



Board of Directors MEETING NOTICE

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

June 25, 2024

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 McKenzie Neds at mnedes@marc.org by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, for instructions to join the teleconference.

AGENDA

1. Brief Self-Introductions
2. EFFECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
 - a. PRESENTATION: Highlights of *Art Moves Us*, an ArtsKC report on the arts and culture impact in the Kansas City region.
3. EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION AND QUALITY PLACES
 - a. REPORT: Results of Connected KC 2050 regional public survey of transportation priorities.
 - b. REPORT: 2024 Peer Regions Transit Report summary
4. BRIEF REPORTS
 - a. REPORT: RecycleSpot website redesign
 - b. REPORT: Regional Stormwater Engineering Standards update
 - c. VOTE: Review and accept the 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District 2023 Financial Report.
 - d. REPORT: Overview of August 8 training event for Elected Officials in partnership with Strategic Government Resources.
5. Executive Director's Report

CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

6. VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda
 - a. VOTE: Approve Minutes of the May 28, 2024, Board Meeting
 - b. VOTE: Approve Spring 2024 Functional Classification System updates
 - c. VOTE: Authorize Burns and McDonnell contract increase to update the regional stormwater engineering standards and the Manual of Best Management Practices to Protect Water Quality.
 - d. VOTE: Approve actions taken on the June 11, 2024, Head Start Advisory Committee Meeting.
 - e. VOTE: Approve key agency contracts to provide Early Head Start services through the state of Missouri Early Head Start grant.
 - f. VOTE: Approve Mid-America Regional Council's Head Start proposal to make changes to the Early Head Start / Head Start Enrollment for 2024-2025 to accommodate closure of EarlystART North.



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- g. VOTE: Authorize submission of Head Start / Early Head Start grant to the Administration for Children and Families for the continued support of the Head Start / Early Head Start Program.
- h. VOTE: Approve contracts for Head Start and Early Head Start support services.
- i. VOTE: Approve key agency contracts to provide support services for year two of the Missouri Office of Childhood Child Care Collaborative Networks.
- j. VOTE: Authorize submission of grant application to the Administration for Children and Families to support the Refugee Family Child Care Microenterprise Development Program.
- k. VOTE: Authorize application and acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2024 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant and issuance of associated subaward agreements.
- l. VOTE: Authorize contract renewals with Bound Tree and Life Assist for Mid-America Regional Council Emergency Rescue Committee cooperative purchasing agreements for emergency medical supplies and equipment.
- m. VOTE: Authorize a contract with Carl Abraham for regional emergency services assessment and outreach.
- n. VOTE: Authorize application and acceptance of an Assistant Secretary Preparedness and Response grant for fiscal year 2024 - 2025 and authorize related subcontract with David Schemenauer.
- o. VOTE: Authorize renewal of the subcontract agreement with the Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging for the Give 5 program.
- p. VOTE: Authorize and approve contracting and payment for implementation of a three-year subscription with Mon Ami, a client management system for the Mid-America Regional Council Aging and Adult Services.
- q. VOTE: Authorize increased funding to support Rebuilding Together Kansas City, Inc. to complete approved home modification projects.
- r. VOTE: Authorize state fiscal year 2025 contract with Advantage In-Home Services, LLC to provide in-home services for the Mid-America Regional Council's Area Agency on Aging.
- s. VOTE: Approve amendment increase with G&W Foods, Inc for Double Up Food Bucks incentives at fifteen stores participating in the program.
- t. VOTE: Approve agreement with Hopeward, LLC to provide assistance with the Regional Housing Partnership strategy committee for strategic planning and network build out through August 1, 2025.

7. Other Business

8. Adjournment

MARC Board of Directors - Members and Alternates

Name	Jurisdiction	Title
Anderson, Jalen	Jackson County	County Legislator - Designee for County Executive Frank White Jr.
Bacon, John	Olathe, KS	Mayor
Baird, Bill	Lee's Summit, MO	Mayor
Boley, Damien	Smithville, MO	Mayor
Bunch, Eric	Kansas City, MO	Councilmember
Burroughs, Tom	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner
Caiharr, Carolyn	Edwardsville, KS	Mayor
Carpenter, Jon	Clay County	Commissioner
Culbertson, Jeff	Leavenworth County	Commissioner
Duncan, Johnathan	Kansas City, MO	Councilmember
Fast, Becky	Johnson County	Commissioner - Designee for Commission Chair Mike Kelly
Fears, Jared	Independence, MO	Councilmember
Fields, Vernon	Basehor, KS	Councilmember
Fricke, Scott	Platte County	Presiding Commissioner
Gaines, Billy	Ray County	Presiding Commissioner
Garner, Tyrone	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Mayor/CEO
Grummert, Holly	Overland Park, KS	Councilmember
Hanzlick, Janee	Johnson County	Commissioner
Hardy, Jeff*	MoDOT	Asst. District Engineer
Heley, Logan	Overland Park, KS	Councilmember - Designee for Mayor Curt Skoog
Hill, Dr. Evelyn	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner
Hurlbert, Victor	Clay County	Auditor
Huston, Bob	Cass County	Commissioner
Jarrold, Dick**	KCATA	Vice President
Johnson, Ryan	Cass County	Commissioner - Designee for Commission Chair Bob Huston
Jones, Leonard	Mayor	Grandview, MO
Kane, Mike	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner - Designee for Mayor/CEO Tyrone Garner
Kelly, Mike	Johnson County	Commission Chairman
Koehn, Leroy**	KDOT	District Engineer
Lopez, Beto	Lee's Summit, MO	Mayor Pro Tem – Designee for Mayor Bill Baird
Lucas, Quinton	Kansas City, MO	Mayor
Marshall, Megan	Jackson County	Legislator
McCandless, Bridget	Independence, MO	Councilmember – Designee for Mayor Rory Rowland
McDonough, Mike	Raytown, MO	Mayor
McGee, DaRon	Jackson County	Legislator
Meyers, Jeff	Johnson County	Commissioner
Mikkelson, Eric	Prairie Village, KS	Mayor
Moriarty, Michael**	KDOT	Chief of Transportation Planning
Nolte, Jerry	Clay County	Presiding Commissioner
Pogue, Randy	Kearney, MO	Mayor
Poppa, Michael	Johnson County municipalities	Mayor
Ramirez, Christian	Unified Government of WyCo/KCK	Commissioner
Redline, Chris**	MoDOT	District Engineer
Roberts, Rob	Miami County	Commissioner
Rowland, Rory	Independence, MO	Mayor
Sandifer, Mickey	Shawnee, KS	Mayor
Skoog, Curt	Overland Park, KS	Mayor
Smith, Doug	Leavenworth County	Commission Chairman
Stephens, Tom	Bonner Springs, KS	Mayor
Turnbow, Kristofer	Raymore, MO	Mayor
Vaughan, Tyler	Miami County	Commissioner
Vogt, Marge	Olathe, KS	Councilmember - Designee for Mayor John Bacon
Wagner, Scott	Clay County	Commissioner
Walker, Rick	De Soto, KS	Mayor
White III, Frank**	KCATA	President/CEO
White Jr., Frank	Jackson County	County Executive
Willet, Nathan	Kansas City, MO	Councilmember
Wood, Dagmar	Platte County	Commissioner

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

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2024
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

June 2024
Item No. 2a
Effective Local Government

ISSUE:

PRESENTATION: Highlights of *Art Moves Us*, an ArtsKC report on the arts and culture impact in the Kansas City region.

BACKGROUND:

ArtsKC is a nonprofit arts organization that provides support for the regional art and culture community through programs, advocacy, and investment. Dana Knapp, President & CEO, will provide a presentation highlighting key goals and takeaways from their most recent impact report, *Art Moves Us*. Developed in partnership with Americans for the Arts, the report documents the significant economic and social impact of the arts and culture sector for the Kansas City region.

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has worked closely with Arts KC on many fronts over the years, which has most recently included tailoring a data academy to be geared toward arts and cultural professionals, cooperatively supporting Jackson County in the arts and cultural component of its strategic plan and sponsoring a workshop on using arts and arts leaders in community planning and design.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

[Arts & Economic Prosperity Study](#)
[Regional Arts Impact Dashboard](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm, Executive Director

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2024

Item No. 3a

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

REPORT: Results of Connected KC 2050 regional public survey of transportation priorities.

BACKGROUND:

In support of the [Connected KC 2050](#) long range transportation plan update, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) contracted with ETC Institute, a local research company, for a random sample surveying process that surveyed residents all nine counties of the MARC Metropolitan Planning Organization area. ETC Institute is well established in our region and has provided research services to many of our member jurisdictions. The survey has closed and ETC has written the final report. The survey sought to:

1. Recognize that transportation needs are evolving and securing data that offers a snapshot of a representative sample of our region will improve understanding of the region's priorities and needs. In particular, the recent addition of Ray County into the Metropolitan Planning Organization heightens our need to better understand the needs of outlying communities in our region.
2. Gather perspectives on a variety of transportation modes, transportation needs, funding priorities, and other issues. The results will inform Connected KC 2050 and other planning initiatives including our regional Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan, currently underway.

The June Board presentation will be provided by Jason Morado, Vice President and Director of Community Research, ETC Institute.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Information only.

EXHIBITS:

[2024 MARC Long Range Transportation Survey](#)

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT

Beth Dawson, Principal Planner

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2024
Item No. 3b
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

REPORT: 2024 Peer Regions Transit Study

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) periodically conducts reviews comparing transit funding in the Kansas City region with transit funding in peer cities. This analysis was first performed in 2011 to support work by Johnson County's Transit Funding Task Force (START), as well as to aid in ongoing discussions regarding the development of a strategy for regional transit investment in Kansas City. The report was updated in 2014 and in 2018 to serve as a resource for MARC's transportation committees. The 2024 update serves as the fourth version of the Peer Regions Transit Report.

