario produces slow job losses until the Fed-induced recession occurs. Jobs don't fully recovery until 2028 Q2. The baseline forecast shows unemployment to already be at or very near the bottom, while under the stagflation scenario, unemployment rises gradually to near 5 percent by the end of 2023 before the recession pushes it above 9 percent in 2024.

Sharing an outlook on inflation, Mr. Lenk reported that energy costs accounted for more than half of the March increase in prices. Energy prices remain high, but have stabilized, and so should contribute less to the rate of future inflation. Supply chain issues continue to be a factor in creating rising goods prices. Supply bottlenecks had been gradually easing, but new lockdowns in China seem to be increasing them again. Prices are significantly higher now than they were a year ago, but will rising prices become embedded in producer and consumer expectations? This is what concerns the Fed. Stagflation is realistic only in the presence of such expectations, which can themselves cause inflation even when unemployment is high.

Looking at the local economy, Mr. Lenk noted that the Bureau of Labor Statistics recently revised the metro area employment data across the nation. In the process, KC's overall rate of job growth was cut in half. Industries hit hardest include leisure & hospitality, manufacturing, transportation & warehousing, and retail. Consequently, the trajectory of KC's employment recovery is much shallower than the nation's trajectory. We've only recovered 82% of our lost jobs, compared to 93% for the nation. Compared to the 10 other metros KC Rising uses to benchmark the regional economy against, KC's economy was slightly more resilient in the downturn. But since September 2020, the region's employment has grown slower than most. Consequently, our job growth in the last 12 months ranked 9th out of 11. Yet, despite slow employment growth, our unemployment

rate has returned to its pre-pandemic low of 3.3%. This suggests labor supply issues may be biting here more than elsewhere. The region's history of relatively low rates of net in-migration help support this hypothesis.

Based on the revised job growth figures, the date when KC will exceed its pre-pandemic employment levels has been pushed back to 2023 Q1, a year later than prior forecasts. The new data shows a regional economy that didn't bust as low as the nation, but also isn't booming as high. Rather than growing slightly faster than the US, KC is now projected to grow slower, with full recovery of jobs lost lagging the nation by about 9 months. The good news is that job growth is expected to be faster this year than last under the baseline scenario. If stagflation hits and the Fed pushes interest rates high enough to cause a serious recession, we may not fully recover the jobs lost until the last half of the decade. Several sectors the region specializes in proved more resilient in the downturn, such as finance and professional/technical services. Looking at the region's exporting sectors, transportation & warehousing and professional/technical services are expected to rebound strongly, while finance, information, and wholesale trade grow modestly. Manufacturing is basically stable over the forecast period.

In summary, the economic recovery continues nationally, but locally the KC economy has begun to lag the nation and most of its peers. This conclusion is based on recently revised data that tabulated employment levels from administrative records that all employer businesses file for unemployment insurance purposes. At this time, it is not clear why the Kansas City metro's job growth should be slower than its peers. It is clear that labor availability is low here, given its low unemployment rate, and this is likely impacting growth. The region's relatively low net migration rate means other metros may be better able to attract residents, and so potential workers, from around the country. This means for KC's economy to grow, we simply must find ways to better employ the people who are already here, moving people from the lower-paid to the high-demand and higher-paid sectors of the economy.

Mayor Mike Boehm inquired about the region's lag in attracting new residents. Mr. Lenk attributed it not to the KC region being unattractive, but to coastal and other regions proving more attractive. Mayor Boehm inquired if the housing shortage contributed, but Mr. Lenk responded that housing is low everywhere. He replied it would be an interested topic for further analysis.

BRIEF REPORTS

REPORT: Update on Regional COVID-19 Response and Recovery Initiatives

Ms. Marlene Nagel, Director of Community Development at MARC, reported that new hospital cases of COVID continue to decline. Area hospitals still continue to face staffing issues. Ms. Nagel reported that the new variant is responsible for 86% of new cases. Because many people are now testing in-home instead of with a provider, cases may be undercounted. Several local health departments have initiated after action reviews for their jurisdictions to understand COVID's impact on the community over the last two years and what has been learned from the experience. MARC is looking at funding and other resources to support community public health. There were no questions.

REPORT: Update on Bike Month and the 2022 Greater Kansas City Trails & Bikeways Map

Ms. Beth Dawson, Principal Planner at MARC, reported that May is celebrated as "National Bike

Month.” During this time, MARC promotes cycling using Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds under the Active Transportation and Air Quality programs. Activities include:

- Promotion of cycling activities from around the region from organizations such as Bike Walk KC and area schools on kcbikemonth.com.
- A media ad campaign to promote cycling using radio, billboards, and social media.
- The Bike Month Challenge, in which participants log trips using RideshareKC and are entered to win prizes.

MARC also prints a map of the 8-county Kansas City region’s trails and bikeways every two years. Data is largely solicited from cities and counties by MARC staff. The 2022 map portrays approximately:

- 912 miles of shared use path and 4 miles of two-way cycle track
- 168 miles of bike lanes and 619 miles of marked, unseparated bikeways
- 145 miles of mountain bike trails, 290 miles of pedestrian hike trails and 118 miles of equestrian trails

The printed map includes a QR code that accesses the [online version of the map](#), which will show updates made since the map was printed. The printing will use CMAQ funds under the Active Transportation program. Approximately 20,000 maps will be printed and distributed across the region. There were no questions.

CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes of the March 22, 2022 Board Meeting
- b. Approve Actions Taken at the March 29, 2022 Head Start Advisory Committee Meeting
- c. Approve Changes to Employee Fringe Benefit Package Effective July 1, 2022
- d. Approve an Agreement with John Marshall for Services Related to Office Expansion
- e. Approve an Agreement with Odimo for Architectural and Construction Management Services Related to Office Expansion
- f. Authorize an Agreement with Kansas City Audio-Visual to Update the Audio/Visual System in the Board Room
- g. Approve an Agreement with GeoComm for the GeoComm GIS Data Hub
- h. Approve an Agreement with AT&T for a Switched Ethernet Circuit to Supply Redundant Access to the Regional 911 System
- i. Authorize an Agreement with Linn County to Join the Regional 911 System
- j. Approve an Agreement with Motorola to Purchase VESTA Call-taking Hardware for Linn County
- k. Authorize a Contract Extension with Mike Parker through December 2022 for Emergency Services Support for the Regional COVID-19 Coordination Hub and Related Planning and Recovery Services
- l. Authorize Amendments to SFY 2022 Contracts and Approve SFY 2023 Contract Amounts and Rates for Selected Partners
- m. Authorize a Service Agreement with University of Missouri Kansas City to Assist Patients with Heart Failure
- n. Authorize the Release of SFY 2023 National Family Caregiver Request for Proposals
- o. Approve a Contract with Brungardt Honomichl & Co. for Design Engineering and Construction Management Services to Support the Regional Preventive Maintenance Program

- p. Approve the 2022 2nd Quarter Amendment to the 2022-26 Transportation Improvement Program
- q. Approve Functional Classification System Updates

MOTION: Mayor Mike Boehm moved for approval of all agenda items and the consent agenda, and Mayor Pro Tem Lopez seconded. Mayor Ross asked if any member wanted to abstain or object to any of the agenda items. Mayor Michael Boehm abstained from item 7-o. All others were in favor of approving agenda items 7-c through 8-i. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

MEETING SUMMARY APPROVED:

