



Board of Directors BUDGET & PERSONNEL

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March 28, 2023

11:15 a.m.

In-person attendees in MARC's Heartland room with a remote option via Zoom

- **Members of the public who wish to participate in this meeting: please email McKenzie Neds at mneds@marc.org by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 for instructions to join the teleconference.**

AGENDA

1. Approve Contracts, Grants, and Other Major Expenditures

THRIVING OLDER ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES

- a. VOTE: Amendment to increase transportation agreement with Jewish Family Services
- b. VOTE: Authorize an application to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for regional Community Health Worker projects

SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES

- c. VOTE: Authorize an agreement with the Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition in an amount not to exceed \$78,744 to support the transition of the Homelessness Management Information System Lead Agency role and database
- d. VOTE: Approve an agreement with Motorola Solutions to purchase VESTA 911 Automatic Abandoned Callback call handling solution for use at the Kansas City Police Department Public Safety Answering Point
- e. VOTE: Authorize grant application to the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency to support the Missouri Local Emergency Planning District
- f. VOTE: Authorize issuance of subaward agreements for the Fiscal Year 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative grant

HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

- g. VOTE: Authorize contract with Evergy in the amount of \$100,000 to develop a pilot urban heat island reduction initiative

EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION AND QUALITY PLACES

- h. VOTE: Authorize Consultant Agreement for KCI Airport Public Transit Action Plan
- i. VOTE: Authorize agreement with Cambridge Systematics for delivery of on-call traffic modeling support services
- j. VOTE: Approve contract with Agile Mile to provide web-based, ride-matching software tool for the Mid-America Regional Council's RideshareKC program
- k. VOTE: Authorization to receive Kansas Department of Transportation Innovative Technology Program Funds for the Operation Green Light program to lead a regional Kansas metro area crowd sourcing project
- l. VOTE: Authorize consultant agreement for a Planning Sustainable Places project in Mission, Kansas
- m. VOTE: Approve the funding recommendations for the remaining 2023 Kansas Planning Sustainable Places funds and authorize execution of related agreements and receipts of funds



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QUALITY EARLY LEARNING

- n. VOTE: Head Start FY2022 Cost of Living Adjustment and Quality Improvement Application to the Administration for Children and Families
2. VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda (Administrative Matters and Minor Expenditures)
 - a. Approve the Minutes of the February 28, 2023 Meeting
3. Other Business
4. Adjournment

AGENDA REPORT

Budget and Personnel Committee

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Item No. 1a

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Amendment to increase transportation agreement with Jewish Family Services

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Department of Aging and Adult Services contracted with Jewish Family Services (JFS) to provide Demand Transportation, and other services for SFY23. Using previous years' service delivery, the amount of the agreement was forecasted. As of February, Jewish Family Services exceeded MARC's initial commitment. Aging recommends that the agreement be amended to ensure the provision of services continues for the conclusion of SFY23.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Jewish Family Services Agreement total value	\$120,000
Billed units to-date	\$109,452
Remaining amount on contract to-date	\$10,548
Total	\$120,000
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Added amount needed to cover contract period	\$127,612
New Total	\$247,612
NEW TOTAL AGREEMENT VALUE	\$247,612

COMMITTEE ACTION

The Commission on Aging reviewed this action and recommended that the MARC Board authorize the Executive Director to increase the total value of MARC's SFY 2023 Demand Transportation agreement with Jewish Family Services.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Cass, Clay, Platte, and Jackson counties in Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize amendment MARC's Demand Transportation agreement with Jewish Family Services by increasing it from \$120,000 to a total of \$247,612.

STAFF CONTACT

Melody Elston

Bob Hogan

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Item No. 1b

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

REPORT: Update on Regional Community Health Worker Collaborative

VOTE: Authorize an application to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for regional Community Health Worker projects

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) regional health care access initiative supported a regional committee focused on developing Community Health Workers (CHWs) as a key part of the health care system. 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 has received funding over the past seven years to support the collaborative's work from foundations and state agencies. The work over the past year has focused on advocacy to encourage agencies to consider adding CHWs to their workforce; supervisory, CEU 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 CHWs services.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MDHSS) has encouraged MARC to submit a funding proposal to support the further deployment of the Reimbursement Toolkit through training and technical assistance over the next year. MARC is assisting the MDHSS with training for CHW recently hired supervisors as the state works to expand the use of this workforce across the entire state. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has been supporting the CHW Collaborative's work through the MARC Government Training Institute (GTI) to offer a variety of trainings.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$150,000
Source	Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$50,000
Contractual (ES Advisors / Billing Consultant)	\$85,000
Other (travel, meeting, etc.)	\$15,000

MARC's work in building a strong Community Health Worker system across Missouri and Kansas has been largely funded by the Health Forward Foundation. Funding through both state health departments is allowing MARC to expand its reach statewide in both states.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the submission of a proposal, and if funded, accept funds from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services of \$150,000 to support deployment and technical assistance for use of a new Reimbursement Toolkit.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel
Hannayd Ruiz

AGENDA REPORT

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Item No. 1c

Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize an agreement with the Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition in an amount not to exceed \$78,744 to support the transition of the Homelessness Management Information System Lead Agency role and database

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is working with United Community Services (UCS) of Johnson County to plan for the transition of the Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) responsibilities from MARC to another organization, including use of a software system and training and technical assistance by a new "HMIS Lead Agency." MARC has served as the HMIS Lead Agency for Johnson County's Continuum of Care (KS-505) since 2015.

MARC initially served as the HMIS Lead Agency for two Continuum of Care (CoC) organizations serving three counties. In early 2020, the CoC serving Jackson and Wyandotte counties decided to utilize the Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness for their Lead Agency and separated the common database that MARC operated. MARC has continued to support Johnson County CoC.

MARC has been funded by a modest Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant and agency fees to cover a portion of the software system license fee and staff support that have not been adequate. In late 2022, MARC was awarded a two-year contract by Johnson County for ARPA funds to operate the HMIS system for Johnson County organizations supporting homeless and at-risk households until a transition to a more sustainable option is completed. Many of the programs and services provided by these Johnson County organizations using the HMIS system are to help people and families impacted by COVID-19.