Ten peer cities and four aspirational cities were identified for this comparison. The review compares state and local funding levels for transit in our region with similar funding for transit in other cities on a per capita basis. This report serves as a benchmark for our regional transit system and how it compares to peer transit systems in terms of funding, ridership, service area and density. The majority of the data was collected from the National Transit Database, the 5-year American Community Survey (ACS) and a custom survey sent to the transit providers included in the report. Major findings from this report include:

- The KC region spent \$46.53 in state and local funds per capita in 2022, which ranks 12th out of 15 analyzed peer regions.
- This funding level is a 28% decrease in per capita funding since 2016 (adjusted for inflation).
- In 2021, state funding towards transit services led to a ranking of 10 out of 15 regions.
- Per capita investment per jurisdiction in the region varies widely. In 2023, Kansas City, North Kansas City and the UG Wyandotte County/KCK funded more than the regional averages.
- KCATA ridership decreases is less than the median decrease amongst all analyzed cities.

Staff will provide a [summary of the report at the meeting](#). A full report is anticipated to be released in July 2024.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Regional Transit Coordinating Council-Technical Team and Total Transportation Policy Committee previously reviewed this item.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

All counties served by public transit services in the Kansas City Region.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Martin Rivarola, Assistant Director of Transportation and Land Use Planning

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2024
Item No. 4a
Healthy Environment

ISSUE:

REPORT: RecycleSpot website redesign

BACKGROUND:

[RecycleSpot.org](https://www.recycle-spot.org), the region's one-stop spot for recycling information, was relaunched last November after undergoing a complete redesign in 2023. It is the Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) most visited website, averaging 88,000 visitors a year. With 7,800 Facebook followers, RecycleSpot.org also has the strongest engagement among all MARC social media.

On the site, users can find information about:

- Over 1,800 locations that accept items such as cardboard, plastic, televisions, computers, furniture, Styrofoam™ and food waste.
- Items that are acceptable in their [curbside recycling bins](#).
- Where to take [household hazardous waste \(HHW\)](#) such as paint, automotive fluids, lawn and garden chemicals, cleaners, and batteries.
- Core solid waste [community services](#) such as curbside collection for trash, bulky items, recycling, and yard waste.
- Information about [Recycle More At Work](#), which helps local governments, businesses, and organizations start or improve workplace recycling and waste reduction programs.

The [MARC Solid Waste Management District](#) is responsible for maintaining, updating and promoting RecycleSpot.org. The District relies heavily on local cities and counties to pass along the resources to their constituents. In 2024, the District will reach out to all MARC cities and counties to share RecycleSpot.org promotional opportunities.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

Board members will receive a hard copy of the updated [Recycle Better flier](#) and RecycleSpot.org magnet.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Matt Riggs, Outreach Coordinator

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2024
Item No. 4b
Healthy Environment

ISSUE:

REPORT: Regional Stormwater Engineering Standards update

BACKGROUND:

In September 2022, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Board authorized MARC to shepherd the process of updating regional stormwater engineering standards and criteria (i.e., APWA 5600 and the MARC/APWA BMP Manual) in partnership with over 30 local governments and the Kansas City Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA). This action was preceded by approval from the Executive Committee of the APWA for MARC to facilitate and manage this initiative.

A technical advisory committee composed of representatives from all the communities providing support for this effort has guided the work since September 2022. This group refined its project approach and drafted a request for qualifications/proposals to solicit consulting support for project implementation. The selected consulting team is led by Burns and McDonnell and includes Black and Veatch, Vireo, and the Center for Watershed Protection.

A discovery and assessment phase engaging about 350 community stakeholders was carried out between September 2023 - January 2024. The overall effort is expected to be completed by February 2025. The scope of work that was determined in consultation with area stakeholders will:

- create a set of stormwater standards that are more adaptable
- combine water quantity and quality design standards
- include development and redevelopment standards
- address resiliency and sustainability by promoting more holistic system evaluations
- update rainfall standards and other appropriate hydrology methods
- update hydrology and hydraulic evaluation requirements
- reduce the existing subjectivity in technical assumptions
- provide more natural system design criteria, and
- improve the evaluation of stormwater detention requirements for increased value.

There is a related report on this month's board consent agenda to approve a contract amendment for the continuation of services needed to complete the update of the standards.

Next steps

After an APWA membership review process, a membership-wide vote is expected in May 2025. Local governments will then be able to consider adoption of the APWA infrastructure standards.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

This item was presented to the Total Transportation Policy Committee on June 18, 2024.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Many local cities and counties have conventionally adopted APWA infrastructure standards.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Tom Jacobs, Chief Resilience Officer and Environmental Programs Director

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2024
Item No. 4c
Exemplary Core Capacities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Review and accept the 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District 2023 Financial Report.

BACKGROUND:

Kaleb Lilly, partner with RubinBrown LLP, will present an audit update, the draft Auditor Communications Letter, and the draft Management Representation Letter at the June 2024 Budget and Personnel, and Board meetings. Kaleb will also discuss financial statement updates that are needed to present the Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) financials in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

The Draft 2023 MARC Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), MARC Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) Financial Report, and letters are available for review on the MARC website at:

<https://www.marc.org/about-marc/financial-information>

The 2023 MARC ACFR will be submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for compliance with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting upon report finalization and issuance.

The MARC 2023 Uniform Guidance Single Audit Report is currently nearing completion and will be brought to the August 2024 board meetings for review and acceptance.

If there are any questions about the draft reports and letters, please contact Carol Gonzales, Andrew Molloy, Darlene Pickett or David Warm at MARC, or Kaleb Lilly at (913) 499-4417.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The Board approved the agreement with Rubin Brown for continuation of Audit Services at the January 2024 board meeting. The estimated cost for the 2023 audit is \$82,920. Funds for the audit are budgeted in the Indirect Costs Fund in the 2024 Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the 2023 MARC ACFR and MARC SWMD Financial Report.

STAFF CONTACT:

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration
Andrew Molloy, Finance Director
Darlene Pickett, Accountant III
Lisa Santa-Maria, Accountant III

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2024
Item No. 4d
Effective Local Government

ISSUE:

REPORT: Overview of August 8 training event for Elected Officials in partnership with Strategic Government Resources.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Government Training Institute (GTI) provides coordination and training opportunities throughout the year for local officials and professionals in the Kansas City Region. MARC is partnering with Strategic Government Resources (SGR) to provide this dynamic leadership training for city and county elected officials in our region. The session is designed to provide elected officials with the opportunity to network and participate in a discussion on how to be effective in their roles within local government. City and county managers are encouraged to attend with their elected representatives.

Dinner will be served, and the training format will emphasize small group discussion to create ample opportunities for peer interaction. Space is limited so register today!

Thursday August 8, 2024 | 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Basic Pricing (after June 17): GTI Members: \$139 | non-members: \$159

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

[How to Accomplish Your Agenda as an Elected Official Registration](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information only.

STAFF CONTACT:

Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services
Julie Phillips, Shared Services Director

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2024
Item No. 6a

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve minutes of the May 28, 2024, Board meeting

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the May 28, 2024, meeting are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the May 28, 2024, meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

David Warm, Executive Director
McKenzie Neds, Executive Assistant

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MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY

MAY 28, 2024

12:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, KS - MARC Board Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez, Lee's Summit, MO - MARC Board 1st Vice Chair
Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, MO - MARC Board 2nd Vice Chair
Council member Holly Grummert, Overland Park, KS - Treasurer
Council member Bridget McCandless, Independence, MO - Secretary
Legislator Jalen Anderson, Jackson County, MO
Mayor John Bacon, Olathe, KS
Commissioner Tom Burroughs, Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS
Commissioner Jeff Culbertson, Leavenworth County, KS
Council member Johnathan Duncan, Kansas City, MO
Commissioner Becky Fast, Johnson County, MO
Council member Jared Fears, Independence, MO
Commissioner Scott Fricker, Platte County, MO
Commissioner Billy Gaines, Ray County, MO
Council member Logan Heley, Overland Park, KS
Commissioner Dr. Evelyn Hill, Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS
Auditor Victor Hurlbert, Clay County, MO
Legislator Megan Marshall, Jackson County, MO
Council member Bridget McCandless, Independence, MO
Legislator DaRon McGee, Jackson County, MO
Mayor Eric Mikkelsen, Prairie Village, KS
Commissioner Jerry Nolte, Clay County, MO
Commissioner Rob Roberts, Miami County, KS
Mayor Mickey Sandifer, Shawnee, KS
Commissioner Doug Smith, Leavenworth County, KS
Mayor Kris Turnbow, Raymore, MO
Mayor Rick Walker, De Soto, KS
Council member Nathan Willet, Kansas City, MO

STAFF PRESENT

Executive Director David Warm and other MARC staff

OTHERS

Chris Redline, MODOT
Mayor Dana Webb, Oak Grove, MO
Mayor Chris Lievsay, Blue Springs, MO

INTRODUCTIONS AND BOARD SHARING TIME

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. and welcomed attendees. Due to the meeting being held remotely and in-person, Commissioner Hanzlick provided instructions for participation. She reported that staff would present on all the agenda items, provide an opportunity for comments and questions after each item, and

ask for approval of all agenda items as they appear on the agenda. The consent agenda will be voted on at the end of the meeting. Members will have an opportunity to abstain or object to any items necessary during each vote.

DISCUSSION: Considerations for inclusive playgrounds in the Kansas City metro area.

Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start, introduced Nathan Musteen-Parks and Recreation Director for Raymore, MO and Jim Wilson, Project Manager for Johnson County, KS Park and Recreation District to discuss the community-wide benefits for inclusive playgrounds. Dr. Sturdivant reminded the board that the Early Learning department is currently creating a regional strategic plan for early childhood and the organizations that are a part of this work are eager to make this structure as inclusive as possible. Dr. Sturdivant invited these two Parks department employees to share the benefits that they have seen since installing inclusive playgrounds within their jurisdictions.

Mr. Mustang drew attention to the fact that there is a distinct difference between an inclusive playground and a universally designed playground. The two playgrounds located in Raymore (at two different parks) are universally designed. When the city of Raymore started this process in 2016, inclusive playgrounds were just becoming popular and they were expensive - making installation a barrier to smaller communities. Raymore eventually applied for grants and other sources of funding and built the \$1.3 million inclusive, universally designed playground out in phases for their community. Variety KC ultimately contacted the City to help with the installation of a spray ground (waterpark type feature). At the time, there were roughly 20,000 residents in the City of Raymore and the park budget was \$1.5 million annually. The biggest takeaway from this success is that smaller towns and communities can achieve this goal. Raymore and other community partners can help to collaborate to be creative with funding and resource strategies to get these installed in the communities.

Mr. Wilson explained that the JCPRD system is focused on regional parks and destinations with larger land holdings, the smallest park is around 43 acres, and the largest park is over 2000 acres. Of the 25 playgrounds, three have been constructed as inclusive playgrounds. When JCPRD began the inclusive playground planning, it was a phase two development and they were approached by the local civil community organization parent group that had a population with specific needs on the equipment. JCPRD formed a stakeholders group and committee consisting of the parents, local professionals in the childcare area, and others that could provide technical advice. They hired a consultant to manage that public process to make sure everyone had a voice. The JCPRD brought their board in early on presentations from our local manufacturers, and experts explaining what an inclusive playground is, what it entails, and why it's important for the community, having these conversations early was a positive driver to retain board support for the projects.

The team review lessons learned from all of these projects which includes: build a stakeholders group that includes representatives from your expected playground users and local experts in the field, select Play equipment / designs from a single manufacturer, if possible, include containment fencing that complies with ASTM F2049 (specific for playgrounds only), add shade and cooling features, design both active and passive spaces in the playground, inclusive play design includes play components that challenge kids of all abilities, restroom facilities need to be nearby and adequate for the population served, increase ADA parking above minimum requirements, if possible, and be mindful of material choices based on populations.

Councilmember Holly Grummert asked what the difference is between a splash pad and sprayground? Mr. Mustang said that a sprayground has uprights with buckets that fall and interactive features whereas the splash pad is a concrete pad with sprinklers coming out of the ground.

Victor Hurlbert asked if it would be possible to retrofit or renovate older parks or do these parks need to be newly built? Mr. Wilson said it would depend on the life cycle of the existing playground.

REPORT: Update on the Health & Human Services Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Agency Mobile Crisis Response grant and KC REACH Program.

Julie Phillips, Shared Services Director, reminded the Board that in the fall of 2022, MARC was awarded a grant from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to work with five community behavioral health clinics and CommCARE, 988 Call Center. This marks year two of this four year project that impact Platte, Ray, Jackson, and Clay counties in Missouri and Ms. Phillips shared highlights and success of the program thus far. The team is focused on developing shared protocols which is critical to ensure that mobile crisis is delivered in a consistent way across the region. This is accomplished by working with CommCARE to develop a consistent way that each call enters 988 and a mobile crisis team is asked to respond to an individual in need. Positive data from the field since this work has started include a total of 655 mobile crisis team responses with 95% of the teams arriving within 1 hour and 72% of those were resolved in the community and 0 restraints have been used to date. The mobile responses have increased significantly since we started the program and those numbers increasing is due in part to those shared protocols and ensuring that the right calls are getting into the mobile crisis response field.

The key to success is sharing this information and getting the message out in the community about the 988 resources and the services that are available. If you or your communities need materials to advocate for this work, they are encouraged to reach out to MARC staff. One of the most exciting partnerships that have been expanded in the last year is with law enforcement and first responders that focuses on opportunities for 911 to 988 call diversion. In December 2023, the City of Kansas City, MO signed an MOU with CommCARE to divert those 911 calls that are purely mental health related. Through this work and ongoing partnerships, MARC is constantly bringing together regional professionals and national perspectives to the 988 space to create best practices and continuity of care in the Kansas City Region.

Ms. Phillips introduced Council member Johnathan Duncan to speak about a new program that he has brought forward in the City of Kansas City. Mr. Duncan spoke about the REACH program which is Responding with Empathetic Alternatives and Community Health. The program is similar to the 988 mobile crisis response and is based in Kansas City's Health Department. The impetus of the work was the Alternatives Incarceration Commission, which was established by Mayor Lucas and some other council members, to explore alternatives to incarceration. In speaking with members from our municipal judges, courts, and police departments, oftentimes those who are in city jail are people suffering from severe mental health crises. These persons are arrested for built up / repeat crimes and putting them in our municipal detention facility which turns over and the process is repeated. This program has funded eight community responders and four care navigators and is based off the model that was adopted in Atlanta seven years ago. The distinction between these programs across the country is these are community response rather than a law enforcement response to create a relationship with the person experiencing the trauma and those that are being affected by their behavior. This is a pilot program that will be focused in these main areas: the greater downtown area, Rivermarket, Crossroads, Prospect Ave corridor, and partnering with the KCATA.

REPORT: Results of Connected KC 2050 regional public survey of transportation priorities.
This item was moved to the June Board Meeting due to time constraints.

BRIEF REPORTS:

REPORT: 2023 Financial and Single Audits and Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration, reported that MARC's audit firm, RubinBrown is anticipating a clean audit with no findings which is a testament to all the hard

work that MARC staff perform daily. As part of this year's process the MARC finance department identified an issue that we want to change how reserve and fund balances are tracked. This will be a change to some of our fundamental accounting practices and MARC is working closely with RubinBrown to make sure that the changes meet with government accounting principles. There will be a comment in the audit about that change because it is a significant (according to their definition) change to our practices. MARC is confident that making the change is the correct step forward and the draft audit document will be ready to review in the coming days. The Board will be asked for final approval at the June board meeting. If anyone has any questions please contact Carol, David, or Kaleb at any time.

VOTE: Authorize contracts for project partners to implement the new US Department of Energy's Renew America's Nonprofits grant program.

Marlene Nagel, Director of Community Development, reminded the Board that in October 2023, it was announced that MARC was one of nine grantees across the nation to receive this grant award. The project is coming close to beginning and MARC is hoping to serve 25 to 30 nonprofit organizations that serve disadvantaged individuals and communities with energy conservation improvement. We expect to formally announce the opening for applications from nonprofits next month. During the process, we have four partners that we would like to enter contracts with so they can begin the project. If any board member has nonprofit organizations in your communities that would be a fit for receiving a grant for energy conservation improvements, and they own their building, please communicate this opportunity with them.

Commissioner Becky Fast asked which part of the region could be serviced by the funding? Ms. Nagel answered that the full 9-county region can apply and the Community Advisory Board would like to see geographically diverse applicants and recipients.

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick asked for a motion to approve this item. Legislator Jalen Anderson motioned to approve. Council Member Bridget McCandless seconded. The motion passes.

REPORT: Mid-America Regional Council Area Agency on Aging FY2025 Area Plan

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, provided a report on the upcoming 4-year Area Agency on Aging plan which serves the 5-county region of Clay, Cass, Jackson, Platte, and Ray in Missouri and over 8,000 people this last year alone. The state of Missouri releases a plan every year on aging and MARC has aligned our area plan with that plan. Ms. Bohling-DaMetz presented data that shows the trend between those under 18 and those over 65 is going to cross in less than 10 years. Which means it's essential that the region is focusing on infrastructure, planning, and supportive wrap around services for those aging adults. The state plan on aging has one overarching goal for all Missourians to age safely in a way that promotes health and dignity in the setting of their choice. Which is usually said as "age in place". There are 9 Missouri outcomes surrounding this main goal and MARC's goals fold together with the state's plan. Ms. Bohling-DaMetz reviewed outlined the four main goals of the MARC program which are focused on: wrap-around services, resources, and programs for older adults and caregivers in the Kansas City area, ensuring that older adults in the Kansas City area have access to healthy and culturally appropriate food, ensuring that disparities resulting from barriers to services are identified and reduced, and finally, advancing whole person health and mental wellbeing. Ms. Bohling-DaMetz invited members of the board to share an exciting event coming up on Friday June 28 from 10a-3pm for an Age of Celebration which will have supporting organizations sharing services and opportunities for older adults and their caregivers all are welcome.

REPORT: Overview of August 8 training event for Elected Officials in partnership with Strategic Government Resources.

Lauren Palmer, Director of Local Government Services, requested that Board members save the date on August 8 for a training through MARC's GTI program that is specifically for elected

officials. GTI is partnering again with SGR to bring this training to the region. This training is similar to the event last August but this one will be different, with a similar theme and format. We are hoping you will bring your colleagues from your governing body for this opportunity.

Council member Holly Grummert said that she attended last year's training as a newly elected official, and she felt it was valuable to meet other electeds around the region and to get a better perspective about what this job is. She also thinks it aligns well with what we want as a MARC Board: to better collaborate as a unit. The training is an excellent resource.

Mayor Eric Mikelson said that the training was valuable to him because it gave practical advice for the hard moments that come with public service. The number one takeaway from the training was that it's not about you and it's not about now, these issues that public officials face will continue after the term is over. He recommends that each member attends the next training course.

