



**Mid-America Regional Council Community Services Corporation**

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**January 24, 2023**

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

**In-person attendees in MARC's Heartland Room with a remote option via Zoom.**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. VOTE: Approve Minutes of the December 20, 2022 Meeting
3. VOTE Authorize the submission of a grant application to the US Department of Energy with three school district partners - Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools, Kansas City, Missouri Public Schools, and the Independence School District, and accept funds if awarded.
4. Other Business
5. Adjourn



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### MEETING SUMMARY

December 20, 2022

Immediately following the Budget & Personnel Meeting

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, Kan. - MARC Board 2nd Vice Chair  
Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez, Lee's Summit, Mo. - MARC Board Treasurer  
Mayor Damien Boley, City of Smithville, Mo.  
Commission Chairman Doug Smith, Leavenworth County, Kan.  
Councilmember Daniel Hobart, Independence, Mo.  
Commissioner Jerry Nolte, Clay County, Mo.  
Commissioner Brian McKierman, Unified Government of Wyandotte County  
Mayor Curt Skoog, City of Overland Park, Ks.  
Commissioner Holly Grummet, City of Overland Park Ks.  
Commissioner Rob Roberts, Miami County, Mo.  
Mayor Carson Ross, City of Blue Springs, Mo.

#### STAFF PRESENT

David Warm, Executive Director  
Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment  
Marlene Nagel, Director of Community Development  
James Stowe, Director of Aging and Adult Services  
Nordia Epps, Media Planning and Buying Coordinator  
Katie Killen, Housing Program Manager  
Quinn Cole, Accounting Intern  
Joanne Bussinger, Grant Manager  
John Hwang, Network Administrator II  
Amy Strange, Digital Communications Manager  
McKenzie Neds, Executive Assistant  
Amanda Graor, Deputy Director of Research Services and Chief Innovation Officer  
Amanda Rehani, Grant Accountant  
Brad Gaeddert, Grant Accountant  
Ginny Williams, Grant Manager

#### OTHERS

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Carson Ross called the MARC Community Services Corporation Board of Directors meeting to order at 11:07am.

Due to the meeting being conducted 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 with one vote at the end of the meeting. Members would have an opportunity to abstain or object to any items necessary during the final vote.

VOTE: Approve Minutes of the November 22, 2022 Meeting

VOTE: Authorize grant agreements with the Health Forward Foundation and REACH Healthcare Foundation for local match for the U.S. Department of Health Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) federal award project to enhance mental health mobile crisis response

Mayor Damien Boley motioned to approve and Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez seconded. The motioned passes.

Other Business

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 am.

MINUTES APPROVED:

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Carson Ross, Chair

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Date



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December 2023  
Item No. 3  
Competitive Economy

### **ISSUE:**

**VOTE:** Authorize the submission of a grant application to the US Department of Energy with three school district partners - Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools, Kansas City, Missouri Public Schools and the Independence School District, and accept funds if awarded.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Grants for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Improvements at Public School Facilities Program is designed to provide competitive grants to make energy efficiency, renewable energy, and alternative fueled vehicle upgrades and improvements at public schools. Department of Energy (DOE) aims to facilitate substantial additional investment, prioritize schools with high needs, minimize administrative burden, and build enduring capacity in local educational agencies (LEAs) and the states to maximize impact equitably and efficiently. DOE has allocated \$80 million for FY22 grants from Section 40541 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

The three school districts are identifying facilities within and around the Bistate Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor, the subject of a recently awarded US Department of Transportation planning grant to MARC and partners. The three school districts have conducted recent facility energy efficiency assessments and identified those facilities that would benefit from federally supported investments. DOE is directed to give priority to school districts that have renovation, repair, and improvement funding needs; serve a high percentage of students who are eligible for a free or reduced-price lunch (FRPL) or whose partnering LEA is designated with a rural school district locale code; and that leverages private sector investment through energy-related performance contracting.

MARC Community Services Corporation (MARC's 501c3) will serve as the applicant and the three school districts as sub-recipients. The three districts will provide the necessary five (5) percent match for the projects (depending on dollar request, between \$25,000 to \$750,000). A Concept Paper is due on January 26, 2023, and the full application is due April 21, 2023.

DOE is directed to consider the potential energy efficiency, health, and safety benefits from the proposed energy improvements. Energy improvements include school improvements, repairs, or renovations that reduce energy costs or improve teacher and student health and achieve energy savings.

### **BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

The full application will include a complete budget, including the requested federal funds for each of the three school districts and their matching share, as well any funds designated for MARC administrative costs or for community, workforce, or training expenses. The grant allows for applications of up to \$15 million with a 5 percent match.



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**RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

The project will include three school districts serving Kansas City, Missouri; Independence, Missouri; and Kansas City, Kansas.

**EXHIBITS:**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the submission of a grant application to the US Department of Energy with three school district partners - Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools, Kansas City, Missouri Public Schools, and the Independence School District, and accept funds if awarded.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Marlene Nagel  
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