



# Board of Directors BUDGET & PERSONNEL

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**September 24, 2024**

**11:15 a.m.**

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

- **Members of the public who wish to participate in this meeting: please email McKenzie Neds at [mneds@marc.org](mailto:mneds@marc.org) by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, for instructions to join the teleconference.**

## **AGENDA**

### **1. Approve Contracts, Grants, and Other Major Expenditures**

#### **EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION AND QUALITY PLACES**

- a. **VOTE: Approve the 2025 Planning Sustainable Places funding recommendations**

#### **EFFECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

- b. **VOTE: Authorize application for Department of Housing and Urban Development Pathways to Removing Obstacles Housing Grant.**

#### **QUALITY EARLY LEARNING**

- c. **VOTE: Authorize application to the Administration for Children and Families for a waiver of remaining Match Funds for FY24 Mid-America Regional Council Head Start Federal Grant.**
- d. **VOTE: Authorize an agreement with School Smart KC for data services for the 2024-2025 school year.**

#### **HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT**

- e. **VOTE: Authorize to solicit and accept funds from the states of Kansas and Missouri for Mid-America Regional Council air quality program.**

### **2. VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda (Administrative Matters and Minor Expenditures)**

- a. **Approve the Minutes of the August 27, 2024, Meeting**

### **3. Other Business**

### **4. Adjournment**

## AGENDA REPORT

### Budget and Personnel Committee

September 2024

Item No. 1a

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

#### ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve the 2025 Planning Sustainable Places funding recommendations

#### BACKGROUND:

The Kansas City region's vibrant, green and connected centers and corridors are central to the region's long-range transportation plan, Connected KC 2050 (CKC 2050). To that end, the planning program, Planning Sustainable Places (PSP), is an initiative to provide communities with planning resources to advance sustainable projects in our region's centers and corridors since 2013. The 2025 funding is the seventh funding round for the program.

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) issued a call for projects that closed on June 14, 2024. MARC staff conducted an initial review and scoring of the 20 applications received and worked with the Sustainable Places Policy Committee to develop a recommended list of awardees. The Committee developed the final recommended project list on September 13, 2024.

The recommendation includes 17 planning studies from across the region:

- 14 Sustainable Places Plans
- 3 Project Development Studies

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

#### BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
KS Surface Transportation Program (FFY 2025)	\$ 720,000
MO Federal Transportation Admin. (FFY2025)	\$ 900,000
Local Match from Project Sponsors	\$ 700,375
Transportation Fee	\$ 14,985
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$ 151,875
Contractual	\$2,183,485

#### COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Sustainable Places Policy Committee approved the presented funding recommendation on September 13, 2024. The Total Transportation Policy Committee will be considering the recommendation at their September 17, 2024 meeting.

## **AGENDA REPORT**

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### **Budget and Personnel Committee**

#### **RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

The recommended projects include the Kansas jurisdictions of: City of Basehor, City of Bonner Springs, Johnson County, City of Leavenworth, City of Mission, City of Osawatomie, City of Overland Park, City of Shawnee, and the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas.

The recommended projects include the Missouri jurisdictions of: City of Harrisonville, City of Kansas City, City of Kearney, City of Lee's Summit, City of Liberty, City of Parkville, and the City of Platte City.

Kansas City Area Transportation Authority

#### **EXHIBITS:**

The recommended list can be found on the [MARC website](#) or on the next page.

Summaries for the proposed studies can be found on the [project application portal](#).

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- Approve project funding for the Planning Sustainable Places Program as presented.
- Authorize receipt of local match funds from project sponsors.
- Authorize receipt of \$720,000 from the Kansas Surface Transportation Program and receipt of \$900,000 from the Missouri Surface Transportation Program.
- Authorize the Executive Director to execute agreements with project sponsors.
- Authorize the release of Request for Proposals (RFPs) for selected projects under MARC management.