Legislator Megan Marshall said that being at a table with other jurisdictions and having conversations and knowledge sharing was an impactful experience. She highly recommends that everyone attends the training so they can be reminded that it's about the day-to-day and not the partisan back and forth that is so frequently broadcasted.

REPORT: RecycleSpot website redesign

This item was moved to the June Board Meeting due to time constraints.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

David Warm, MARC's Executive Director, reminded the Board that June 14th is MARC's Annual Regional Assembly and all are encouraged to attend. He also called attention to the Regional Trails and Bikeways map which is one of the more popular publications MARC produces. If you would like copies, please call the MARC office and we would be happy to help distribute them.

CONSENT AGENDA (ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS)

VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda

- a. VOTE: Approve Minutes of the April 23, 2024, Board Meeting
- b. VOTE: Authorize an agreement for consultant services for Phase 1 of the Bi-State Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor project.
- c. Authorize receipt of Safe Streets & Roads for All grant funds from the Federal Highway Administration to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.
- d. VOTE: Approve the 2024 Missouri Unfunded Transportation Needs List.
- e. VOTE: Approve 2024 Transportation Planning Unified Planning Work Program - amendment #3
- f. VOTE: Approve 12-month contract extension from Department of Early and Secondary Education Office of Childhood.
- g. VOTE: Affirm Early Learning grant application to the Hall Family Foundation for early learning program support
- h. VOTE: Mid-America Regional Council Head Start 2024 Cost of Living Adjustment to be expended from the Administration for Children and Families.
- i. VOTE: Approval contract renewal for the Learning Genie platform to support Mid-America Regional Council Head Start child outcomes.
- j. VOTE: Approve contractual agreements for renovations and upgrades to Head Start facilities to meet health and safety needs.
- k. VOTE: Approve actions taken on the May 14, 2024, Head Start Advisory Committee meeting.
- l. VOTE: Authorize an application to the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs for an FY24 Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grant for automated license plate readers in Kansas City, MO and Independence, MO in the amount of \$963,000.

- m. VOTE: Approve a five-year agreement with Segra for data center fiber connectivity for the regional 911 system.
- n. VOTE: Approve contract with Mark One Electric for fiber installation for the regional 911 system.
- o. VOTE: Approve contract with Sinch to provide aggregation service to include all VoIP, wireless and wireline providers in the regional 911 system.
- p. VOTE: Approve agreement with ES Advisors LLC in support of an extended Administration for Community Living contract.
- q. VOTE: Approve amendment to increase the Don Bosco senior center contract for a new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system.
- r. VOTE: Authorize Senior Growth and Development Program contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.
- s. VOTE: Authorize SFY 2025 contract amounts and rates for selected Aging and Adult Services partners.
- t. VOTE: Authorize contract with Palestine Senior Activity Center for senior center services funded with Senior Services Growth and Development Program funds.
- u. VOTE: Authorize \$15.3 million grant application to the US Department of Energy with school district partners to carry out energy efficiency and health improvements in schools.
- v. VOTE: Authorize contract with Evergy in the amount of \$81,000 to implement year two of the pilot urban heat island reduction initiative.

MOTION: Legislator Jalen Anderson moved for approval of all agenda items and the consent agenda, and Legislator Megan Marshall seconded. Commissioner Hanzlick asked if any member wanted to abstain or object to any of the agenda items.

The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

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Item No. 6b

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve Spring 2024 Functional Classification System updates

BACKGROUND:

Functional classification is the process by which streets and highways are organized according to how they move vehicles across our transportation network. This designation is based on factors such as roadway volume and speed limit, among other criteria established by the Federal Highway Administration. Functional classification is used in transportation planning, roadway design, and is one factor in determining if a roadway project is eligible to receive federal funds.

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Kansas City Region, MARC is responsible for developing and maintaining the Functional Classification system of roadways within its planning boundaries through coordination with local cities, counties, and departments of transportation. MARC follows an established schedule of two updates per year (spring and fall). To ensure requests meet FHWA guidelines, coordination with neighboring jurisdictions and DOTs is required.

For the Spring 2024 call, MARC reviewed 54 new requests for functional classification changes from ten (10) jurisdictions. All requests were reviewed by MARC staff and the applicable DOT's, additional coordination with requesting jurisdictions occurred as needed, the requests were organized into the following four (4) recommendation categories.

- Approve: **42 requests (78%)**
- Approve with modification: **6 requests (11%)**
- Table: **4 requests (7%)**
 - These requests are eligible to be resubmitted during a future call.
- Deny: **2 requests (4%)**

MARC coordinated with the requesting jurisdictions to develop a final list of request change recommendations.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

These changes were reviewed and approved by a quorum of the Highway Committee on May 22, 2024, and the Total Transportation Policy Committee meeting on June 18, 2023.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

Recommended Functional Class Changes

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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Functional Classification System changes as presented.

STAFF CONTACT:

Alicia Hunter, Transportation Planner III

Spring 2024 Call for Changes to the Functional Classification System

City	State	Roadway Name	From	To	Current Classification	Proposed Classification	Recommendation
Bonner Springs	KS	US-73 Hwy	State Ave.	Kaw Dr.	Freeway/Expressway	Principate Arterial	Approve - Modified
Edgerton	KS	207th St.	W. 8th St.	Co-Op Rd.	Local Street	Major Collector	Approve
Kansas City	KS	S. 14th St.	Ruby Ave.	Metropolitan Ave.	NA	Major Collector	Approve
Kansas City	KS	Steele Rd.	S. 18th St.	18th St. Expy	Major Collector	Minor Arterial	Approve
Kansas City	KS	Shawnee Dr.	S 47th St.	Steele Rd.	Major Collector	Minor Arterial	Approve
Olathe	KS	Bluestem Pkwy	College Blvd.	W Valley Pkwy	NA	Minor Collector	Approve - Modified
Olathe	KS	Cedar Creek Pkwy	College Blvd.	115th St.	NA	Minor Collector	Deny
Olathe	KS	Mahaffie St.	Old 56 Hwy	151st St.	NA	Minor Collector	Approve
Olathe	KS	Clare Rd.	College Blvd.	107th Ter.	NA	Minor Collector	Deny
Olathe	KS	Erickson St.	167th St.	Monticello Dr.	NA	Minor Collector	Approve
Olathe	KS	Monticello Rd.	167th St.	Erickson St.	NA	Minor Collector	Approve
Olathe	KS	Mur-Len Rd.	167th St.	175th St.	Local Street	Minor Collector	Approve
Olathe	KS	Hedge Ln.	167th St.	175th St.	Local Street	Minor Collector	Approve
Belton	MO	Markey Pkwy	Markey Rd	N. Scott Ave.	NA - Planned Roadway	Major Collector	Approve - Modified
Belton	MO	Markey Pkwy	Markey Rd	Hwy Y	NA	Major Collector	Approve - Modified
Grandview	MO	2nd St.	Duck Road	3rd St.	Local Street	Major Collector	Approve
Grandview	MO	Duck Rd.	2nd St.	3rd St.	Major Collector	Local Street	Approve
Grandview	MO	3rd St.	Duck Road	2nd St.	Major Collector	Local Street	Approve
Grandview	MO	Botts Rd.	E 140th St.	E 135th St.	Local Street	Major Collector	Approve
Grandview	MO	E 135th St.	Botts Road	5th St.	Local Street	Major Collector	Approve
Grandview	MO	5th St.	E 135th St.	Main St.	Local Street	Major Collector	Approve
Grandview	MO	E 139th St	Byars Road	Dead End	Minor Collector	Local Street	Approve
Grandview	MO	I-49 Hwy Off Ramp N	I-49	E Frontage Rd.	NA	Interstate	Approve
Grandview	MO	I-40 Hwy On Ramp N	E Frontage Rd.	I-49 Hwy	NA	Interstate	Approve
Grandview	MO	E Frontage Rd.	E Frontage Rd.	E Frontage Rd. Roundabout	NA	Major Collector	Approve
Grandview	MO	E Frontage Rd.	E Frontage Rd.	E Frontage Rd.	NA	Major Collector	Approve
Grandview	MO	E Frontage Rd.	E Frontage Rd.	E Frontage Rd.	NA	Major Collector	Approve
Grandview	MO	E Frontage Rd.	E Frontage Rd.	E Frontage Rd.	Major Collector	Remove Road	Approve
Grandview	MO	I-49 Hwy Off Ramp N	I-49 Interstate	E Frontage Rd.	Interstate	Remove Road	Approve
Grandview	MO	I-49 Hwy On Ramp N	E Frontage Rd.	I-49 HWY	Interstate	Remove Road	Approve
Grandview	MO	I-49 Hwy Off Ramp N	I-49 HWY	Main St.	NA	Interstate	Approve