The Kansas Balance of State CoC has been selected by Johnson County CoC to become the new HMIS Lead Agency. This CoC serves most of the state of Kansas, and the Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition would provide the HMIS software system and training and technical support (now offered by MARC). A transition plan has been drafted, and work is underway to transfer the database from the current software vendor (Caseworthy Inc.) to a new one (Bitfocus) by September 30, 2023. MARC will support the transition, working with the Johnson County CoC and the Kansas Coalition, and with Johnson County's approval, provide the Kansas Coalition with a portion of the ARPA funds. Initial funds are needed to start the transition.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$78,744
Source	ARPA Funds via Johnson County
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$78,744

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Johnson County, KS.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an agreement with the Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition in an amount not to exceed \$78,744 to support the transition of the HMIS Lead Agency role and database from the current HMIS software vendor, Caseworthy, to the new vendor, Bitfocus.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel
Sherry Ellis

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Item No. 1d

Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve an agreement with Motorola Solutions to purchase VESTA 911 Automatic Abandoned Callback call handling solution for use at the Kansas City Police Department Public Safety Answering Point

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Public Safety received a request to cost share the purchase of the Automatic Abandoned Callback (AAC) module implementation to assist with call handling for the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department Public safety Answering Point (PSAP).

The Kansas City, Missouri Police Department call-takers handled approximately 998,000 incoming calls and texts within a one-year period with an estimated 10%, 98,000 of those calls being abandoned prior to a call-taking answering. Currently, abandoned calls require a manual call back to determine if help was needed. With the implementation of the Automatic Abandoned Callback feature, this process will become seamless, eliminating time consuming manual callbacks, and increasing overall efficiency.

The Public Safety Communications Board declined to fund the cost share and declined to purchase the Automated Abandoned Callback solution for the entire region. The Public Safety Communications Board did approve the software purchase strictly for the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department because funding for this equipment and software maintenance was secured by KCPD through Jackson County and their 911 fund. Once purchased, the AAC equipment will become property of MARC.

Jackson County agreed to cover the initial equipment purchase and the first four years of software maintenance costs of \$120,644.68.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The Motorola proposal for the Automatic Abandoned Callback module and four years of maintenance is \$120,644.67, to be covered by Jackson County.

The Public Safety Communications Board will reevaluate software support in 2028.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$120,644.67
Source	911 Allocation Budget (Capital Projects) from Jackson County, Missouri
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$120,644.67
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

COMMITTEE ACTION:

This request was approved by the Public Safety Communications Board on January 25, 2023.

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RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This request primarily supports the Kansas City Missouri Police Department PSAP.

EXHIBITS:

[Motorola Solutions VESTA 9-1-1 ACC Firm Proposal](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the agreement with Motorola Solutions to purchase Motorola Automatic Abandon Callback solution and four years of software maintenance for the Kansas City Missouri Police Department PSAP

STAFF CONTACT:

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Chief of Police

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January 4, 2023

Eric Winebrenner
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Dear Mr. Winebrenner:

The Kansas City, Missouri Police Department is submitting a cost share request regarding the Automatic Abandoned Callback software module we are requesting be added to the KCMO Vesta 911 systems installed at KCPD Headquarters and South Patrol. In 2021, KCPD Call Takers handled 998,437 incoming calls and texts. Of those incoming calls, 98,742 were abandoned prior to a Call Taker answering requiring a manual call back to determine if help was needed.

Implementing the Automatic Abandoned Callback will help KCPD provide improved service to our citizens, help eliminate misdials without manual callbacks, and we hope it will reduce call waiting times. With many vacant positions, the reduced staffing has increased the work load per Call Taker and we hope to eliminate some of that heavy workload.

Jackson County has agreed to pay for the initial purchase and implementation and the first 4 years of maintenance. Total cost for purchase, implementation, and extended warranty is \$128,676.87. KCPD is asking for the annual maintenance fees after the 4 year warranty period to be cost shared. Annual cost for the warranty period in the attached quote is \$14,985.66. Costs starting in year five of maintenance coverage are undetermined, but Technical Manager Hassan Al Rubaie indicates an expected 10% increase which would be \$16,484.23. Attached is the quote from Motorola outlining the initial costs. Thank you for your assistance in considering this cost share request; should you have any questions, please contact me.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Derek McCollum".

Deputy Chief Derek McCollum
Commander

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Item No. 1e

Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize grant application to the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency to support the Missouri Local Emergency Planning District

BACKGROUND:

Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Emergency Services Department supports the Missouri Local Emergency Planning District (MO LEPD) with their hazardous materials preparedness activities. The MO LEPD includes Clay, Platte, Jackson, Ray, and Cass Counties in Missouri. The MO LEPD Region A has entered into a contract with MARC to provide administrative, planning, training, and exercise support. The MO LEPD collects and maintains information on the types and quantities of hazardous materials at facilities throughout the metropolitan area that are required to report; develops and updates a regional hazardous materials plan; conducts hazardous materials training courses and exercises; provides technical assistance to counties in developing their local operational plans; and works on state and federal public policy issues related to hazardous materials and emergency response.

Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) notified MARC on February 22, 2023, about the release of a new Local Emergency Planning Commission/Local Emergency Planning District Grant program. The area hazmat teams and LEPD leadership met to discuss the opportunity and prioritize needs. The application seeks funding to improve the current remote area monitoring capability of the four hazmat teams with an investment in 16 (four per team) Blacklinesafety G7 EXO Area Monitors. They are easier to set up and operate than the current equipment that is outdated and needs to be replaced. Additionally, the battery life is significantly longer than the current system.