Harold Johnson, Chair

Date

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2022
Item No. 9-b
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve an Agreement with GeoComm for 911 Mapping Software

BACKGROUND:

The current agreement with GeoComm for 911 mapping software expires on December 31, 2022. MARC 911 put together a group of mapping super-users from across the region to evaluate 911 mapping software available in the Houston-Galveston Area Cooperative contracts for use in the MARC region. The group reviewed products from four 911 mapping software providers (GeoComm, Rapid Deploy, Motorola, and Intrado). The group looked at security, functionality, service, which product would work best in the PSAPs (Public Safety Answering Points) environment, and price. After scoring each product, the users group selected GeoComm Maps, a cloud-based solution, as the best product for the MARC 911 region. Although the contract will not commence until January 1, 2023, early approval will allow MARC 911 and GeoComm to begin the technical transition from the current server-based solution to the cloud-based solution. This will allow for a quicker transition in 2023 and less impact on the PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) users in the region.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

This is a five-year agreement with a total contract cost for five years of \$1,125,451.70. The cost in 2023 budget will be \$176,507.17 (\$174,614.40 for the 2023 subscription and a one-time setup cost of \$1,892.77 for GIS Map Data Review and GIS Setup Services)

REVENUES	
Amount	\$176,507.17
Source	2023 911 Allocation Budget
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$176,507.17

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Public Safety Communications Board approved contracting with GeoComm for GeoComm Maps and including the costs in the 2023 911 budget at the April 20, 2022 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Vote to approve the five-year contract with GeoComm for 911 mapping services.

STAFF CONTACT:

Eric Winebrenner
Saralyn Hayes

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2022
Item No. 9-c
Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize Submission of Final SFY 2022 Area Plan Amendment

BACKGROUND:

MARC is required to submit an Area Plan, including budget items, to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for all Older Americans Act expenditures. The final SFY 2022 Area Plan amendment reflects all updated allocation information from the State as well as up-to-date spending across programs and services.

Please refer to handout for information on allocations by service, Older Americans Act Title, and dollar amounts.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Please refer to handout.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Commission on Aging recommended that MARC be authorized to submit the final SFY 2022 Area Plan amendment to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize submission of the final SFY 2022 Area Plan Amendment as described.

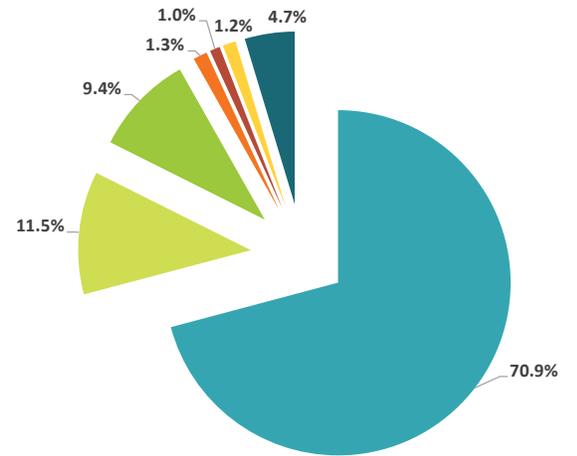
STAFF CONTACT:

Bob Hogan
James Stowe

Proposed SFY 2022 Final Area Plan Budget Amendment

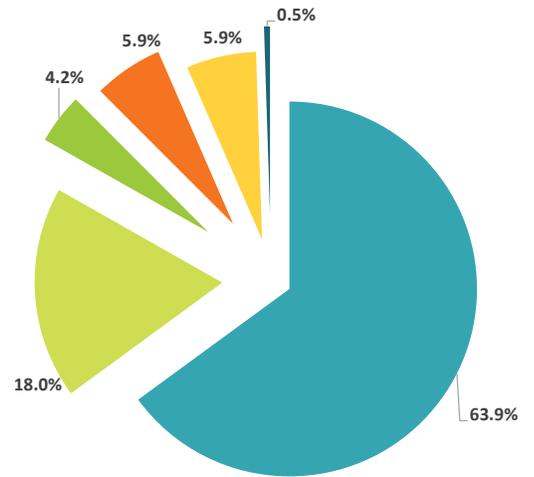
Revenues by Source

MO DSDS	7,447,985	70.9%
In-Kind	1,210,425	11.5%
Medicaid	991,200	9.4%
Project Income	138,650	1.3%
Local	101,374	1.0%
MEHTAP	128,109	1.2%
Other	491,252	4.7%
Total	10,508,995	100.0%



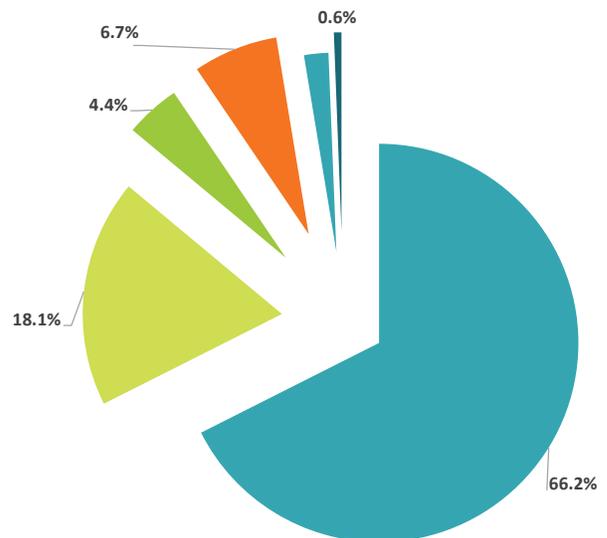
Total Budget by Program

Nutrition	6,715,969	63.9%
Supportive Services	1,888,275	18.0%
Family Caregiver	446,511	4.2%
Administration	616,321	5.9%
Special Projects	622,389	5.9%
Disease Prevention	53,167	0.5%
Ombudsman	166,363	1.6%
Total	10,508,995	100.0%



MO DHSS SFY 2023 OAA Distribution by Program

Nutrition	4,930,127	66.2%
Supportive Services	1,349,147	18.1%
Family Caregiver	325,637	4.4%
Administration	501,947	6.7%
Special Projects	144,597	1.9%
Disease Prevention	45,167	0.6%
Ombudsman	151,363	2.0%
Total	7,447,985	100.0%



AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

May 2022
Item No. 9-d
Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve a SFY 2022 Contract Ceiling Increase and SFY 2023 Contract Amounts and Rates for Selected Aging and Adult Services Partners

BACKGROUND:

MARC competitively procures partners to deliver services. For high performing service lines, or when there is little opportunity to improve the existing model, MARC seeks renewal of contracts for up to three years before seeking partners through the RFP process.

For SFY 2023, several service lines were due for the regular-cycle RFP release. Each proposal was scored by a review panel of MARC staff, members of the Commission on Aging, and community experts.

This item recommends partnership contracts and rates across funding sources for SFY 2023. Full details are enclosed on the following pages.

To maintain service for SFY 2022, one partner, Jewish Family Services, is recommended for a contract ceiling increase of \$36,000 due to strong utilization of their demand transportation service line, which has increased enrollments and utilization following the easing of COVID-19. Title IIIB, Supportive Services, of the Older Americans Act funds transportation services.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The appended proposed contracts list delineates funding sources, contract amounts, and service rates for SFY 2023. Contracts funded by Older Americans Act funding are included in MARC's Area Plan and submitted for approval to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The MARC Commission on Aging recommended authorization to approve an SFY 2022 contract ceiling increase and 2023 contract amounts and rates for selected partners.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve one SFY 2022 contract ceiling increase and SFY 2023 contract amounts and rates for selected Aging and Adult Services partners as described.