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City	State	Roadway Name	From	To	Current Classification	Proposed Classification	Recommendation
Grandview	MO	E Frontage Rd.	E Frontage Rd.	E Frontage Rd.	Major Collector	Remove Road	Approve
Grandview	MO	I-49 Hwy Off Ramp S	W Frontage Rd.	E Frontage Rd.	Interstate	Remove Road	Approve
Grandview	MO	I-40 Hwy On Ramp N	Main St	I-49 HWY	NA	Interstate	Approve
Grandview	MO	Main St.	E Frontage Rd.	E Frontage Rd.	Minor Arterial	Remove Road	Approve
Grandview	MO	Main St.	Main St.	Main St	NA	Minor Arterial	Approve
Grandview	MO	I-49 Hwy On Ramp S	W Frontage Rd.	I-49 HWY	NA	Interstate	Approve
Grandview	MO	I-49 Hwy On Ramp S	W Frontage Rd.	I-49 HWY	Interstate	Remove Road	Approve
Grandview	MO	W Frontage Rd.	W Frontage Rd.	W Frontage Rd.	Major Collector	Remove Road	Approve
Grandview	MO	W Frontage Rd.	W Frontage Rd.	W Frontage Rd.	NA	Major Collector	Approve
Grandview	MO	W Frontage Rd.	W Frontage Rd.	W Frontage Rd.	NA	Major Collector	Approve
Grandview	MO	W Frontage Rd.	W Frontage Rd.	W Frontage Rd.	NA	Major Collector	Approve
Kansas City	MO	Bern St.	N Mexico City Ave.	L.P. Cookingham Dr. Ramp	NA	Major Collector	Approve
Kansas City	MO	N Mexico City Ave.	132nd St.	Hwy 92	NA - Planned Roadway	Major Collector	Table
Kansas City	MO	N Bethel Ave.	Prairie View Rd.	Hwy 92	NA	Major Collector	Table
Kansas City	MO	136th St.	Bethel Ave.	N Winan Ave.	NA - Planned Roadway	Major Collector	Table
Kansas City	MO	N 128th St.	NW Skyview Ave.	Hwy 169	NA & Planned Roadway	Major Collector	Table
Kansas City	MO	NE Parvin Rd.	I-435	N. Arlington Ave.	NA	Major Collector	Approve - Modified
Kansas City	MO	N. Arlington Ave.	NE Parvin Rd.	MO 210	NA	Major Collector	Approve - Modified
Kearney	MO	144th St.	Nation Rd.	End of St.	Major Collector	Local Street	Approve
Lawson	MO	Salem Rd.	Hazel Ave / W Moss St.	Hwy D	NA - Planned Roadway	Minor Collector	Approve
Lawson	MO	Salem Rd.	Hazel Ave / W Moss St.	NE 184th St.	Local Street	Minor Collector	Approve
Lawson	MO	NE 184th St.	MO 69	Salem Rd.	NA	Minor Collector	Approve
Raytown	MO	Lane Ave.	E 67th St.	E 67th Ter.	Local Street	Minor Collector	Approve

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Item No. 6c
Healthy Environment

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize Burns and McDonnell contract increase to update the regional stormwater engineering standards and the Manual of Best Management Practices to Protect Water Quality.

BACKGROUND:

In September 2022, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Board authorized receipt of \$790,000 in funds from 22 local governments to support the update of APWA 5600 and the MARC/APWA BMP Manual. This action was preceded by approval from the Executive Committee of the APWA - Kansas City Chapter for MARC to facilitate and manage this initiative. Initial funding allowed the consultant team to begin working, even though there was broad understanding that additional funds would be required to complete the entire project. The full project is anticipated to be completed in February 2025.

A technical advisory committee composed of representatives from all the communities providing support for this effort has guided the work since September 2022. This group refined its project approach and drafted a request for qualifications/proposals to solicit consulting support for project implementation. The selected consulting team is led by Burns and McDonnell and includes Black and Veatch, Vireo, and the Center for Watershed Protection.

A discovery and assessment phase engaging about 350 community stakeholders was carried out between September 2023 - January 2024. The overall effort is expected to be completed by February 2025. The scope of work determined in consultation with area stakeholders will:

- create a set of stormwater standards that are more adaptable
- combine water quantity and quality design standards
- include development and redevelopment standards
- address resiliency and sustainability by promoting more holistic system evaluations
- update rainfall standards and other appropriate hydrology methods
- update hydrology and hydraulic evaluation requirements
- reduce the existing subjectivity in technical assumptions
- provide more natural system design criteria, and
- improve the evaluation of stormwater detention requirements for increased value.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Revenues to support increased project costs are derived from several sources. MARC secured two grants from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) for \$270,000, along with \$50,000 from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). Johnson County pledged an additional \$149,000, leaving a balance of \$160,000 in funds needed to complete the effort. Multiple local governments are actively evaluating additional project contributions.

Other candidates for additional support include APWA-KC, along with other strong grant opportunities that have not yet been finalized. A \$4.6 million ARPA grant from MDNR to KCMO

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for Blue River watershed restoration is viewed as a backup to support project expenses that cannot be accounted for by other means. Staff will request separate board authorization should this approach become necessary.

PROJECTED REVENUES	
Initial Amount (Approved 9/2022)	\$790,000
Source	Local government funds, APWA - KC Chapter
Additional amounts/sources	
KDHE grant funds (approved 11/2023)	\$270,000
MDNR (approved 2/2022)	\$50,000
Additional local government and APWA contributions	\$309,000
MDNR ARPA (Board approval expected for consideration on 8/2024)	\$0 (If local government contributions are insufficient, grant funds may support the balance required.)
Total	1,419,000
EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$182,000
Contractual	\$1,232,000
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$5,000
Total	1,419,000

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item is expected to benefit all area cities and counties in the MARC region.

Kansas jurisdictions expected to provide funding support for the initiative include Bonner Springs, Gardner, Johnson County, Lawrence, Leawood, Lenexa, Merriam, Miami County, Mission, Prairie Village, Unified Government, Westwood and Westwood Hills.

Missouri jurisdictions expected to provide funding support for the initiative include Blue Springs, Excelsior Springs, Gladstone, Grandview, Independence, Kansas City, Liberty, North Kansas City, Parkville and Riverside.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize contract increase to Burns and McDonnell for new total not to exceed \$1,232,000 and authorize MARC to accept funds from local governments and APWA - Kansas City Chapter in an amount up to \$309,000.

STAFF CONTACT:

Tom Jacobs, Chief Resilience Officer and Environmental Programs Director

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June 2024
Item No. 6d
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve actions taken on the June 11, 2024, Head Start Advisory Committee Meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The Head Start Advisory Committee reviewed and approved the following program information reports at its June meeting:

- Approval of May 2024 Meeting Minutes
- Federal Head Start/Early Head Start Grant and Budget Approval
- State Early Head Start Grant Approval
- Head Start/Early Head Start Changes

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Head Start Advisory Committee considered this information at its June 11, 2024 meeting and recommended MARC Board approval.

EXHIBITS:

[June 2024 Head Start Advisory Meeting Packet](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the actions taken at the June 11, 2024 Head Start Advisory Committee meetings.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director

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June 2024
Item No. 6e
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve key agency contracts to provide Early Head Start services through the state of Missouri Early Head Start grant.

BACKGROUND:

On June 6, 2024, the State of Missouri provided a notice of contract renewal for the upcoming budget period of 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025 for Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Early Head State Grant. MARC proposes to continue funding for the 103 enrollment slots in the Early Head Start State Program and pass through most of the funding (99%) to the following direct service providers: Independence School District and Operation Breakthrough.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The total amount of annual funding available is \$1,642,600. Included in this total is \$16,340 in funds to support MARC program operations and training and technical assistance. The chart below describes the allocation of funding and slots for each agency.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$1,642,600
Source	State of Missouri

Partner Agencies	EHS State Slots	EHS FY 24/25 Program Budget
Independence School District	Sunshine Center-22 Truman High School-24	\$717,025
Operation Breakthrough	Operation Breakthrough-57	\$909,150
Partner Sub-Total	103	\$1,642,600
MARC		\$16,425
Grand Total	103	\$1,642,600

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The agenda item was approved by MARC Head Start Policy Council on June 10, 2024, and MARC Head Start Advisory Committee on June 11, 2024.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Jackson County in Missouri is impacted by this agenda item.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve 12-month contracts with ISD and Operation Breakthrough for Early Head Start services for a total amount not to exceed \$1,642,600.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director
Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start

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June 2024
Item No. 6f
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve Mid-America Regional Council's Head Start proposal to make changes to the Early Head Start / Head Start Enrollment for 2024-2025 to accommodate closure of EarlystART North.

BACKGROUND:

In July 2023, EarlystART North closed abruptly due to sustainability of staffing and financial burden. As part of the annual enrollment planning process, each of Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Direct Service Providers (DSP) were asked to submit their requests for changes in enrollment and program options by January 2024. Programs were asked to consider if changes were needed in program hours, length of day, number of days per year, and number of Head Start or Early Head Start slots to be served. DSP agencies were asked to include data such as the previous year's enrollment and waitlist information and community data that would support the need for the proposed changes.

A request for proposal was also released by MARC in February 2024 to seek a partner in Platte or Clay counties. Staff reached out to potential partners, but no agency responded to the RFQ.

MARC is recommending approval of changes in enrollment for the following DSP agencies:

- Ability KC - reduce Early Head Start enrollment to accommodate financial stability and changes in program mission to serve student enrollment.
- EarlystART - reduce Early Head Start and Head Start enrollment to accommodate staffing crisis and financial stability.
- Emmanuel Family and Child Development Center - add Early Head Start enrollment to accommodate increased full day programming.
- Grandview School District - increase Head Start enrollment to better meet community needs.
- Guadalupe Centers - increase Head Start enrollment to better meet the community needs.
- Learn a Lot Academy - increase Early Head Start enrollment in Jackson County to better meet community needs.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Contracts for individual agencies will be revised based on these changes. See the below documents for the details of changes in slots and contract amounts.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The agenda item was approved by MARC Head Start Policy Council on June 10, 2024, and MARC Head Start Advisory Committee on June 11, 2024.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Jackson and Platte counties in Missouri.