The agencies receiving the devices would be:

- Central Jackson County Fire Protection District
- Independence Fire Department
- Kansas City, Missouri Fire Department
- Lee's Summit Fire Department

Staff received a quote from Archview Services which is the sole-source distributor for the MARC region. The vendor indicated it could meet the grant timeline to complete procurement, delivery, invoicing, processing and claim for grant reimbursement by May 15, 2023.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$100,000
Source	Local Emergency Planning Commission/Local Emergency Planning District
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$100,000

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COMMITTEE ACTION:

On March 9, 2023, the LEPD approved submitting an application for the application as described.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Four agencies will receive the devices, and all counties in the MARC region benefit from this grant. Although the application is submitted on behalf of Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray counties in Missouri, the equipment is deployable in the entire MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

The MARC executive director authorized administrative submission of the grant application prior to the deadline on March 17, 2023. Staff recommends retroactive approval of the application and, if awarded, authorization to accept and expend up to \$100,000 of Local Emergency Planning Commission/Local Emergency Planning District grant funds for hazmat equipment.

STAFF CONTACT:

Erin Lynch

John Davis

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Item No. 1f

Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize issuance of subaward agreements for the Fiscal Year 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative grant

BACKGROUND:

The Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant program originated following the attacks of September 11, 2001. The UASI program provides funding to enhance regional preparedness and capabilities in designated high-threat, high-density areas to build, sustain, and deliver the capabilities necessary to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism. Eligibility is determined yearly through an analysis of the relative risk of terrorism faced by the 100 most populous Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the United States, in accordance with the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended.

The Kansas City Urban Area applied for and received \$1.5 million in FY 2022. This action was approved by the MARC Board of Directors on June 28, 2022. Subaward agreements are issued to each entity receiving funds/goods/services through the UASI FY22 grant. The subaward agreement identifies the funding amount and types of items being provided as well as requirements to be met as a condition to receiving the funds. It also serves as a mechanism to transfer ownership to the end user agency from the Mid-America Regional Council.

The following subawards are greater than \$50,000 and require board approval:

Board of Police Commissioners Kansas City Police Department - \$56,373.40. This project supports software licenses, subscriptions, professional memberships, training, and data services for the Regional Fusion Center.

Board of Police Commissioners Kansas City Police Department - \$201,399. This project will partially fund an armored rescue vehicle that can be pre-positioned where a known large gathering or high threat level exists, increasing the security of events as well as in response to an incident. The Kansas City Police Department Board of Police Commissioners has committed to funding the portion not funded by the grant to improve this critical regional capability. This vehicle is available to deploy with trained operators across the urban area. This will allow personnel to respond more quickly and safely, mitigating dangers to the public and safely evacuating injured or trapped community members to decrease the threat of injury or death.

Kansas City, Kansas Police Department and Lee's Summit, Missouri Police Department - \$65,433.50 for one systems in each department for \$130,867 total. This project will replace an x-ray system that can be pre-positioned where a known large gathering or high threat level exists thus increasing the security of events as well as in response to an incident. The portable x-ray system will be replaced which are used to assess, inspect, and handle suspicious packages quickly and safely. These systems have high-definition imagers, mil-grade controllers, advanced long-range wireless communications and wired communications, and a vision software package.

Kansas City, Missouri Fire Department - \$54,106.58. This project will support supplies and equipment for technical rescue teams that train together and are interoperable to provide adequate capability and address responder safety by replacing aging and worn equipment. Some of the replacement supplies and equipment include personal protective equipment (helmets, boots, gloves, suits for land and water operations) and shoring equipment rescue rack and carabiners, rope, harness, bags, saws, GPS, radios, and sonar equipment.

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BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

This action item includes subawards that exceed \$50,000 and require approval from the MARC Board of Directors.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$442,745.98
Source	FY 2022 UASI Grant
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$442,745.98
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

COMMITTEE ACTION:

On May 24, 2022, the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee (RHSCC) held a special meeting to determine investments for the UASI funding and authorize staff to finalize and submit the UASI application and execute the respective subaward agreements.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Four agencies are designated as subrecipients: Board of Police Commissioners Kansas City Police Department, Kansas City, Kansas Police Department, Lee's Summit, Missouri Police Department, and Kansas City, Missouri Fire Department. However, the equipment will be available for regional use through regional emergency management mutual aid agreements.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize issuance of subaward agreements for the Fiscal Year 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative grant as indicated above.

CONTACT

Erin Lynch
John Davis

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Item No. 1g

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize contract with Evergy in the amount of \$100,000 to develop a pilot urban heat island reduction initiative

BACKGROUND:

In 2018-2019, Evergy convened a series of meetings to explore the development of an urban heat island (UHI) reduction program. Discussions resumed last year, with many community stakeholders including local governments, nonprofits, and state agency representatives. Evergy plans to submit a fourth round of Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act programs to the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) in June 2023. Evergy intends to request support for a pilot heat island reduction project as part of this filing and requested that the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) lead a team to formulate the approach. If the PSC approves the filing, additional resources could become available in 2024 to support implementation.

MARC proposes to lead this initiative in partnership with Evergy, University of Missouri Kansas City, University of Kansas, and the full array of stakeholder involved in discussions to date. University partners will support scenario-based modeling to assess the effectiveness of different strategies, and develop an evaluation, monitoring and verification framework to support program activities.

Evergy's interest derives in part from a previous MARC [study](#) developed in partnership with Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in 2019, as well as NOAA-funded research at The University of Missouri Kansas City (UMKC). [The Regional Climate Action Plan](#) also names UHI reduction as a key strategy.

What is an urban heat island?