STAFF CONTACT:

James Stowe

**SFY 2023 PROPOSED CONTRACTS
DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES**

The following summary represents recommended State Fiscal Year 2023 contractors and partners for Aging and Adult Services. Final details, contract limits, and performance standards will be outlined prior to execution of final contracts.

COMMUNITY CENTER SERVICES:

Title III C.1:

Each center provides an array of services within each contract, but specifics may vary from contract to contract. Unit-based costs are estimated only, based upon historical performance (i.e., units delivered) of the contractor.

The City of Liberty operates a hot daily home-delivered meals program, in partnership with Liberty Hospital. Liberty's per meal price is proposed at \$5.35, which remains below the mean for the region and is recommended for approval.

Several respondents proposed dramatically higher per unit costs from previous years. For hot daily home-delivered meals, these cost increases are likely to result in reduced services and ceilings on overall contracts. Some respondents depend on the catered meal provider to deliver hot daily home-delivered meals. Therefore, high catered meal costs extend similar service and cost constraints to partners under that model for hot daily home-delivered meals.

Cost containment, cooperative purchasing, and collaboration on shared resources and approaches is needed to restrict rapidly increasing costs.

MARC staff recommend requiring all relevant parties to accept individual food and supply items under SeniorAge's purchasing process wherever cost efficiencies can be realized.

Support for administrative functions is under review after MARC received several requests for revision to the approach. A new formula that ties administrative compensation to service volumes, client characteristics, and alignment with strategic priorities is under development. In this action, we request authorization to contract for up to \$60,000 in support for urban centers and \$45,000 in support for rural centers, with the final amount dependent upon the new formula.

A separate amount of \$25,000 is recommended for centers who are partnering with MARC on the launch of an enhanced system to deliver frozen meals. These include KC Shepherd's Center, City of Blue Springs (Vesper Hall), Guadalupe Centers, City of Independence (Palmer Center), and Palestine Senior Activity Center. This may be one-time support or become regular depending upon viability of the service line at individual sites. MARC also intends to provide software for meal routing, inventory management, and customer service, as appropriate. A per-meal rate of \$1.65 for delivery will provide additional support for centers. Some centers incur cost in picking up bulk orders of meals from the re-pack facility before completing last mile delivery. For this activity, the rate will be a minimum of \$175/month, plus \$150 for each additional delivery over one (1) delivery, up to a maximum of \$625/month, for each month in which bulk frozen meals were picked up. Guadalupe Centers incurs cost for a similar activity but delivering bulk meals to the re-pack facility. Reimbursement for bulk delivery will be at the same rate for pickup.

These services include the delivery of group-based disease prevention and health promotion courses. The courses are licensed by entities approved by the Administration for Community Living and are known to improve health and other outcomes among participants. Awards include the following compensation rates, specific to evidence-based programs:

Evidence-based PHP program facilitation at \$50-100/completer
 Evidence-based PHP program training at \$500/Leader Training

MARC is working with community leaders and non-profit organizations in Platte County to establish community center services in that important portion of the service area. Approval will be sought when the model and partners are fully defined.

Assessment compensation is at the same rate posted in the Aging Assessor RFQ. The most recent rate table is below:

Compensation: The MARC Aging and Adult Services Assessor will be compensated based upon the following reimbursement schedule			
Activity	Description	Rate	Unit
Orientation Training	Training with brief testing (in-person and online); shadow an existing assessor in the field; training reimbursement is payable upon completion of the first submitted assessment to MARC	\$27	Hour
Older Americans Act (OAA) Assessment	For services such as home-delivered meals	\$50	Assessment
Telephonic Assessment	Assessment conducted remotely (telephonic or video), for Older Americans Act or integrated care initiatives	\$30	Assessment
In-depth Assessment	Deeper assessment of client characteristics, functional status, etc., including Arizona Self-Sufficiency Matrix, or similar.	\$65	Assessment
Medicaid Re-Assessments	Testing period, before anticipated value-based contract	\$75*	Assessment
	After anticipated value-based contract	\$92*	Assessment
	Rate if value-based quality scores are attained	\$128*	Assessment
Care Management/Community Support/Options Counseling	Initial Veterans Directed Care (VDC) in-home visit, FMS enrollment, assessment, and options counseling; initial integrated care in-home visit and care plan development	\$300	Per client/per first month
Ongoing care management, community support, or options counseling	Including self-directed services assessment and enrollment	\$190	Per client/per month
Miscellaneous	At discretion of supervisor, reimbursement may be available for extra duties performed by the assessor at a mutually agreed upon rate	\$27	Per hour, unless otherwise specified
*Medicaid re-assessment rate is dependent upon State funding, MARC's value-based contract, and attainment of quality scores			

Palestine Senior Activity Center – 3325 Prospect Avenue, Kansas City, MO

Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$5.00/one-way trip.....	12,500
Delivery of home delivered meals, unit rate \$3.45.....	15,500
Preparation of congregate and home delivered meals, unit rate \$5.35.....	52,000
Home delivered meals reassessments.....	3,000
Evidence-based DPHP programs.....	10,000
Frozen home delivered meal delivery.....	12,500
Administration of the center.....	33,000
Total Value of Contract.....	\$138,500*

City of Blue Springs -- Vesper Hall, 400 NW Vesper, Blue Springs, MO

Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$2.50/one-way trip.....	15,500
Delivery of home delivered meals, unit rate \$2.20.....	58,320
Preparation of congregate meals, \$5.86/meal and home delivered meals, \$5.96/meal ..	140,000
Evidence-based DPHP programs.....	10,000
Frozen home delivered meal delivery.....	12,500
Administration of the center.....	33,000
Total Value of Contract.....	\$269,320*

Guadalupe Centers – 1015 Avenida Cesar Chavez, Kansas City, MO

Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$5.00/one-way trip.....	25,000
Delivery of home delivered meals, unit rate \$3.74.....	40,000
Preparation of congregate meals, \$5.44/meal and home delivered meals, \$5.55/meal ..	95,000
Home delivered meals reassessments.....	5,000
Evidence-based DPHP programs.....	10,000
Frozen home delivered bulk delivery.....	5,400
Frozen home delivered meal delivery.....	35,000
Administration of the center.....	55,000
Total Value of Contract.....	\$270,400*

Note: Guadalupe Centers' overall rate for hot daily home-delivered meals, at \$9.29/meal, raises viability concerns.