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EXHIBITS:

Proposed enrollment changes for 2024-2025

Proposed funding contract changes for 2024-2025

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve MARC Head Start requested slot changes for the program year 2024-2025 for Early Head Start/Head Start programming.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director

Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Early Learning Director

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Proposed enrollment changes for 2024-2025
Proposed enrollment changes are highlighted in red

MARC PROPOSED ENROLLMENT CHANGES FOR 2024-2025								
AGENCY 2024	HS Full Day	Proposed HS Full Day	HS Part day	HS Home Based	EHS Full Day	Proposed EHS Full Day	EHS Home Based	EHS State
Tier 1								
Ability KC					17	10		
Cub Care	20	20			16	16		
Emmanuel	60	60				11		
Excelsior Springs SD	40	40						
Front Porch Alliance					36	36		
Grandview SD	50	64			8	8		
Guadalupe Centers	80	96						
Learn-A-Lot	47	47			26	42		
Lee's Summit SD			68				20	
Tier 2								
Center SD	90	90						
EarlystART-North	30	0			20	0		
EarlystART-St. Mark	68	68			12	12		
Family Conservancy				30			90	
Raytown SD	83	83						
Tier 3								
Independence	253	253			36	36		46
Kansas City SD	460	460			16	16		
Operation Breakthrough	180	180			53	53		57
YMCA	234	234			104	104		
Totals	1,695	1,695	68	30	344	344	110	103

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Proposed funding* contract changes for 2024-2025

Numbers in **red** indicated a reduction in contract funds.

Numbers in **green** indicate an increase in contract funds.

Direct Service Provider	HS total contract before change	Proposed HS total contract after change	EHS total contract before change	EHS total after contract change	Proposed grand total before contract change	Proposed grand total after change
slots removed from:						
Early Start - North	\$282,510.00	\$ 0	\$372,400.00	\$ 0	\$654,910.00	\$ 0
Ability KC			\$285,362.00	\$167,860.00	\$285,362.00	\$167,860.00
Subtotals	\$282,510.00	\$ 0	\$657,762.00	\$167,860.00	\$940,272.00	\$167,860.00
slots given to:						
Emmanuel	\$526,980.00	\$526,980.00	\$ 0	\$184,646.00	\$526,980.00	\$711,626.00
Grandview	\$427,000.00	\$546,560.00	\$127,832.00	\$127,832.00	\$554,832.00	\$ 674,392.00
Guadalupe	\$694,720.00	\$833,664.00	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$694,720.00	\$833,664.00
Learn A Lot	\$414,493.00	\$414,493.00	\$507,312.00	\$819,504.00	\$921,805.00	\$1,233,997.00

*Total funding for each Direct Service Provider is derived from total enrollment slots at each center, which are described on the previous page.

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June 2024
Item No. 6g
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize submission of Head Start / Early Head Start grant to the Administration for Children and Families for the continued support of the Head Start / Early Head Start Program.

BACKGROUND:

On April 29, 2024, the Administration for Children and Families announced \$32,918,852 for the second year of the non-competitive five-year grant award continuation of the Head Start/Early Head Start Program. By August 1, 2024, MARC Head Start is required to submit the grant application for the upcoming budget period of November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025.

MARC Head Start proposes to continue supporting the enrollment 1,793 Head Start (HS) and 557 Early Head Start (EHS) in programs managed by 17 direct service providers (DSPs) in Clay, Jackson and Clay Counties and pass through the funding to the DSPs as indicated in the chart attached.

Individual contracts with the DSPs classified by their level of service (Tier 1, 2, and 3) and are reimbursed at an annual per-child rate based on their tier, and program options (HS and/or EHS, as well as center-based or home-based). The total amount of annual funding available is \$32,918,852. Included in the total are funds to support program operations, training, and technical assistance. MARC non-personnel costs are budgeted to support contracts for specialized services for staff and families covering mental health and disabilities, education, health and nutrition, professional development, and family engagement services.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$32,918,852
Source	Administration for Children & Families
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, indirect, rent)	\$4,785,389
Pass-Through (17 DSPs)	\$27,016,222
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$1,117,241

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The agenda item was approved by MARC Head Start Policy Council on June 10, 2024, and MARC Head Start Advisory Committee on June 11, 2024.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Clay, Jackson and Platte County are impacted by this agenda item.

EXHIBITS:

[Head Start 2024-25 Core Funding Summary](#)

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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize MARC Head Start to apply, accept, and expend Head Start/Early Head Start funding for Head Start/Early Head Start programming.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director

Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start

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June 2024
Item No. 6h
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve contracts for Head Start and Early Head Start support services.

BACKGROUND:

Since 2018, Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Head Start has been supporting Head Start and Early Head Start programs through contracts with individuals and agencies who provide a variety of support services for thirteen Tier 1 and Tier 2 programs serving a total of 846 children. Each contractor/agency was selected through an individual Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process conducted as the need arises. MARC Head Start is requesting to continue these contracts for another 12 months from November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025.

Contracted services include mental health services for classrooms and therapeutic services for children and families, early intervention services for children with special needs and diagnosed disabilities and translation and interpretive services for Early Head Start and Head Start services.

The chart indicates that name of the individual or agency, the type of service to be provided, the hourly rate of service, total hours for the total 12-month period and the total dollar amount not to exceed \$447,200.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$32,918,852
Source	Administration for Children and Families
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	\$447,200

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Clay, Platte, and Jackson Counties in Missouri.

EXHIBITS:

[Head Start 2024-2025 HS-EHS Independent Contractors](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve individual and agency contracts for on-site support services at MARC Head Start programs as outlined in the attachment, from November 1, 2024, through October 31, 2025 for a total amount not to exceed \$447,200.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director
Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start

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June 2024
Item No. 6i
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve key agency contracts to provide support services for year two of the Missouri Office of Childhood Child Care Collaborative Networks.

BACKGROUND:

In May 2024, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) received the renewals for second year contracts for the Child Care Collaborative Networks that provide onsite coaching support, intensive cohort trainings, and best practice trainings to support home based child care providers, infant/toddler and preschool teachers.

Each contract is renewable for up to three additional years. The geographical area for the Collaborative Networks comprises: Andrew, Atchison, Bates, Buchanan, Cass, Clay, Clinton, DeKalb, Gentry, Holt, Jackson, Nodaway, Platte, Vernon, and Worth counties in Missouri.

The amount of each of the awards are as follows:

Home Based Child Care Collaborative Network:	\$463,505
Infant Toddler Child Care Collaborative Network:	\$803,423
Preschool Child Care Collaborative Network:	<u>\$1,694,728</u>
Total:	\$2,961,656

Most of the funding from this agreement will be passed through to three key service agencies: the Local Investment Commission, The Family Conservancy, and the St. Joseph Youth Alliance to support implementation of targeted services outlined in the three contracts. A portion of the funds will be used to support MARC staff time in the management and oversight of the project subcontracts and coordination of program supports.

The attached chart indicates the name of the agency, the type of service to be provided, and the total dollar amount not to be exceeded for each contract. The grand total amount of these 12- month contracts are not to exceed \$1,963,785. The remainder of the funding will be utilized for supplies, other contractual services and MARC personnel costs.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

REVENUES	
Total Amount	\$2,961,656
Source	Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Childhood
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$470,000
Local Investment Commission	\$595,867
The Family Conservancy	\$863,974
St. Joseph Youth Alliance	\$503,944
Total Other Contractual	\$302,500
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$225,371
Total	\$2,961,656

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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve key agency contracts to provide support services for year two of the Missouri Office of Childhood Child Care Collaborative Networks.

EXHIBITS:

[Child Care Collaborative Network Summary](#)

STAFF CONTACT

Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start
Kyle Matchell, Early Learning Manager

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2024
Item No. 6j
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize submission of grant application to the Administration for Children and Families to support the Refugee Family Child Care Microenterprise Development Program.

BACKGROUND:

The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) issued a notice of funding opportunity to a Refugee Family Child Care Microenterprise Development Program. The program enables refugees to become self-sufficient by helping them establish small family child care businesses. The program offers training and technical assistance in professional child care and microenterprise development, financial literacy education, help navigating the child care business licensing process, and financial assistance to prepare homes for child care operations. The application must include letters of support from state childcare licensing agencies. As of 6/13/2024 letters of support from Missouri and Kansas childcare licensing are pending. The application will not be submitted without those letters in hand.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Revenue from the grant was not included in the Mid-America Regional Council’s (MARC) current budget. The funding period is 36-months with three 12-month budget periods, pending annual federal appropriations.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$250,000
Source	Administration for Children and Families
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$161,144.78
Contractual	\$66,314
Pass-Through	\$17,672.32
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$4,868.88

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

MARC Early Learning will work with refugee resettlement agencies in both Kansas and Missouri. We anticipate most participants will reside in Wyandotte and Jackson counties, though participation will not be restricted to those counties.

EXHIBITS:

[Notice of Funding](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize submission of grant application to the Administration for Children and Families to support this new early learning initiative and expenditure of funds if received.

STAFF CONTACT:

Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2024
Item No. 6k

Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize application and acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2024 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant and issuance of associated subaward agreements.

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 Notification of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was released April 15, 2024, showing that the Kansas City Urban area was eligible to apply for \$1,476,785 in Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding. The Kansas City Urban Area is comprised of jurisdictions in Jackson, Platte, Cass, Cass and Ray counties in MO and Wyandotte, Johnson and Leavenworth in KS. It is one of fifty-six urban areas across the nation eligible for this funding. The NOFO requires 35% of the award to be spent on law enforcement terrorism prevention activities and 30% towards six national priority areas (Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places, Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and analysis, Combating domestic violent extremism, Enhancing cybersecurity, Enhancing community preparedness and resilience, and Enhancing election security) with at least 3% on improving election security. The remainder is to address areas identified through the annual threat assessment process. The following are projects approved by the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee (RHSCC) to include in the application:

Project	Funding Amount
Fusion Center - Intel and Info Sharing	\$182,181.00
Law Enforcement Tactical Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Sustainment	\$286,493.75
Preserving Regional Multi-Discipline Training and Exercise Capacity	\$210,138.96
Improving the Common Operating Picture and Maximizing Available Tools	\$25,000.00
Badging and Accountability Sustainment	\$9,525.00
Sustain Regional Hazmat Response Capabilities	79,110.00
Sustain Regional Technical Rescue Teams	\$113,854.10
Sustain Regional Law Enforcement Capability through Training	\$48,200.00
Regional Community Preparedness and Resiliency	\$10,000.00
Regional Cybersecurity	\$22,000.00
Sustain Mass Fatality Response Capabilities	\$4,320.00
Management & Administration - MARC	\$70,147.29
Regional Planning & Collaboration	\$297,672.10
Election Security	\$44,303.55
Total Funds Applied for by MARC (the States retains 5% for M&A)	\$1,402,945.75

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Subaward agreements are issued to each entity receiving funds/goods/services through the UASI FY24 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 or goods. It also serves as a mechanism to transfer ownership to the end user agency from MARC.