An urban heat island is a metropolitan area that is significantly warmer than the rural areas surrounding it. In Kansas City, that difference may be up to seven degrees during the hot summer months. Increased heat, which will be exacerbated by climate change, poses significant challenges related to energy conservation, public health, public safety, air quality and more. Common mitigation strategies include tree planting, white and green roofs, alternatively colored pavement materials, and land use strategies to reduce parking areas and street widths.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$100,000
Source	Evergy contract
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$55,000
Contractual (UMKC and KU)	\$40,000
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	5,000

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EXHIBITS:

[Evaluation of urban heat island mitigation strategies for the Kansas City region](#)

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This effort is expected to focus on one or more neighborhoods along the Independence Avenue corridor in Kansas City, Missouri to ensure a high level of environmental justice benefit while also creating an opportunity to leverage other significant federal transportation funds. As the project matures, opportunities to scale and/or replicate project strategies will be pursued.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an agreement with Evergy for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to develop a pilot urban heat island reduction initiative

STAFF CONTACT:

Tom Jacobs

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Item No. 1h

Effective Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

REPORT/VOTE: Authorize Consultant Agreement for KCI Airport Public Transit Action Plan

BACKGROUND:

The Kansas City Area Transportation Authority and the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) have launched a process to complete a Kansas City International (KCI) Public Transit Services Action Plan. The new KCI terminal has recently opened, creating new possibilities to broaden service connections across the globe. Recent investments in a convention hotel and other visitor amenities coincide with rebounding growth in the region's hospitality industries. And the success of efforts to attract big events, such as the '23 NFL Draft and '26 World Cup games, have fueled increasing ambition for promoting Kansas City as a premier host city.

With all this progress throughout the region, the time is now for a reliable, accessible, and multi-modal public transit system that serves KCI and key destinations around the region. An improved system would serve daily workers, regular visitors, and conventioners in a timely manner that can be readily expanded for short periods to accommodate major events. This would include ways for inbound and outbound travelers to quickly get to and from KCI using key activity centers throughout the Kansas City region.

Key partners will include civic and business organizations, regional transit agencies, local and other key state government agencies, MARC stakeholders and the general public. Overall, this action plan will:

- seek to develop feasible, scalable, sustainable, and investable multi-modal strategies to improve transit connections for outbound traveler, visitor, and workforce transportation to KCI and other major destinations for regional travel, hospitality & leisure employment. These investments would support anticipated baseline growth in KCI travel and employment, scalable for large events as they occur.
- organize and lead public and private partners and broader community interests in a six-month process to assess market opportunities and design new services.
- include engagement and outreach efforts (surveys, focus groups, business roundtables and virtual public involvement) for adequate community buy-in and ownership.
- develop an action plan including priorities, timelines, responsible parties and potential funding alternatives.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued and posted online on MARC's website and through DemandStar. Three responses were received from the following teams:

- Kimley-Horn. Subconsultant support from Parsons & Assoc./ETC Institute
- Olsson (lead). Subconsultant support from Porchlight Insights
- WSP. Subconsultant support from Vireo/ETC Institute/Streetlight Data

Interviews with each of the three teams were held on Thursday March 23rd. Representatives from the Cities of Kansas City and Independence, MO; Unified Government of KCK/Wyandotte County; KC Aviation Department; Johnson County, KS; Greater KC Chamber of Commerce; KC Civic Council; MARC and KCATA were invited to participate in the selection panel.

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Upon review of these proposals and conclusion of the interviews, the selection panel recommended the following team ranking for negotiation of consultant services agreement.

1. **Kimley-Horn. Subconsultant support from Parsons & Assoc./ETC Institute (1st choice)**
2. WSP. Subconsultant support from Vireo/ETC Institute/Streetlight Data
3. Olsson. Subconsultant support from Burns & McDonnell/Porchlight Insights

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The project is budgeted at \$200,000. Funding sources include federal Consolidated Planning Grants (CPG) and local in-kind and cash match from regional partners.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

This work was included in the MARC Board approved Transportation Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP was approved on November 22, 2022.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This work will be regional in nature and is anticipated to cover a majority of counties in the MARC MPO planning area and in the KCATA service area.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with the preferred consultant team (Kimley-Horn) in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

STAFF CONTACT:

Martin Rivarola

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Item No. 1i

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize agreement with Cambridge Systematics for delivery of on-call traffic modeling support services

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) maintains the regional travel demand model for the bi-state, eight-county metropolitan planning area. Travel modeling is a key tool for developing a long-range metropolitan transportation plan (MTP). MARC performs most of the work for this program in-house. However, supplemental consultant support is needed from time to time. This support can consist of additional aid in model updates, assisting MARC in addressing regional modeling data requests, and conducting complex modeling associated with MTP plan updates.

Contracted services would include:

1. Support updates and refinements to travel demand and dynamic traffic assignment models
2. Troubleshoot travel model issues
3. Support modeling for updates to the MTP
4. Support environmental emissions model development
5. Provide advanced model recommendations, analysis, and improvements.

Using a qualifications-based, competitive selection process MARC advertised the project on DemandStar and MARC's website. Proposals were received from Warner Transportation Consulting, Inc. and Cambridge Systematics Inc. The selection committee, composed of the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and MARC staff, selected Cambridge Systematics as the preferred team. The maximum compensation paid by MARC for services is not to exceed \$50,000 for one year with two options to renew the agreement for one additional year.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

This project will use 2023 programmed Consolidated Planning Grant funds not to exceed \$50,000

REVENUES (Total = \$50,000)	
Amount	\$50,000
Source	Consolidated Planning Grant funds (CPG)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$50,000
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a one-year agreement with Cambridge Systematics in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for delivery of On-Call Traffic Modeling Support Services.

STAFF CONTACT:

Eileen Yang
Martin Rivarola

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Item No. 1j

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve contract with Agile Mile to provide web-based, ride-matching software tool for the Mid-America Regional Council's RideshareKC program

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) RideshareKC program assists commuters with finding alternative transportation to driving alone. The program uses ride-matching software to assist registered commuters with finding carpools and travel buddies for riding the bus and biking, and logging commute trips to track various metrics including cost savings, health benefits, emissions saved, etc. The software also assists with management of MARC's annual Green Commute Challenge.

A request for proposals (RFP) was issued in January 2023 and MARC received three qualified proposals. Agile Mile, Inc. was selected based on qualifications and software features required by the RideshareKC program.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

An annual amount of \$40,800 has been negotiated with Agile Mile, Inc. Funding to support this expense is sourced from Missouri and Kansas Congestion Mitigation/ Air Quality funding, a program of the Federal Highway Administration.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$81,600
Source	Missouri and Kansas Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$81,600
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a two-year contract with Agile Mile, Inc., with an option to extend the contract for one additional year, not to exceed \$81,600 (three-year total: \$122,400), to provide web-based ride-matching services for the RideshareKC program.