City of Liberty – Liberty Silver Center, 1600 Withers Rd, Liberty, MO

Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$2.75/one-way trip.....	15,000
Delivery of home delivered meals, unit rate \$2.20.....	5,500
Home delivered meals administration of a volunteer system, \$5.35/meal.....	25,000
Evidence-based DPHP programs.....	10,000
Home delivered meals reassessments.....	2,500
Administration of the center.....	33,000
Total Value of Contract.....	\$91,000

Shepherd's Center of KC-Central – 9200 Ward Parkway, STE 200 Kansas City, MO

Delivery of home delivered meals, unit rate \$2.20.....	28,000
Home delivered meals reassessments.....	6,000
Frozen home delivered meal delivery.....	35,000
Evidence-based DPHP programs.....	5,000
Administration of the center.....	33,000
Total Value of Contract.....	\$107,000*

City of Independence– Palmer Center, 218 N Pleasant, Independence, MO

Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$6.25/one-way trip.....	20,000
Evidence-based DPHP programs.....	10,000
Home delivered meals reassessments.....	6,000
Frozen home delivered meal delivery.....	35,000
Administration of the center.....	33,000
Total Value of Contract.....	\$104,000*

Don Bosco Community Center – 580 Campbell Street, Kansas City, MO

Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$5.25/one-way trip.....	70,000
Delivery of home delivered meals, unit rate \$3.60.....	100,000
Preparation of congregate meals, \$6.62/meal and home delivered meals, \$6.67/meal	300,000
Home delivered meals reassessments.....	9,000
Evidence-based DPHP programs.....	10,000
Administration of the center.....	60,000
Total Value of Contract.....	\$549,000

Note: Don Bosco's overall rate for hot daily home-delivered meals, at \$10.27/meal, raises viability concerns.

Cass County Council on Aging – Harrisonville Senior Center, 2400 Jefferson Pkwy, Harrisonville, MO

Preparation and delivery of home delivered meals, unit rate \$6.85.....	30,000
Preparation of congregate meals, \$4.45/meal.....	30,000
Evidence-based DPHP programs.....	10,000
Administration of the center.....	33,000
Total Value of Contract.....	\$103,000

City of Belton, Belton Senior Center – 609 Minnie Avenue, Belton, MO

Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$6.25/one-way trip.....	15,625
Evidence-based DPHP programs.....	10,000
Administration of the center.....	33,000
Total Value of Contract.....	\$58,625

City of Excelsior Springs, Excelsior Springs Senior Center – 500 Tiger Drive, Excelsior Springs, MO

Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$6.25/one-way trip.....	9,000
Evidence-based DPHP programs.....	10,000
Administration of the center.....	20,000
Total Value of Contract.....	\$39,000

Ray County Fellowship Center – 1015 West Royle, Richmond, MO

Evidence-based DPHP programs.....	10,000
Administration of the center.....	20,000
Total Value of Contract.....	\$30,000

City of Oak Grove, Davis Oak Grove Senior Center – 1901 Broadway, Oak Grove, MO

Delivery of home delivered meals, unit rate \$2.62.....	2,250
Transportation services to and from the center, unit rate \$0.72/one-way trip.....	2,500
Evidence-based DPHP programs.....	5,000
Administration of the center.....	20,000
Total Value of Contract.....	\$29,750

**Plus support for launch/enhancement of frozen meal delivery of \$25,000, equipment, software, and other supplies.*

CATERED MEALS:

Don Bosco Community Center

At Belton Senior Center, Davis Oak Grove Senior Center, Excelsior Springs Senior Center, Liberty Silver Center, Palmer Senior Center, and Ray County Fellowship Center at a unit rate of \$7.22 for a **total value of \$316,879.**

Guadalupe Centers

For Kansas City Shepherd's Center at a unit rate of \$5.62/meal delivered or \$5.55/meal picked-up for a **total value of \$64,524**

MARC staff recommend requiring all relevant parties to accept individual food and supply items under SeniorAge's purchasing process wherever cost efficiencies can be realized.

Renewal

Titles III B and III E (these providers also are approved for Title IIID)

CARE MANAGEMENT (SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER):

Jewish Family Services (including Title IIID)

Contract-specific Social Determinants of Health Screen at \$30/screen
Contract-specific Arizona Self-Sufficiency Matrix (or similar) Assessment at \$60/assessment
Flat-rate care management at \$280/initial month; \$230 per subsequent months
Evidence-based PHP program facilitation at \$50-100/completer
Evidence-based PHP program training at \$500/Leader Training
Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$55,000

KC Care Health Center (including Title IIID)

Contract-specific Social Determinants of Health Screen at \$30/screen
Contract-specific ASSM Assessment at \$60/assessment
Flat-rate care management at \$280/initial month; \$230 per subsequent months
Evidence-based PHP program facilitation at \$50-100/completer
Evidence-based PHP program training at \$500/Leader Training
Total Value of Contract not to exceed \$165,000

Metro Lutheran Ministries (including Title IIID)

Contract-specific Social Determinants of Health Screen at \$30/screen
Contract-specific ASSM Assessment at \$60/assessment
Flat-rate care management at \$280/initial month; \$230 per subsequent months
Evidence-based PHP program facilitation at \$50-100/completer
Evidence-based PHP program training at \$500/Leader Training
Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$55,000

Kansas City Shepherd's Center (including Title IIID)

Contract-specific Social Determinants of Health Screen at \$30/screen
Contract-specific ASSM Assessment at \$60/assessment
Flat-rate care management at \$280/initial month; \$230 per subsequent months
Evidence-based PHP program facilitation at \$50-100/completer
Evidence-based PHP program training at \$500/Leader Training
Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$55,000

Community Health Council of Wyandotte County (including Title IIID)

Contract-specific Social Determinants of Health Screen at \$30/screen
Contract-specific ASSM Assessment at \$60/assessment
Flat-rate care management at \$280/initial month; \$230 per subsequent months
Evidence-based PHP program facilitation at \$50-100/completer
Evidence-based PHP program training at \$500/Leader Training
Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$55,000

NON-URBAN COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION:

This form of transportation service allows predominantly rural providers to adopt a flexible approach to services across a range of categories. These include trips to a variety of consumer-requested destinations, the possibility of routed trips, inclusion of vehicles equipped with lift-ramps for clients who use assistive devices, delivery of home-delivered meals, and transportation to and from senior centers located in the area.

For Cass County, Community Health Council of Wyandotte County will partner with ride hailing companies, largely for consumer-requested destinations.

Ray County

Direct Transit

Total Value of Contract..... \$105,850

Cass County

Community Health Council of Wyandotte County

Total Value of Contract..... \$72,000

DEMAND TRANSPORTATION

Demand transportation is for consumer-requested destinations. Clients largely determine the time and type of trip, according to the provider’s policies and operating procedures.

Jewish Family Services

\$28.00/one-way trip under 30 miles (+\$0.50/one-way trip)

\$41.75/one-way trip, 30-45 miles (-\$13.25/one-way trip)

\$56.00/one-way trip, 45-60 miles (+\$1.00/one-way trip)

Total Value of Contract..... \$120,000

Proposed Johnson and Wyandotte Counties in KS only (MSN transportation)

Community Health Council of Wyandotte County

Services to be provided at \$27.50 per one-way trip

Total Value of Contract..... \$25,000

Title III C.2

PRE-PLATED HOME DELIVERED MEALS:

Trio Community Meals is a critical partner for frozen meal services across the region, including MARC’s entire Medicaid portfolio.

Trio Community Meals

Services to be provided at \$5.35 per meal

Potential Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$1,995,429

Renewal

Titles III C

Food Sourcing, Frozen Home-Delivered Meals (community model)

SeniorAge provides frozen home-delivered meals to the “community model” first established at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite relatively stable pricing during the recent period of rising raw food and other costs, SeniorAge has proposed a variable per-meal rate indexed to monthly inflation measures. MARC staff recommend

negotiating a more stable pricing period, such as quarterly or bi-annual adjustments, but request the flexibility to accept the monthly rate, if necessary.