The following subaward is greater than \$50,000 and requires board approval:

Board of Police Commissioners Kansas City Police Department (Regional Fusion Center) - \$105,621. This project supports software licenses, subscriptions, professional memberships, training, and data services for the Regional Fusion Center.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

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

REVENUES	
Amount	\$1,402,945.75
Source	FY 2024 UASI Grant
PROJECTED EXPENSES - SUBAWARDS >\$50,000	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	
Pass-Through	\$105,621.00
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

COMMITTEE ACTION:

On June 7, 2024, the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee (RHSCC) determined investments for the UASI funding and authorized staff to finalize and submit the UASI application and execute the respective subaward agreements.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Agencies receiving specialized equipment have agreed to training and to respond anywhere within the region or beyond if available through mutual aid processes.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the application for and acceptance of the FY 2024 Urban Area Security Initiative grant. Authorize the Executive Director to execute the subaward agreement with the Regional Fusion Center in the amount of \$105,621

CONTACT

Erin Lynch, Emergency Services and Homeland Security Director
John Davis, Fiscal Administrator

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June 2024

Item No. 6l

Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize contract renewals with Bound Tree and Life Assist for Mid-America Regional Council Emergency Rescue Committee cooperative purchasing agreements for emergency medical supplies and equipment.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council Emergency Rescue Committee (MARCER) promotes regional coordination and cooperation in emergency pre-hospital care for metropolitan Kansas City. MARCER is composed of professionals in the emergency medical services (EMS) community. Members include state-licensed emergency ambulance services and other EMS providers, as well as representatives from area hospitals, emergency room nurse managers, the Heart of America Metro Fire Chiefs Council and Kansas and Missouri Hospital Associations.

MARCER members come together to:

- Work cooperatively to ensure the highest quality pre-hospital care throughout the region.
- Help emergency medical service agencies save money through cooperative purchasing agreements.
- Provide guidelines for time-critical diagnoses.
- Coordinate communications between emergency medical service agencies and hospitals.
- Prepare to respond to mass casualty events.
- Track and inform state legislation.
- Recruit paramedics and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) to the region.

MARCER is supported by annual membership fees from EMS agencies and annual assessments paid by area hospitals. In addition, MARCER coordinates a cooperative purchasing program, gas purchasing program, and medical waste program that allows MARCER members to save money on the purchases, or services offered from the contracts and MARCER receives an administrative fee to help support the program.

In 2021, MARCER issued a cooperative purchase Request for Bids for emergency medical supplies and equipment. Three vendors were selected: Bound Tree, Life Assist and Medline. No single contract was expected to exceed \$50,000, so the awards were approved administratively for an initial two-year term with three optional one-year extensions (five years total). In 2023, staff administratively approved the first one-year extension with Bound Tree and Life Assist. Medline did not meet its contract obligations, and the contract was not renewed.

It is time for the second one-year contract extension (year four). Due to the non-renewal of Medline's contract, each of the remaining two vendors may have total revenues that now exceed the \$50,000 threshold for board approval. The estimated revenue from administrative fees for the second round of contract renewals is \$114,876, with the estimated revenue for each vendor to be \$57,438.

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BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

There is no direct expense for MARC associated with this action. MARCER receives an administrative fee of 3% for all purchases made through the cooperative agreements.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The MARCER committee will vote to extend each contract at the June 21, 2024, meeting.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The cooperative purchasing program is available to all MARCER members, which includes entities in both Kansas and Missouri. There are currently over 70 different agencies that take advantage of this program.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize one-year contract renewals with Bound Tree and Life Assist for MARCER cooperative purchasing agreements for emergency medical supplies and equipment.

CONTACT

Erin Lynch, Emergency Services and Homeland Security Director
John Davis, Fiscal Administrator

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2024
Item No. 6m
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a contract with Carl Abraham for regional emergency services assessment and outreach.

BACKGROUND:

Since 2007, the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners has hosted the Kansas City Regional Fusion Center (KCRFC). The Center's role is to work with federal, state, and local law enforcement and other emergency services agencies to collect, analyze, and share sensitive intelligence information to support the prevention and deterrence of terrorist acts in the Kansas City region. Personnel from several local law enforcement agencies have donated time to support the Fusion Center, and an advisory committee with public and private sector representatives offers guidance to the Center.

The KCRFC, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) and agencies in the nine-county area, provide part-time contractors to help conduct special event threat assessments (SETAs) at venues in the region, evaluate assessments previously conducted, and work with Fusion Center leadership to implement outreach to the public and private venues to increase their emergency preparedness. SETAs are cataloged in a database for future evaluation and tracking. In addition to conducting and tracking SETAs, contractors plan and conduct outreach to venue operators and offer customized training to enhance emergency preparedness.

Federal homeland security funds through the Department of Public Safety Homeland Security Grant Program and the Urban Areas Strategic Initiative (UASI) grant program have been received to support this work. A competitive request for qualifications (RFQ) was issued in 2021 and the outreach coordinators were selected. Mr. Abraham has extensive expertise and capacity to work which has pushed his contract to exceed the MARC purchasing policy thresholds needing MARC Board approval.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$65,000
Source	FY 21 MO LETPA, FY 22 UASI
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual (Carl Abraham)	\$65,000
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

COMMITTEE ACTION:

On November 5, 2020 the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee (RHSCC) approved the investments for the FY20 Homeland Security projects which included the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) project and funds for the Outreach Coordinator positions.

On May 24, 2022, the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee (RHSCC) approved the investments for the FY 22 UASI funding which included funds designated for the Outreach Coordinator positions.

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RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Clay, Platte, Ray, Jackson, and Cass Counties in Missouri and Leavenworth, Wyandotte, and Johnson Counties in Kansas.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize contract with Carl Abraham for regional emergency services assessment and outreach work in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.

CONTACT

Erin Lynch, Emergency Services and Homeland Security Program Director
John Davis, Fiscal Administrator

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MARC Board of Directors

June 2024
Item No. 6n
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize application for an Assistant Secretary Preparedness and Response grant for fiscal year 2024 - 2025 and authorize related subcontract with David Schemenauer.

BACKGROUND:

Since 2003, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has received funding from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) under the Hospital Preparedness Program. Funding for fiscal year (FY) 2024-2025 is anticipated to be \$379,800.26 to continue support of the region's health care coalition (HCC) of hospitals, public health, emergency management, and emergency medical services in Missouri's Highway Patrol Region A. This grant will be used to strengthen the readiness of the public health and the health care delivery system to save lives during emergencies that exceed the day-to-day capacity and capability of the public health and medical emergency response systems. This is done through conducting coordinated assessments and planning, conducting training and exercises and coordinating information and resource sharing during and following incidents and disasters. The grant performance period is July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025. Funding is primarily for personnel and contractual support to execute the approved work plan.

CONTRACTUAL SUPPORT (included in the above amount):

Healthcare Coalition Readiness and Response Contractor - \$70,000

David Schemenauer has been providing contractual planning, exercise and operational support for MARC's Assistant Secretary Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Hospital Preparedness Program since 2019. Mr. Schemenauer was selected through a request for qualifications (RFQ) process. Mr. Schemenauer will continue contract work to support the program as follows:

- Work with staff and committee leadership (Health Care Coalition and other regional committees as appropriate) to execute assigned work plan requirements including but not limited to planning, project & grant management, assessments and exercise design, execution and evaluation, and committee support & facilitation.
- Lead efforts in working with the HCC to design, execute and evaluate FY25 health and medical exercises including the Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE) and ensuring the inclusion of HCC in other regional exercises as appropriate. Provide planning support for designated projects including portions of the HCC Preparedness and Response plans. Continue to work with area agencies to appropriately incorporate Patient Tracking for Reunification and resource management in plans.
- Serve on a rotating basis as the HCC Duty Officer.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The table below summarizes the grant application budget. The contractual line items includes the contract for Mr. Schemenauer and other expenses that fall below the \$50,000 threshold for approval by the MARC Board of Directors.

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REVENUES	
Amount	\$379,800.26
Source	FY24/25 ASPR Grant from Missouri DHSS
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, indirect, rent) - 1.60 FTE	\$244,584.90
Contractual	\$100,000.00
Pass-Through	
Other (travel, supplies, printing, etc.)	\$35,215.36

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The MARC HCC Steering committee met on June 5, 2024. New workplan items for the next 5-year budget period (this report is only for year one - BP1) were reviewed along with the budget.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts the 17 Missouri Metro Hospitals, and the 8 Region-A hospitals: Carroll County Memorial Hospital, Lafayette Regional Health Center, Ray County Memorial Hospital, Fitzgibbon Hospital, Bates County Memorial Hospital, Bothwell Regional Health Center, Golden Valley Memorial Hospital, and Western Missouri Medical Center.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize application and acceptance of an Assistant Secretary Preparedness and Response (ASPR) grant from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services in the amount of \$379,800.26 for FY24/25; and, if awarded, authorize execution a related subcontract with David Schemenauer in the amount of \$70,000.