STAFF CONTACT:

Karen Clawson

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Item No. 1k

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorization to receive Kansas Department of Transportation Innovative Technology Program Funds for the Operation Green Light program to lead a regional Kansas metro area crowd sourcing project

BACKGROUND

Operation Green Light (OGL) is an initiative that assists state and local governments that own and operate traffic signals on regional arterial roadways work together to coordinate traffic signal timing to improve traffic flow, reduce excessive fuel consumption and reduce emissions. Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) staff currently assists in the management and operation of traffic signal timing for over 755 intersections in 27 jurisdictions throughout the region.

MARC was awarded funding through the Kansas Department of Transportation's (KDOT) Innovative Technology Program to contract crowdsource data vendors for arterial performance measures. The objective of this project is to better manage the area arterials with available probe data that could come from a variety of sources.

Crowdsourcing is a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Everyday Counts Initiative to increase use of crowdsource technologies in operations. By leveraging crowdsourced data from mobile apps and social media in combination with traditional data sources, State and local agencies can improve traveler information, traffic incident and work zone management, weather response, and more.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

REVENUES	
Amount	\$230,000
Source	\$172,500 from KDOT's Innovative Technology Program and \$57,500 from OGL's 16 Kansas Partners agencies that include: Bonner Springs, Fairway, Kansas City, Lansing, Leavenworth, Leawood, Lenexa, Merriam, Mission, Mission Woods, Olathe, Overland Park, Prairie Village, Roeland Park, Shawnee, Westwood
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$230,000

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation to receive Innovative Technology Program Funds to provide performance measures for the Operation Green Light (OGL) program.

STAFF CONTACT

Ron Achelpohl

Ray M. Webb

AGENDA REPORT

Budget and Personnel Committee

March 2023

Item No. 1l

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize consultant agreement for a Planning Sustainable Places project in Mission, Kansas

BACKGROUND:

For projects funded through Planning Sustainable Places (PSP), the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) will hold the contracts on individual projects, although the project leads and local match will be provided by the local sponsors. Details for the project located in Mission, Kansas are provided below. A qualifications-based competitive selection process was used in the selection of all consulting teams.

1: City of Mission, Kansas - Rock Creek Corridor Improvements: Downtown Center to East Gateway. This study seeks to develop, in partnership with local private and non-profit entities, improvements that are congruent with neighboring jurisdiction area improvements and build on the momentum created by other Planning Sustainable Places projects. Key components of the plan include:

- Study and develop a project plan for the Rock Creek corridor from Woodson Street in Mission's downtown commercial district to Roeland Drive at the city's East Gateway.
- Robust public and stakeholder engagement process.
- Evaluation of existing conditions within the study area for the Rock Creek channel: vacant and city-owned properties, connections impacting access and safety with pedestrian/bike and vehicular intersectionality, impervious/pervious surfaces, existing amenities and key points of interest, visual and functional attributes of the study area.
- Potential improvements that promote economic development, walkability/bike-ability, environmental sustainability, and address impacted vulnerable populations.
- Final conceptual designs and itemized budget to guide future implementation project(s) within the study area.

The team of Wilson & Company, Hoxie Collective, SWT Design, TJ Brown & Associates and Single Wing Creative, was selected for this project.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The projects will use Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding with a required local match as follows:

1. City of Mission, Kansas: Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding (\$80,000) with the required local match of \$20,000 provided by the City of Mission, Kansas.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The MARC Board authorized the award of the PSP funds to the two projects and the receipt of their local match on September 27, 2022.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The consultant contracts involve the jurisdiction of Mission, Kansas

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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the agreement with the team of Wilson & Company, Hoxie Collective, SWT Design, TJ Brown & Associates and Single Wing Creative, for the Rock Creek Corridor Improvements study for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

STAFF CONTACT:

Beth Dawson
Martin Rivarola
Ron Achelpohl

AGENDA REPORT

Budget and Personnel Committee

March 2023

Item No. 1m

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve the funding recommendations for the remaining 2023 Kansas Planning Sustainable Places funds and authorize execution of related agreements and receipts of funds

BACKGROUND:

The Kansas City region's vibrant, green and connected centers and corridors are central to the region's long-range transportation plan, *Connected KC 2050 (CKC 2050)*. The planning program, Planning Sustainable Places (PSP), is an initiative to provide communities with planning resources to advance sustainable projects in our region's centers and corridors since 2013. In 2023 the tenth anniversary of the PSP program will be celebrated.

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) issued a call for projects during the spring of 2022 but not all the 2023 Kansas funds were programmed. MARC issued a supplementary call for projects for the remaining Kansas funds that closed on January 27, 2023. MARC staff conducted an initial review and scoring of the 5 applications and worked with the Sustainable Places Policy Committee (SPPC) to develop a recommended list of awards on March 10, 2023. The recommended list is available on the SPPC [website](#) and in your board packet.

The recommendations before you include 4 planning projects from across the region:

- 3 Sustainable Places Plans
- 1 Implementation Activities

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Project Number	Primary Applicant	Project Title	ProjectType	Project Score	Score Rank	Federal Amount Requested	Local	Recommended		Revised Total
								%	Funding	
15	City of Mission, KS	Mission City-Wide Bike/Ped & Trail Connections Study	Sustainable Places Plan	91	1	\$ 55,000	\$ 15,000		\$ 53,000	\$ 68,000
20	City of De Soto, KS	83rd Street and Lexington Ave Corridor Study	Sustainable Places Plan	70	3	\$ 150,000	\$ 40,000	min.	\$ 60,000	\$100,000
17	City of Basehor, KS	Basehor Downtown Corridor Improvement Plan	Sustainable Places Plan	63	4	\$ 36,000	\$ 9,000	min.	\$ 21,000	\$ 30,000
22	City of Osawatomie, KS	Corridor Planning for Flint Hills to Katy Trail Connection	Sustainable Places Plan	62	5	\$ 48,000	\$ 12,000		\$ -	\$ -
18	City of Overland Park, KS	College and Metcalf Overlay District	Implementation Activities	78	2	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000	min.	\$ 25,000	\$ 50,000
Total									\$ 159,000	\$248,000
Available									\$ 159,000	
Difference									0	
Funded Projects									4	4

Complete street plans, corridor plans, and connectivity plans are just some of the projects included in the proposed list. These projects will be developed with a focus on the integration of transportation, land use and environment, and will include robust citizen engagement. The SPPC weighed several considerations when developing the list including project scores, scalability, local jurisdiction priorities, geography, replicability, and alignment with PSP program objectives. Local sponsors are responsible for local match requirements. The consultant contracts for the projects will be held by MARC, authorization for those individual contracts will be brought to the MARC Board after they have been negotiated.