SeniorAge (Area Agency on Aging, Springfield, MO)

Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$300,000

Titles III B, D, and E

INTEGRATED CARE NETWORK PARTNER SERVICES:

These services include the delivery of group-based disease prevention and health promotion courses. The courses are licensed by entities approved by the Administration for Community Living and are known to improve health and other outcomes among participants. Awards include the following compensation rates, specific to evidence-based programs:

Evidence-based PHP program facilitation at \$50-100/completer
Evidence-based PHP program training at \$500/Leader Training

Clay County Senior Services

Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$10,000

Platte County Senior Fund

Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$10,000

Kansas City Quality Improvement Consortium

Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$25,000

Tri-County Mental Health

Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$10,000

Care Connection for Aging Services (MSN)

Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$10,000

Young at Heart Resources (MSN)

Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$10,000

Johnson County Department of Health and Environment

Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$10,000

University of Missouri Extension

Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$10,000

OTHER CONTRACTS:

Renewal

LEGAL SERVICES (SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND FAMILY CAREGIVER), Titles IIIB and IIIE:

Legal Aid of Western Missouri

Total Value of Contract..... not to exceed \$52,848

FAMILY CAREGIVER STRUCTURED RESPITE:

Shepherd Centers of America proposes "BreakTime Club," a short-term structured respite program designed for family caregivers at \$190,030 for the program year, including in-

kind contributed costs. Note: MARC may recommend requiring respondent to use a MARC caterer for meals, at a reduced cost from the proposed \$8.00 per client, per session.

Shepherd's Centers of America
Total Value of Contract..... **\$190,030**

Renewal
IN-HOME SERVICES (HOMEMAKER/PERSONAL CARE AND NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER)
Titles III B, and E

Advantage Home Care
 Services to be provided at \$21.12 per hour*
Discounted from retail rate of \$25.00 per hour
Total Value of Contract..... **\$172,079**
 *Contractual obligation of respondent requires services to be provided at or above the Medicaid rate. MoHealthNet rate adjustments may require MARC rate adjustments.

All Ways Caring Home Care
 Services to be provided at \$21.12
Discounted from retail rate of \$23.00 per hour
Total Value of Contract..... **\$108,426**

Help at Home
 Services to be provided at \$21.12 per hour
Total Value of Contract..... **\$25,120**

Integrity
 Services to be provided at \$21.12 per hour
Total Value of Contract..... **\$149,709**

Renewal
GRANT CONTRACTS
Administration for Community Living HHS-2021-ACL-AOA-CSSG-0014

MARC was awarded a three-year grant from the Administration for Community Living to continue to act as a Network Lead Entity for statewide efforts to strengthen delivery of health promotion and disease prevention programming, especially under contracts with health care entities. To advance this work, MARC needs support from a contracted project director, partner Area Agencies on Aging and MU Extension for program delivery, the Missouri Association of Area Agencies on development and statewide reporting, and a vendor to handle revenue cycle management under Medicare contracts.

ES Advisors, LLC
 Contract project management (\$86,863 annually)..... **\$260,589**
Total Value of Contract..... **\$260,589**

Area Agencies on Aging and MU Extension (service provision)
 University of Missouri Extension (course completer reimbursement only) \$--
 Aging Ahead (St. Louis region) \$42,846
 Aging Best (Columbia) \$42,846
 Aging Matters (Southeast) \$42,846
 Care Connection for Aging Services (Warrensburg)..... \$42,846
 Region X (Joplin) \$42,846

St. Louis Area Agency on Aging (City of St. Louis).....	\$42,846
SeniorAge (Springfield).....	\$42,846
Young at Heart Resources (St. Joseph).....	\$12,201
All providers, reimbursement for course completers, \$136/unit	\$175,879
Total Value of Contracts	\$488,002
Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging	
Contract development and statewide reporting (3-year total)	\$48,264
Total Value of Contracts	\$48,264
Enable Healthcare, Inc.	
Revenue cycle management, Medicare (\$15,000 annually)	\$45,000
Total Value of Contracts	\$45,000
Frost Brown Todd, LLC	
Contract and compliance counsel (\$5,051 annually)	\$15,151
Total Value of Contracts	\$15,151

Titles III B and E

HOME MODIFICATIONS AND REPAIRS:

These services include home modifications and repairs with a goal of helping individuals age in place. Typically, projects are under \$5,000 and each household is limited to one project per year. The State Unit on Aging, within the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, may consider requests for projects that exceed \$5,000, but remain below \$10,000.

For SFY 2023, select organizations have requested increases in their contract ceilings, based upon project capacity and historical performance.

HopeBuilders	
Total Value of Contract.....	not to exceed \$125,000
Metro Lutheran Ministries	
Total Value of Contract.....	not to exceed \$125,000
Jewish Family Services	
Total Value of Contract.....	not to exceed \$90,000
Rebuilding Together	
Total Value of Contract.....	not to exceed \$90,000
Northland Neighborhoods, Inc.	
Total Value of Contract.....	not to exceed \$90,000

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May 2022
Item No. 9-e
Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an Update and Re-release of the Rolling Aging Assessor Request for Qualifications

BACKGROUND:

Continued demand for assessments of function and need for services has driven the development of a cadre of qualified professionals who contract with MARC to meet this community need. MARC competitively selects contractors through a rolling Request for Qualifications (RFQ) approach and has experienced high rates of satisfaction and retention of independent contractors since the approach was adopted.

Since a recent update and re-release approval, additional changes in rates, approaches to service, and assessment opportunities have emerged. Therefore, an additional update and re-release is sought, along with the approval of existing Aging Assessors to be qualified for the new opportunities.

Under new legislation, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services will contract with each Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to conduct Medicaid Re-Assessments under value-based contracts. For MARC, 210 monthly assessments will be required, and a quality tool has been created to ensure assessments meet state standards. If volume and quality measures are achieved, an incentive rate of up to \$175/assessment will be offered to the AAA, which is an increase from the current rate of \$75/assessment.

Aging Assessor rate updates are contained in the table below:

Compensation: The MARC Aging and Adult Services Assessor will be compensated based upon the following reimbursement schedule			
Activity	Description	Rate	Unit
Orientation Training	Training with brief testing (in-person and online); shadow an existing assessor in the field; training reimbursement is payable upon completion of the first submitted assessment to MARC	\$27	Hour
Older Americans Act (OAA) Assessment	For services such as home-delivered meals	\$50	Assessment
Telephonic Assessment	Assessment conducted remotely (telephonic or video), for Older Americans Act or integrated care initiatives	\$30	Assessment
In-depth Assessment	Deeper assessment of client characteristics, functional status, etc., including Arizona Self-Sufficiency Matrix, or similar.	\$65	Assessment
Medicaid Re-Assessments	Testing period, before anticipated value-based contract	\$75*	Assessment
	After anticipated value-based contract	\$92*	Assessment
	Rate if value-based quality scores are attained	\$128*	Assessment
Care Management/Community Support/Options Counseling	Initial Veterans Directed Care (VDC) in-home visit, FMS enrollment, assessment, and options counseling; initial integrated care in-home visit and care plan development	\$300	Per client/per first month

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Ongoing care management, community support, or options counseling	Including self-directed services assessment and enrollment	\$190	Per client/per month
Miscellaneous	At discretion of supervisor, reimbursement may be available for extra duties performed by the assessor at a mutually agreed upon rate	\$27	Per hour, unless otherwise specified
*Medicaid re-assessment rate is dependent upon State funding, MARC's value-based contract, and attainment of quality scores			

Existing Aging Assessors will be administratively requalified according to new opportunities and any new qualification or credential requirements. Contract amounts range from \$25,000 - 75,000, depending upon the individual contractor's historical volume of service.