CONTACT:

Erin Lynch, Emergency Services and Homeland Security Program Director
John Davis, Fiscal Administrator

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MARC Board of Directors

June 2024
Item No. 60
Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize renewal of the subcontract agreement with the Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging for the Give 5 program.

BACKGROUND:

The Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging (MA4) is renewing subcontracts with Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) funded by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) for the Give 5 Volunteer Matching program.

The Give 5 program connects skilled, passionate retired (or otherwise have the time to commit) older adults with meaningful volunteer opportunities. Participation in Give 5 requires a commitment to five day-long classes, which include guest speakers and nonprofit site visits, and a graduation ceremony. Each Give 5 class experience allows participants to learn about public and community service trends, “taste test” a wide variety of volunteer opportunities and find a role that matches their passions.

This subcontract renews funding at the same amount of \$89,595 to offer three sessions in SFY 2025.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount (renewal)	\$89,595
Source	Subcontract with MA4, funded by DHSS

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Commission on Aging considered this at its June meeting and recommended board approval.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

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

EXHIBITS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a contract between MARC and MA4 for the provision and administration of the Give 5 program.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services
Lauren Schaumburg, Community Engagement Manager

AGENDA REPORT

MARC Board of Directors

June 2024

Item No. 6p

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize and approve contracting and payment for implementation of a three-year subscription with Mon Ami, a client management system for the Mid-America Regional Council Aging and Adult Services.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Aging and Adult Services (AAS) department plays a vital role in providing care and support to older adults. As the demand for Area Agency on Aging (AAA) services and reporting requirements increase and as the State of Missouri encourages outreach and innovation in programming, it is becoming increasingly important to streamline processes, generate data dashboards, and enhance service delivery. Utilizing a proficient client management system (CMS) will play a crucial role in achieving these goals.

MARC AAS released a request for qualifications (RFQ) to locate a cloud-based, HIPAA compliant CMS that can track client data, create reports that can be used for state reporting, and allow staff and external partners to securely communicate and navigate client information. As a result of the RFQ, AAS received four responses. Based on totaled rubric scoring, the Mon Ami Client Management System scored highest because it is a comprehensive software solution designed specifically for Area Agencies on Aging and other public entities that serve older adults. And it has a user interface that is specially designed for aging programs and services, such as case management, information and assistance, evidence-based programs, and other support services. The system stands out because it is already aligned with Older Americans Act Performance System (OAAPS) reporting standards, is incorporating new Older Americans Act Reauthorization data requirements, and currently works with agencies from around the country including statewide implementation. The system also scored highest in cost efficiency and was the only proposal that met the AAS budget requirements.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The CMS platform costs approximately \$89,250 annually, depending on which platforms are selected. The cost includes licensing fees, software implementation, training, and support. Pre-designated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) or Senior Services Growth and Development Program (SSGDP) funds will be used for this purchase. Mon Ami is willing to waive the implementation fee with a three-year license and a one-time Data Migration fee of \$29,000. In total, the CMS costs \$296,750 for three years, including on-call technical support.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$4,026,563
Source	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
Amount	\$3,942,681
Alternative Source	Senior Services Growth and Development Program (SSGDP)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Client Management System (Implementation, Data Migration, and 3-Year Subscription)	\$296,750

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MARC Board of Directors

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Commission on Aging considered this at its June meeting and recommended Board approval.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize and approve contracting and payment for implementation and a three-year subscription with Mon Ami, a client management system (CMS) for MARC Aging and Adult Services Department at an estimated cost of \$296,750.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services
Babs Bradhurst, Manager of Aging Administrative Services

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MARC Board of Directors

June 2024

Item No. 6q

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize increased funding to support Rebuilding Together Kansas City, Inc. to complete approved home modification projects.

BACKGROUND:

Rebuilding Together Kansas City, Inc. has home modification requests that will exceed their current contract amount. Based on an increase in the number of approved projects, the remaining balance of the original contract is insufficient to support completion. To accommodate the increased demand, additional funding is needed in an amendment to the SFY 2024 contract that runs through June 30, 2024. Home modifications and minor home repairs will not be offered in SFY 2025.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Home Modification and Repair	Current	Increase	Total
Rebuilding Together Kansas City, Inc.	\$90,000	\$35,000	\$125,000

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Commission on Aging considered this at its June meeting and recommended Board approval.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

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

EXHIBITS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize increased funding to support Rebuilding Together Kansas City, Inc. to complete approved home modification projects.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services
Christian Aguirre, Integrated Care Specialist II

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June 2024

Item No. 6r

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize state fiscal year 2025 contract with Advantage In-Home Services, LLC to provide in-home services for the Mid-America Regional Council’s Area Agency on Aging.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) competitively procures partners to deliver services. MARC Aging and Adult Services (AAS) department issued requests for proposals (RFPs) in the Spring of 2024 for SFY 2025 service providers, including In-Home Services. In addition to All Ways Caring Home Care, Help at Home, and Integrity, AAS recommends Advantage In-Home Services, LLC, as a service provider for SFY 2025 contracting for services July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, to provide continuity of care for clients already receiving services. This includes In-Home - Homemaker/Personal Care and Family Caregiver Respite.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Titles III-B and III-E, Older American’s Act Funding categories

IN-HOME SERVICES (HOMEMAKER/PERSONAL CARE AND NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER):

Advantage In-Home Services, LLC Total Value of Contract not to exceed \$80,341.80

Contractual obligation of respondent requires services to be provided at or above the Medicaid rate. MoHealthNet rate adjustments may require MARC rate adjustments.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$5,940,010
Source	Older American’s Act Funding
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual (Advantage In-Home Services, LLC)	\$80,341.80

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

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

EXHIBITS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize SFY 2025 contract with service provider Advantage In-Home Services, LLC.

STAFF CONTACT:

Babs Bradhurst, Manager of Aging Administrative Services
Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services

AGENDA REPORT

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June 2024
Item No. 6s

Thriving Older Adults and Healthy Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve amendment increase with G&W Foods, Inc for Double Up Food Bucks incentives at fifteen stores participating in the program.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) received a USDA Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP) COVID Relief and Response (CRR) grant in the fall of 2021. This grant allowed the Double Up Food Bucks program to significantly expand to new locations, particularly in Missouri. Prior to the fall of 2021, G&W had nine Kansas grocery stores offering the Double Up Food Bucks program. The new funding from the GusCRR grant allowed the program to be expanded to six grocery stores in Missouri. Program usage at the both the Kansas and Missouri stores has increased to the point where they will surpass their allotted incentive budget before the end of the grants. The original total of the G&W Foods contract was \$396,105.69. The overall Double Up Food Bucks GusNIP CRR budget has funds available to extend ability for the participating Kansas and Missouri G&W stores to be able to continue offering the incentive to their customers.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The budget for the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive COVID Relief and Response grant totals \$4.35 million and can accommodate an increase to the budget for G&W Foods, Inc. to continue implementing the program.

PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Pass-Through (contract amendment)	\$65,000 additional budget

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts the Missouri cities of Branson, Rogersville, Seneca, Viburnum, Vienna, and Willow Springs and the Kansas cities of Chanute, Cherryvale, Columbus, Eureka, Fredonia, Girard, Neodesha, Oswego and Yates Center.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a contract amendment with G&W Foods, Inc. to allow them to continue implementing the Double Up Food Bucks program supported by a grant from the USDA’s Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program COVID Relief and Response.

STAFF CONTACT:

Donna Martin, Public Health Senior Planner
Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services

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June 2024
Item No. 6t
Effective Local Government

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve agreement with Hopeward, LLC to provide assistance with the Regional Housing Partnership strategy committee for strategic planning and network build out through August 1, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

The Regional Housing Partnership (RHP), a program coordinated and supported by the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) and LISC Greater Kansas City (LISC), has convened the RHP strategy committee since October 2022. Throughout 2023, the strategy committee received baseline information about the state of housing in the region as well as updates on different initiatives funded early in the first few years of RHP's existence.

In 2024, the strategy committee began working with MARC and LISC staff to define goals and strategies to lead the work going forward and begin discussions about how to expand the network of those who are involved in helping work on regional solutions. The initial goal setting has concluded and now the next steps around building out this network and developing measurable action items needs to begin. There is a planned report to the MARC Board of Directors in August to provide an update on the RHP. Goals and other work will be discussed at that time.

Staff requested informal proposals for the initial goal-setting phase from several firms and ultimately selected Hopeward, LLC (Hopeward). At that time the amount of the contract was below board approval requirements. Staff requests to continue to work with Hopeward as they have already built relationships with the committee, understand the RHP work and are familiar with the goals and strategies that came out of the goal setting work. Hopeward would support staff in implementing the next steps in collaboration with the strategy committee. For this next phase of work, the contract will now be up to \$67,500 for an approximate one-year term (August 1, 2025).

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Hopeward's contract would support LISC and MARC in developing key roles each organization will play in the next phases of RHP work as well as supporting staff with facilitating the strategy committee discussions to build out the network and work with this expanded group to determine action items and new structures of involvement to move the work forward. The agreement is budgeted between \$48,000 to \$67,500.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$67,500
Source	Various Foundations funding RHP efforts
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	Not to exceed \$67,500
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

AGENDA REPORT

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RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION:

VOTE: Approve agreement with Hopeward, LLC to provide assistance with the Regional Housing Partnership strategy committee strategic planning and network build out in an amount not to exceed \$67,500 with a term through August 1, 2025.

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