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BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
KS Surface Transportation Program (FFY 2023)	\$ 159,000
Local Match from Project Sponsors	\$ 89,000
Transportation Fee	\$ 1,590
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$ 1,590
Contractual	\$ 248,000

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Sustainable Places Policy Committee approved the presented funding recommendation on March 10, 2023. The Total Transportation Policy Committee will be considering the recommendation at their March 21, 2023 meeting.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The recommended projects include the jurisdictions of: Basehor, Kansas; De Soto, Kansas; Mission, Kansas; and Overland Park, Kansas

EXHIBITS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve project funding for the Planning Sustainable Places Program as presented, authorize receipt of local match funds from project sponsors, receipt of \$159,000 from the Kansas Surface Transportation Program, and authorize the release of Request for Proposals (RFPs) for selected projects under MARC management.

STAFF CONTACT:

Beth Dawson
Martin Rivarola
Ron Achelpohl

AGENDA REPORT

Budget and Personnel Committee

March 2023
Item No. 1n
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Head Start FY2022 Cost of Living Adjustment and Quality Improvement Application to the Administration for Children and Families

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) received a funding opportunity announcement from the Administration for Children and Families on March 7, 2023, for a FY 2022 Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) increase of \$1,217,783 for Head Start, and \$323,961 for Early Head Start. This represents a 5.6% adjustment above FY2022 funding levels. The targeted use for these funds is to increase partner site staff pay and to off-set higher operating costs. COLA funds will be directly allocated to participating partnering agencies. These programs will receive an increase to their based contract in FY 23 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 \$507,456 for Head Start and \$199,445 for Early Head Start. Grantees are strongly encouraged to use the QI funds to invest in program efforts. The Grantee's have the flexibility to use the QI funds to meet the grantees' most pressing local needs, consistent with Section 640(a)(5) of the Head Start Act. MARC proposes utilizing the Quality Improvement funds to support increasing mental health and wellness needs of children enrolled in Head Start and Early Head and targeted partner site staff pay increases.

In coordination with its delegates and partners, MARC proposes to use the remaining funds from COLA FY23 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 23 budget. These include technology upgrades and replacement, office modifications, and furniture. MARC proposes to use the QI funds to add additional staffing needs to meet the mental health and wellness needs.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

COLA and QI amounts are based upon the Head Start and Early Head Start core grant totals and enrollment. These funds are in addition to the current grant award and will be added to the base amount in future grant years.

REVENUES—Head Start and Early Head Start Core		
	Head Start	Early Head Start
Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)	\$1,217,783	\$323,961
Quality Improvement (QI)	\$507,456	\$199,445
Source	Administration for Children and Families	
PROJECTED EXPENSES		
(COLA) Contractual-Delegates & Partners	\$1,000,000	\$258,908
(COLA) MARC for increased operating costs and supports	\$217,783	\$65,053
QI-Targeted mental health funds	\$405,033	\$168,851
QI-MARC for increased MH supports salary, fringe, indirect, rent	\$102,423	\$30,594

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COMMITTEE ACTION:

The MARC Head Start Policy Council and MARC Head Start Advisory Committee approved MARC Head Start submitting a COLA and QI application on March 13, 2023 and March 21, 2023 respectively.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The MARC Head Start Network partners provide Head Start and Early Head Start programming in Clay, Jackson, and Platte counties.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize submission and acceptance of funds for the Head Start Cost of Living Adjustment and Quality Improvement application in the amount of \$2,248,645.

STAFF CONTACT:

Jovanna Rohs
Kasey Lawson

AGENDA REPORT

Budget and Personnel Committee

March 2023
Item No. 2a

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve minutes of the February 28, 2023 Board meeting

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the February 28, 2023 meeting are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the February 28, 2023 meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm
McKenzie Neds



BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary
February 28, 2022
11:15 a.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, MO - Budget and Personnel Chair
Commissioner Scott Fricker, Platte County, MO
Commissioner Billy Gaines, Ray County, MO
Councilmember Holly Grummert, Overland Park, KS
Councilmember Daniel Hobart, Independence, MO
Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez, Lee's Summit, MO
Commissioner Jerry Nolte, Clay County, MO
Commissioner Rob Roberts, Miami County, KS
Mayor Carson Ross, City of Blue Springs, MO
Commission Chairman Doug Smith, Leavenworth County, KS

STAFF PRESENT

David Warm, Executive Director
McKenzie Neds, Executive Assistant
Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration
Melody Elston, Interim Director of Aging and Adult Services
Marlene Nagel, Director Community Development
Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment
Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services
Kristin Johnson-Waggoner, Public Affairs Program Director
Donna Martin, Public Health Senior Planner

OTHERS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Damien Boley called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

Due to the meeting being conducted remotely, Mayor Damien Boley 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.

Approve Contracts, Grants, and Other Major Expenditures

VOTE: Recommend the Mid-America Regional Council to contract with the Department of Health and Senior Services to advance nutrition initiatives under the Meal Production Capacity and Infrastructure Expansion Program

Melody Elston, Interim Director of Aging and Adults Services. The Department of Health and Senior Services have awarded MARC's Aging Department with \$2.9 million to expand nutrition initiatives within our area. MARC is looking to purchase a building or to locate a building for rent or lease that will become a home delivered meals hub for the region that is centrally located. The Department of Health and Senior Services will advance MARC \$2.5 million that will be applied towards the cost of goods and services as well as updating our current community centers.