Megan Grubb, Total Value of Contract.....	\$25,000
Tammera Davis, Total Value of Contract.....	\$25,000
Joedi Forquer, Total Value of Contract.....	\$50,000
Kathryn Schwenk, Total Value of Contract.....	\$25,000
Ashley Graffam-Fizer, Total Value of Contract.....	\$75,000
Erik Nelson, Total Value of Contract.....	\$75,000
Tristan Sherman, Total Value of Contract.....	\$25,000
Shannon Venerable, Total Value of Contract.....	\$75,000

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Source	Amount
Older Americans Act; MSN (health care contracts); Veteran Directed Care program, US Dept of Veterans Affairs	\$500,000
Missouri MoHealthNet Medicaid	\$441,000*
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$70,000
Contractual	\$822,560
Total	\$892,560

*Revenues above expenses are retained for program development, reserves, and other initiatives.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

At its May 11, 2022 meeting, the Commission on Aging recommended authorization to update and re-release the rolling Aging Assessor RFQ.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an update and re-release of the rolling Aging Assessor RFQ as described above.

STAFF CONTACT:

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May 2022
Item No. 9-f
Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize Contracts with CGA Consulting and ES Advisors to Provide Training, Advocacy, and Support for the Regional Community Health Worker Collaborative

BACKGROUND:

MARC's regional health care access initiative supported a regional committee focused on developing community health workers as a key part of the health care system. Community Health Workers (CHWs) are individuals trained to work with patients to connect them to needed health care and community services to improve their health outcomes, including reducing re-admissions at hospitals. MARC received funding over the past six years to support the committee's work and has identified ongoing work to continue to advance the development of a trained workforce. The work over the past year has focused on advocacy to encourage agencies to consider adding CHWs to their workforce; supervisory and other training and enrollment in a state credential for CHWs in both Missouri and Kansas to increase professionalism of those in the workforce; and preparation of a toolkit to help agencies understand how to use billing codes for reimbursement of CHW services as well as encouraging state agencies and private health payers to reimburse agencies for CHW services related to improving patient health outcomes.

The work in 2022 will focus on continued emphasis on training the CHW workforce; advocacy to increase the workforce among health care, public health, and community organizations; and support for enabling reimbursement of CHW services by Medicare, private insurers, and Medicaid.

Two consultants have assisted MARC over the past several years. Caitlin Allen, CGA Consulting, was selected through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process, and she has provided support for training services. She would continue to assist with supervisory and continuing education training services over the next year. Erika Saleski, ES Advisors, has provided support since the formation of the CHW Collaborative in 2015, and continues to support advocacy and policy work, as well as efforts on sustainability through development and training of a toolkit for reimbursement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize two contracts, one with CGA Consulting for \$40,000 and one with ES Advisors for \$65,000, to be supported by grant funds from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Health Forward Foundation.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel
Hannayd Ruiz

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May 2022
Item No. 9-g
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize MARC Head Start to Receive and Expend Funds from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to Operate the Early Head Start State Program

BACKGROUND:

MARC Head Start will be awarded the renewal of a grant from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to operate the state-funded Early Head Start (EHS) Program. The award will allow MARC to continue providing EHS services to 103 children in two of its direct service providers, the Independence School District and Operation Breakthrough, Inc. One hundred percent of these funds are passed through to these two agencies and used for the provision of direct services to children and families. MARC Head Start requests authorization to receive and expend funds for the upcoming year of this grant: July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$1,493,500.00
Source	Grant Renewal with the MO Dept. of Elementary & Secondary Education Office
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual (100% Pass-through)	
Independence School District	\$667,000.00
Operation Breakthrough Inc.	\$826,500.00

Total	\$1,493,500.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize MARC Head Start to receive and expend \$1,493,500.00 from the Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education for the period of July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, to serve the state-funded Early Head Start Program in the amounts shown above.

STAFF CONTACT:

Steven Lewis
Jovanna Rohs

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May 2022
Item No. 9-h
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize MARC Head Start to Apply for Early Head Start Expansion Continuation Funding from the Administration for Children and Families

BACKGROUND:

In October 2018, the Administration for Children and Families announced new funding available for the expansion of existing Early Head Start (EHS) programs throughout the four states in Region VII. MARC Head Start applied and was awarded funding resulting from the initial announcement, and each year since with continuation applications. For the upcoming year of the new grant period to begin September 1, 2022, MARC Head Start proposes to utilize this funding for the existing number of expanded enrollment slots to continue serving 84 EHS children in the early childhood programs of the following five providers: Blue Springs School District, Learn-A-Lot, Early Start (formerly United Inner City Services), Kansas City Public Schools, and Operation Breakthrough. The total amount of annual funding available is \$1,771,901. Included in this total is \$48,433 in funds to support program operations via a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and Quality Improvement (QI). All programs listed below have provided proof that cost-of-living adjustments were made in 2021-2022 for all staff. MARC Head Start requests authorization to receive and expend funds for the upcoming year of this grant, September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES					
Amount	\$1,771,901				
Source	Administration for Children and Families				
PROJECTED EXPENSES					
Contractual	Program	COLA	QI	Training	Total
Kansas City Public Schools	334,144	7,619	0	6,797	348,560
Operation Breakthrough	569,152	12,977	0	13,782	595,911
Blue Springs SD	284,576	6,489	0	6,891	297,956
Learn-A-Lot	213,432	4,867	0	5,168	223,467
Early Start (UICS)	142,288	3,245	0	3,445	148,978
Contractual Totals	1,543,592	35,197	0	36,083	1,614,872
MARC	142,076	3,236	10,000	1,717	157,029
Grand Total	1,685,668	38,433	10,000	37,800	1,771,901

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize MARC Head Start to submit an EHS Expansion continuation application, and to receive and expend \$1,771,901 from the Administration for Children and Families for the period of September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023.

STAFF CONTACT:

Steven Lewis
Jovanna Rohs

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May 2022
Item No. 9-i
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize MARC Head Start to Apply for Cost of Living Adjustment and Quality Improvement Funds from the Administration for Children and Families to Support the Core Operating Grant

BACKGROUND:

MARC received a funding opportunity announcement from the Administration for Children and Families on April 20, 2022, for a FY2022 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.28% (\$482,658 for Head Start and \$128,120 for Early Head Start). In coordination with its partnering agencies, MARC has determined to utilize the additional dollars available from COLA funding for 2021-22 to ensure all staff in partnering programs received a minimum increase in their hourly rate of pay. COLA funds will be directly allocated to participating partnering agencies. These programs will also receive an increase to their 2022-23 base contract which runs from November 1, 2022 to October 31, 2023.

Included in the same funding announcement is the availability of Quality Improvement (QI) funds in the amount of \$94,251 for Head Start (HS) and \$37,610 for Early Head Start (EHS). Grantees are strongly encouraged to use the QI funds to invest in program efforts, with the flexibility to use the QI funds to meet the most pressing local needs, consistent with Section 640(a)(5) of the Head Start Act.

In coordination with its Direct Service Providers, MARC proposes to use the remaining funds from COLA FY21 to offset higher operating costs. HS/EHS programs will identify their agency priorities where support is most needed to enhance their operational and programmatic capacity. MARC will utilize the funds to offset costs that were not included in the FY 21 budget. These include technology upgrades and replacements, office modifications and furniture. MARC proposes to use the QI funds to add additional staffing needs to meet the workforce challenges.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES—Head Start and Early Head Start Core			
Amount	\$742,639		
Source	Administration for Children and Families		
PROJECTED EXPENSES			
Contractual-	HS	EHS	QI
Direct Service Providers-Tier 1			
Ability KC	0	5,661	
Blue Springs School District	3,540	0	
Emmanuel Family & Child Dev Ctr	10,738	0	
Excelsior Springs School District	7,080	0	
Front Porch Alliance	0	5,004	
Grandview School District	8,840	2,642	
Guadalupe Center Inc.	14,400	0	
Learn A Lot	8,554	5,646	
Lee's Summit School District	8,840	2,600	
Raytown School District	9,027	0	
Direct Service Providers-Tier 2			
Center School District	14,625	0	
The Family Conservancy	5,280	15,840	
Early Start (UICS)	19,110	7,920	
Direct Service Providers-Tier 3			

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Independence School District	54,522	12,132	
Kansas City Public School	114,540	0	
Operation Breakthrough, Inc.	45,900	9,051	
YMCA of Greater Kansas City	77,614	36,088	
Contractual Totals	402,610	102,584	
MARC	80,048	25,536	131,861
Grand Total	\$482,658	\$128,120	\$131,861

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize MARC Head Start to apply for, receive, and expend FY2022 Cost of Living Adjustment and Quality Improvement funds in the amount of \$742,639 for the Head Start and Early Head Start core grant.

STAFF CONTACT:

Jovanna Rohs
Steven Lewis

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May 2022
Item No. 9-j
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an Application to the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation to Support and Expand the Educare Program

BACKGROUND:

MARC wishes to submit a two-year grant application to the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation to expand and strengthen the Educare Program. Since 2018, MARC has administered the Educare program. Educare is a twenty-year old state funded initiative that provides resources, technical assistance, and training opportunities at free or reduced cost to child care providers in Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray counties in Missouri.

Current state funding for this program has limited the impact to approximately 13% of eligible early learning programs in the region and funding is not available to support additional quality improvement materials and resources many of these programs lack such as learning materials, shelving, and basic health and safety equipment.

Funds from this grant will be used to provide:

- Environmental screenings in participating programs to determine material needs and improvements;
- Quality improvement equipment and learning material grants;
- Coaching support to up to 15 additional small, licensed centers and up to 15 additional family child care providers that serve a high proportion of subsidy children;

This project complements and fits with the current mission and supports the work of other initiatives within MARC's Early Learning Department. Much of the funding from this agreement will be passed through to direct service agencies. A portion of the funds will be used to support existing staff time in the management and oversight of the project subcontracts and to support data entry and coordination of program supports.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Funding from this grant will be included in the 2022 and 2023 budgets

REVENUES	
Amount	\$300,000
Source	Kauffman Foundation
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$40,500
Contractual	\$208,000
Quality Improvement Grants	\$ 50,000
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$1,500

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a two-year \$300,000 grant application to the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation and, if awarded, acceptance and expenditure of grant funds.

STAFF CONTACT:

Jovanna Rohs
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May 2022

Item No. 9-k

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize Funding Agreements with Participating Local Governments for Operation Green Light's 2022-2023 Operating Years

BACKGROUND:

Operation Green Light (OGL) is a MARC program that has been serving the region for over 15 years to help state and local governments that own and operate traffic signals on regional arterial roadways work together to coordinate traffic signals to improve traffic flow, reduce excessive fuel consumption, and reduces emissions.

MARC staff currently assists in the management, traffic signal timing, and operation for 755 intersections in 27 jurisdictions throughout the region and operates MARC's regional communications network. The staff utilizes advance video technology to collect traffic count data, signal timing modeling tools to analyze traffic flow, and advanced traffic management system (ATMS) software that connects to the traffic signals in real time.

In order to receive the local funds as the federally required match for the OGL program, MARC must enter into agreements with the local governments shown in Table 1 below. MARC utilizes Federal Surface Transportation (STP) Funds through Missouri and Kansas Departments of Transportation. The STP funds are allocated at an approximate 54% rate of the program budget with the other 46% coming from local funds.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Agreements total to \$604,000 annually or \$1,208,000 for the two-year agreement period from the local governments identified below.

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FOR OPERATING YEARS 2023-2024			
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS			
		Locations weighted	Cost per signal
	Agency	by % ownership	at \$800/year
			for 2 years
1	BELTON	7	\$ 11,200
2	BLUE SPRINGS	9	\$ 14,400
3	BONNER SPRINGS	4	\$ 6,400
4	FAIRWAY	2	\$ 3,200
5	GLADSTONE	6	\$ 9,600
6	GRANDVIEW	5	\$ 8,000
7	INDEPENDENCE	36	\$ 57,600
8	KCMO	199	\$ 318,400
9	LANSING	4	\$ 6,400
10	LEAVENWORTH	1	\$ 1,600
11	LEAWOOD	11.25	\$ 18,000
12	LEE'S SUMMIT	16	\$ 25,600
13	LENEXA	35	\$ 56,000
14	LIBERTY	6	\$ 9,600
15	MERRIAM	21	\$ 33,600
16	MISSION	2.75	\$ 4,400
17	MISSION WOODS	0.75	\$ 1,200
18	MODOT	222	\$ 355,200
19	NORTH KANSAS CITY	7	\$ 11,200
20	OLATHE	15	\$ 24,000
21	OVERLAND PARK	44.75	\$ 71,600
22	PRAIRIE VILLAGE	6.75	\$ 10,800
23	RAYMORE	6	\$ 9,600
24	Roeland Park	3	\$ 4,800
25	SHAWNEE	14.5	\$ 23,200
26	UGOVT/KCK	69	\$ 110,400
27	WESTWOOD	1.25	\$ 2,000
	TOTALS	755	\$ 1,208,000

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize agreements as needed with the noted agencies.

STAFF CONTACT:

Ron Achelpohl
Ray Webb

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May 2022

Item No. 9-l

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize Funding Agreements with Participating Local Governments for Operation Green Light's Advance Traffic Management System Software Project Match

BACKGROUND:

Operation Green Light (OGL) is a MARC program that operates a regional traffic signal coordination program in partnership with local governments and the state departments of transportation in Kansas and Missouri. MARC staff currently assists in the real-time management and operation of traffic signal operations for 755 intersections in 27 jurisdictions throughout the region. MARC's OGL program supports this shared software on its server and supports over 1500 traffic signals across the region.

The region has and currently utilizes the system software "TransSuite" since 2005. While this software has met the needs of the region, advances in system software has the region interested in looking at other software systems.

The funding provided in the agreements with the state Departments of Transportation (DOTs) can be available October 2022. MARC will publish a Request for Proposals (RFP) to vendors to provide traffic signal system software. Vendors will be short listed and asked to establish bench testing of their system for a period after which selections will be conducted based on the systems engineering analysis.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Funds for this purchase are included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) No.970108 and agreements with the Missouri and Kansas DOTs are currently in progress. The twenty-seven participating local governments provide matching funds for this grant are listed below.