Mr. David Warm commented that MARC doesn't own a lot of real estate, and so buying a building is a very significant maneuver. We're going through all the processes, so we do it correctly and Melody is going to talk more about this at the full board meeting. It is an exciting opportunity for us to rethink how we consolidate produce and deliver home delivered meals. This work focuses on the Missouri side of the region, but it will drive down the cost and increase the quality significantly. This model has been deployed in other parts of the state and the state is interested in promulgating this model to other parts of the state. They want us to own the building because it is one time funding, and we must be able to commit to it all. We are working out an operational plan with all our partners and I think we're going to see a significant increase in the quality of service, the quality of food, the decrease in price of meals and as a result we'll be able to serve more people over time, so it's a good step forward.

Mayor Damien Boley asked if MARC is considering looking into any of the buildings that Kansas City Public Schools is closing in the future. Commercial real estate is hard to find right now in the region and a lot of people do 1031 exchanges. The schools have commercial kitchens and the health department certification. Melody Elston said that MARC is looking to contract with a commercial relator to help find a good fit. Mr. David Warm also indicated that MARC will not be using the facility to cook meal but rather will be doing assembly of meal packages for delivery. There is a need for some on-site refrigeration and general food operation / quality control but whether we do that in house or contract that service is yet to be decided.

Commissioner Rob Roberts asked if MARC has other regional models that they are researching for ideas on implementation. Melody indicated that the team is traveling later in the month of March to do just that.

Commissioner Roberts also reported that in Ottawa, KS there is a Mid America Nutrition Council that serves a six-county region including Miami County. They operate a concept like you talked about: they own the building, they prepare the food, they distribute the food, etc. In this case they operate a six-county region and they have their own governing board, it's run through the senior adult program, and they have the same funding so it might be a good model for you to look in to.

Commissioner Scott Fricker asked if MARC would be working with the existing Meals on Wheels program? Melody indicated that with our current community partners the existing programming will remain the same and there will be updates provided to those who we are currently partnering with.

VOTE: Authorize submission and acceptance of funds for the SFY 2024 Missouri Elderly & Handicapped Transportation Assistance Program application

Melody Elston, Interim Director of Aging and Adults Services. Every year, MARC's Aging and Adult Services applies for the Missouri Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Assistance Programs. These funds are used to provide transportation services to older adults and people over 18 who have disabilities. MARC will incorporate this funding into the fiscal year 2024 area plan. The application request is for a total of \$275,000.

VOTE: Authorize amendment to increase the City of Liberty Community Center agreement

Melody Elston, Interim Director of Aging and Adults Services. MARC staff developed the current City of Liberty Community Center Agreement in 2022 to provide services to the local community. The contract was developed conservatively and now needs to be expanded in preparation for fiscal year 2024.

Commissioner Jerry Nolte said that the senior population Liberty is expanding quite rapidly right now, and Wellington is close to capacity, however, they have three more facilities that are under construction at various stages. But Commissioner Nolte noted how happy he was to see this item on the agenda.

VOTE: Approve submission of the SFY 2024 area plan and budget to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

Melody Elston, Interim Director of Aging and Adults Services. The Department of Health and Senior Services requires MARC to submit a 2024 area plan and listed in the board packet is the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding budget that covers 4 items, that are in our current service lines: technology, diversity, equity and inclusion efforts, and our integrated care efforts.

VOTE: Authorize an agreement with Community Builders of Kansas City Eats for the Double Up Food Bucks - Heartland Program

Donna Martin, Public Health Senior Planner, presented that in the fall of 2020 Mid America Regional Council and a collaboration of partners including Kansas State University Research Extension, Cultivate KC, West Central Missouri Community Action Agency, The University of Missouri Extension, and KU Med Center were granted a four-year award from the United States Department of Agriculture to support our Double Up Food Bucks Program. In 2021, this group was given another grant that stemmed from Congressional approved COVID-19 funding. That grant significantly helped expand the Double Up Food Bucks Program to new locations, particularly on the Missouri side of the state line, and made it possible to expand the number of months that our grocery stores can offer the program to make it a year-round program.

In both of those grants, MARC included expansion to new grocery stores and farmers markets in the budget of these grants. This particular contract that is before you for approval is related to two grocery stores in Kansas City that fall under that category. They are new grocery stores that meet the needs of the program and MARC is very excited to bring them on board because they happen to be located in an area of Kansas City where grocery stores are sparser and there are limited options to access fresh fruits and vegetables.

VOTE: Authorize grant application with Missouri Department of Natural Resources 604b water quality protection grant for \$50,000 and expend if awarded.

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment. The MARC Board has previously approved our team to work with the American Public Works Association and 22 local governments to update the stormwater standards for the Kansas City area. This item is a request to apply to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for an additional \$50,000 to supplement the work being done; we're really focusing on community engagement efforts. If awarded, these funds will provide for an additional level of community and stakeholder engagement to ensure that final project outcomes of the APWA Section 5600 reflect the perspectives of developers, engineers, community members, ecologists, and planners.

VOTE: Approve contract with Weather or Not, Inc. in the amount of \$77,571 to provide ozone forecasting for the 2023, 2024 and 2025 seasons

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment. March 1 is the start of ozone season for the Kansas City area this item is a request to enter into a contract with Weather or Not Inc. to provide the meteorological forecast for the ozone season that we use for our ozone alerts. We've used this company for years and they were the only firm that responded to our request for proposals. MARC staff reviewed the proposal and are now requesting authorization for a contract not to exceed \$77,571.

VOTE: Approve 2023 air quality ozone season public outreach campaign media purchase estimates

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment. This is a request to approve the overall budget for our media purchases for the ozone season this year. They are detailed in the board packet totaling \$240,000. The bulk of the expenditures (40%) would be in broadcast media, 30% online and the rest would be distributed among billboards, print ads, some other sports partnerships as well.