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Partner	No of signals	20% local share
Belton	7.00	2,225
Blue Springs	9.00	2,861
Bonner Springs	4.00	1,272
Fairway	2.00	636
Gladstone	6.00	1,907
Grandview	5.00	1,589
Independence	36.00	11,444
Kansas City, Mo	199.00	63,258
Lansing	4.00	1,272
Leavenworth	1.00	318
Leawood	11.25	3,576
Lee's Summit	16.00	5,086
Lenexa	35.00	11,126
Liberty	6.00	1,907
Merriam	21.00	6,675
Mission Kansas	2.75	874
Mission Woods	0.75	238
MoDOT	222.00	70,571
North Kansas City	7.00	2,225
Olathe	15.00	4,768
Overland Park	44.75	14,225
Prairie Village	6.75	2,146
Raymore	6.00	1,907
Roeland park	3.00	954
Shawnee	14.50	4,609
Unified Gov.	69.00	21,934
Westwood	1.25	397
	755.00	\$ 240,000.00

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Operation Green Light Steering Committee met at its regular steering meeting on April 25, 2022 and is in support of the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize agreements with local agencies as noted for a total amount of \$240,000.

STAFF CONTACT:

Ron Achelpohl
Ray Webb

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May 2022
Item No. 9-m
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a Contract Extension with Iteris for Traffic Signal Timing and Support Services for Operation Green Light

BACKGROUND:

Operation Green Light (OGL) is a regional traffic signal coordination and operations program involving local governments and the State Departments of Transportation in Kansas and Missouri. This initiative improves regional traffic flow, air quality, and fuel consumption. As a key part of this work, OGL develops and implements traffic signal timing plans in cooperation with participating state and local governments and monitors real-time operations on roadway intersections in the system. Continued traffic signal timing and engineering support services will be integral to the successful operation of the OGL program. These services are needed to continue efforts to keep signal timing at its peak level of performance at the over 1500 traffic signals supported by the regional software.

MARC's Board of Directors approved the contract in February 2020 with a notice to proceed of June 2020. The contract is set to expire in June 2022. This request is to extend the contract an additional year as allowed by the contract. This extension is required to complete on going scope initiatives. The work includes the OGL timing work plan, traffic incident diversion development, technology assessment, and performance management as well as on going signal timing, real-time signal management, and engineering support.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Funds for this contract are included in the Operation Green Light operations budget. This work is to be funded through participating local governments' funds for this program.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Operation Green Light Steering Committee approved this item at its meeting on April 25, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a contract extension with Iteris, Inc. for Traffic Signal Timing and Engineering Support Services for the Operation Green Light Program through June 2023 with a zero-cost extension.

STAFF CONTACT:

Ron Achelpohl
Ray Webb

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May 2022
Item No. 9-n
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a Supplemental Agreement with Affinis, Inc. for Traffic Engineering Services

BACKGROUND:

Operation Green Light (OGL) is a regional traffic signal coordination and operations program involving local governments and the State Departments of Transportation in Kansas and Missouri. This initiative improves regional traffic flow, air quality, and fuel consumption. As a key part of this work, OGL develops and implements traffic signal timing plans in cooperation with participating state and local governments and monitors real-time operations on roadway intersections in the system. Continued traffic signal timing and engineering support services will be integral to the successful operation of the OGL program.

Engineering responsibilities include design plans and contract documents, assisting with the bidding process, construction support/construction inspection, utility coordination/permits, and traffic controls including the preparation of plans, specifications and estimate (PS&E) and final documents using MoDOT, KDOT, and agency processes and standards.

The project has experienced scope changes that include time spent preparing additional KDOT contract documentation early in the process. As well as adding project management meetings and KDOT coordination items with a new project manager. The process also added unforeseen changes to bid items, standard details, and specifications. Additional efforts required to make plan changes related to inflation cost increases and worked with some specific agencies on their requirements.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for the project are from the Missouri Department of Transportation in the amount of \$577,000 and from the Kansas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$570,000. Local funds require a 20% local match through local funding agreements.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a supplemental agreement with Affinis, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$27,160.

STAFF CONTACT:

Ron Achelpohl
Ray Webb

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May 2022
Item No. 9-o
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve the First Special Amendment to the 2022-26 Transportation Improvement Program

BACKGROUND:

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the region's short-range program, identifying projects to receive federal funds and projects of regional significance to be implemented over the next three to five year period. MARC amends the TIP on a quarterly cycle to accommodate changes to projects in the TIP.

The proposed 2022 Special Amendment #1 to the 2022-2026 TIP includes the following:

- #995210 - Kansas City Streetcar Riverfront Extension
The amendment will modify the scope and budget to reflect the extension of the project by 1000ft.

Details of this project are available for review on the Internet at:

<http://www.marc.org/Transportation/Plans-Studies/Transportation-Plans-and-Studies/TIP/TIP-Amendment-Archive/Archive-assets/22SA1amend.aspx>

MARC's Public Involvement Plan requires that proposed amendments to the TIP be released for public review and comment prior to adoption. Six comments were received from the public during the comment period. The comments and proposed responses from MARC are attached for your review.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the 2022 Special Amendment #1 to the 2022-2026 TIP.

STAFF CONTACT:

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Comment regarding #995210

“The riverfront streetcar should go to the stadium and probably to the casino. Especially if the casino chips in to pay for it.”

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@yahoo.com

Comment regarding #995210

“Fully support the additional streetcar extension. If anything, we should be going even farther down the river front.”

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@gmail.com

Comment regarding #995210

“I think it would be wise to extend the streetcar the additional 1000 feet to the Riverfront. I don't know what the proposed parking situation is for the new soccer stadium, but parking in the downtown area is notoriously awful and there currently are no large parking lots of any kind in that area. Extending the streetcar line would allow for more parking options for those who wish to attend games. The streetcar would have to extend operating hours (ex. one hour past the end of the game for games ending after midnight) to ensure transportation BACK to those parking options on nights games run late.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@gmail.com

Comment regarding #995210

“I would love to see the Streetcar travel across the HOA and up Burlington. The HOA and Burlington are busy bike/bus routes, but the speeding traffic in that area enabled by the unnecessarily wide street puts pedestrians and bicyclists in danger and hurts local businesses by reducing foot traffic.”

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@yahoo.com

Comment regarding #995210

“I'm in favor of the extension.”

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@parkhill.k12.mo.us

Comment regarding #995210

“I would like to see a bit more ambition in the plan, particularly with making plans for higher rail capacity in the future.”

Proposed Responses:

Thank you for your recent comment supporting the proposed extension of Kansas City Streetcar as documented in the 2022 Special Amendment #1 to the regional Transportation Improvement Program. We shared your comment with the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, Kansas City Streetcar Authority, the Total Transportation Policy Committee, and the MARC Board of Directors for their consideration.

[Currently the NorthRail study, a collaborative multi-jurisdictional study exploring the extension of the Kansas City Streetcar over the Missouri River into North Kansas City, is in progress. Expected to be complete by the end of 2022, the study refreshes a 2014 feasibility study and includes investigation of a preferred river crossing, potential alignment and stop locations, financial analyses, and opportunities for community engagement and involvement. More information about the NorthRail study can be found at <https://kcstreetcar.org/northrail/>.]

[Additionally, the Kansas City Streetcar, Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, and other partners have also recently begun a study to examine and build funding support for a East-West high capacity transit connection between the KU Health System and the Rock Island Corridor/Truman Sports Complex.]

We look forward to your continued participation in the regional transportation planning process and encourage you to review the Guide to Transportation Decision Making. This guide is designed to help area residents understand the complex process of transportation decision making and learn how they can more effectively provide input.

Sincerely,

Marc Hansen, AICP
Principal Planner
Mid-America Regional Council