VOTE: Authorization to receive Kansas Department of Transportation Innovative Technology Program Funds and contract with Kansas State University to provide uncrewed aircraft system flight training.

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment. MARC has been informed that we received authorization for the grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation to bring the K-State Uncrewed Aerial Systems Program to the Kansas City area. They currently offer training in Salina campus. This would bring it to the Kansas City area and would be more accessible locally to local governments. The total amount of the KDOT grant is \$49,000 and there will be an additional \$26,000 of match funding. We are requesting authorization to receive those funds and then also contract with K-State.

Commissioner Rob Roberts asked, "Am I reading that right? That means no crew in the cockpit?"

Mr. Achelpohl clarified that this training is drone based and teaches how to use them for construction inspection for various other uses that local governments are already taking advantage of. It could also be used in the future for pilot certification as well.

VOTE: Authorize amendment to the contract with Beth Heslowitz to support continuing and new projects not to exceed \$83,000.

Marlene Nagel, Director of Community Development. In 2021, MARC was invited to apply for a grant from the Economic Development Administration to support Wyandotte County in helping small businesses recover from the pandemic, helping individuals who were unemployed or underemployed to look at career opportunities to be supported in training and then to help them get employed. MARC has had a workforce development program director that assisted our Research Services Department on workforce labor market data and analysis. Because the funding at the time was less certain to hire a full-time position, we solicited resumes from qualified individuals to assist us as a contractor; MARC hired Beth Heslowitz during that process.

Several projects and our contract at the time were covered through the EDA grant for \$125,000. Since that time, Miss Heslowitz has continued to assist MARC with economic development and workforce planning and projects. This includes support for the Head Start Connections Program that helps Head Start parents look at careers, draft resumes and look for ways to increase their earning for their families by identifying career opportunities. Ms. Heslowitz will also assist our Government 2 University initiative for public workforce. Also, through the University of Central Missouri we had the opportunity to continue our analytical work outlining technology jobs in the region. Today we would like authorization to be able to increase the current contract from \$125,000 to \$208,000.

VOTE: Authorize an agreement with Luceo Images LLC to design a regional communication plan that addresses opioid use disorders and reduction of suicides.

Marlene Nagel, Director of Community Development. Since before the pandemic, MARC has convened the public health directors from around the region on a regular basis, and last fall they expressed interest in working together to address the growing problem around overdoses. They felt there were opportunities for collaborative efforts, particularly as opioid settlement funds were expected to come into the communities and into the states. The health directors identified 4 areas of potential collaboration. One of which is to design a coordinated outreach and awareness about the dangers of opioids, particularly fentanyl because we are seeing increasing rates of overdosing among youth and adults. Through a competitive process, MARC identified a consultant, Luceo Images LLC, with national expertise working with communities and states to build support in taking appropriate action for the reduction of overdosing. MARC would be using a combination of a special grant funding we received from the Health Forward as well as some funding from the local health departments. Total contract amount is \$60,500.

VOTE: Authorize a Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning grant application and acceptance in the amount of \$108,000 with the Kansas Department of Emergency Management for regional emergency services.

Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services. MARC is seeking approval to apply for the next round of hazardous materials emergency planning grant funds specifically for the Kansas side of the state line. The grant timeline is from September 2023 through September 2024 for a total of \$108,000. These funds will help support the work of the Local Emergency Planning Committee, which is a group that brings together private industry and the Emergency Management Community to mitigate the risks from events involving hazardous chemicals. These funds will be used for planning activities as well as training and exercises.

VOTE: Authorize an application to the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the benefit for individuals experiencing homelessness in eastern Jackson County

Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services. MARC is requesting authorization to apply to the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to serve people who have mental health disorders or substance abuse disorders that are experiencing homelessness. This request is formed out of our work with the eastern Jackson County shared services initiative. MARC is partnering with the two mental health agencies that serve this catchment area in eastern Jackson County, ReDiscover and Burrell d/b/a Comprehensive Mental Health Services to apply for this opportunity in a collaborative way. This project narrative and budget are not fully complete yet however, MARC needs approval from the Board prior to the application deadline March 21st.

Because of this, details around of the budget are not set in stone but Lauren said that generally MARC is looking at the project that is going to devote funds to supplement staff in both mental health agencies to do homelessness outreach in the field. This means identifying people who are experiencing homelessness, helping them access services through the existing service delivery system, and the housing continuum of care. The total award is for \$500,000 over the course of four years and MARC will have to reapply yearly.

Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez expressed appreciation about MARC being honest and transparent about not having it all fully vetted out. However, he is aware that this group has been working hard in the cities of Independence, Blue Springs, and Lee's Summit and have been pretty engaged so I think you've hit the ground running.

Dan Hobart commented that he is happy to see MARC take a lead on this project, and he believes that this work will help highlight the need that exists in these cities specifically. Ms. Palmer noted that MARC was especially interested in playing a role because there was more than one agency that will be involved. She also stated that Burrell is planning on applying for another portion funding to help in this work across the state. There will hopefully be more opportunities in the future for MARC to play this role of administering the funds and bringing partners like these across jurisdictions to the table.

VOTE: Authorize contracts for a Government Training Institute custom training project with the Eastern Jackson County Shared Services Initiative for supervisory training

Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services. This is a request to authorize a contract through our Government Training Institute with those five cities that are in the eastern Jackson County Shared Services initiative for a supervisory training program. We started a supervisory training program back in 2019 and 2020 with the three original cities in that Shared Services initiative. They have asked us to come back and expand that work and now this will be including the two new jurisdictions of Raytown and Grandview in addition to Blue Springs, Independence, and Lee's Summit.

We worked with their human resource professionals, and we are going to be training about 100 supervisory professionals. The curriculum is focused on communication, having tough one-on-one conversations, and understanding emotional intelligence. I also wanted to share we've had some interest from Jackson County about possibly partnering in this work. We will be following up and doing that outreach to see if there's an opportunity to get them involved as well.

VOTE: Approve the Minutes of the February 28, 2023 Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez moved for approval of all agenda items and Mayor Carson Ross seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

Mayor Damien Boley adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m.