#### **STAFF CONTACT:**

Beth Dawson, Principal Planner

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment

2025 Kansas Planning Sustainable Places | Funding Recommendation

Project Number	Primary Applicant	Project Title	ProjectType	Project Score	Score Rank	Priority	Federal Amount Requested	Local	Recommended %	Funding	Revised Total
23	Unified Government	UG Zoning Code Update	Sustainable Places Plan	90	1		\$ 150,000	\$150,000	100%	\$150,000	\$ 300,000
42	City of Bonner Springs	Bonner Springs Connectivity and Walkability Plan	Sustainable Places Plan	81	3		\$ 65,000	\$ 21,500	90%	\$ 58,500	\$ 80,000
50	City of Leavenworth	7th Street Corridor Study	Sustainable Places Plan	74	6		\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	90%	\$ 58,500	\$ 123,500
54	City of Osawatomie	Mile Zero Trailhead Master Plan	Sustainable Places Plan	71	7		\$ 36,000	\$ 9,000		\$ 36,000	\$ 45,000
45	City of Overland Park	Overland Park Wayfinding Master Plan	Sustainable Places Plan	70	8		\$ 64,000	\$ 14,000	90%	\$ 57,600	\$ 71,600
51	City of Basehor	Basehor Reimagined Active Transportation Plan	Sustainable Places Plan	70	8	2	\$ 120,000	\$ 30,000		\$ -	\$ -
49	City of Basehor	Basehor Town Center Trail and Recreation	Sustainable Places Plan	68	10	1	\$ 60,000	\$ 15,000		\$ 34,000	\$ 49,000
39	City of Mission	Martway/Rock Creek Trail Corridor Plan: Martway West	Project Development	82	2		\$ 96,000	\$ 24,000	90%	\$ 86,400	\$ 110,400
55	Johnson County	Fast and Frequent Transit Service on the Metcalf Corridor	Project Development	81	3		\$ 150,000	\$ 37,500	90%	\$135,000	\$ 172,500
47	City of Shawnee	Downtown Shawnee Wayfinding Plan	Project Development	80	5		\$ 56,000	\$ 20,000		\$ 50,000	\$ 70,000

Total	\$ 862,000	\$386,000	\$666,000	\$ 1,022,000
Available	\$ 666,000		\$666,000	
Difference	\$ (196,000)		\$ -	
Funded Projects			9	

2025 Missouri Planning Sustainable Places | Missouri Funding Recommendation

Project Number	Primary Applicant	Project Title	ProjectType	Project Score	Score Rank	Priority	Federal Amount Requested	Local	Recommended		Revised Total
									%	Funding	
53	City of Kearney	Connected Kearney Plan	Sustainable Places Plan	89	1		\$ 75,000	\$ 25,000	100%	\$ 75,000	\$ 100,000
40	City of Kansas City	Forgotten Homes and Independence Plaza Study	Sustainable Places Plan	85	2		\$ 150,000	\$ 37,500	100%	\$ 150,000	\$ 187,500
52	City of Platte City	Historic Downtown Platte City and Courthouse Square	Sustainable Places Plan	84	3		\$ 150,000	\$ 50,000	100%	\$ 150,000	\$ 200,000
41	City of Lee's Summit	Rock Island Trail Connectivity and Wayfinding Plan	Sustainable Places Plan	82	4		\$ 40,000	\$ 15,000	100%	\$ 40,000	\$ 55,000
38	KCATA	Blue Ridge TOD and Transit Center Study	Sustainable Places Plan	81	5		\$ 150,000	\$ 35,500		\$ 142,000	\$ 177,500
34	City of Liberty	MO 291 Multimodal Corridor Study: Kansas St. to Leonard	Sustainable Places Plan	75	6	2	\$ 150,000	\$ 37,500		\$ -	\$ -
33	City of Liberty	Leonard/Lightburne Multimodal and Reconstruction Study	Sustainable Places Plan	70	7	1	\$ 150,000	\$ 35,625	95%	\$ 142,500	\$ 178,125
35	City of Harrisonville	Harrisonville Downtown Area Traffic and Parking Study	Sustainable Places Plan	68	8		\$ 120,000	\$ 36,000	95%	\$ 114,000	\$ 150,000
56	City of Parkville	Parkville Sidewalk Gap Inventory and Rating Plan	Sustainable Places Plan	65	9		\$ 20,000	\$ 4,750	95%	\$ 19,000	\$ 23,750
24	City of Liberty	Glenn Hendren Corridor Study	Sustainable Places Plan	57	10	3	\$ 150,000	\$ 37,500		\$ -	\$ -

Total	\$ 1,155,000	\$ 314,375	\$ 832,500	\$ 1,071,875
Available	\$ 832,500		\$ 832,500	
Difference	\$ (322,500)		\$ -	
Funded Projects			8	

## AGENDA REPORT

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### Budget and Personnel Committee

September 2024  
Item No. 1b  
Effective Local Government

#### **ISSUE:**

VOTE: Authorize application for Department of Housing and Urban Development Pathways to Removing Obstacles Housing Grant.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Board of Directors approved an application for the first round of this grant in September 2023 and approved a resolution regarding the regulatory requirements set out by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at its October 2023 board meeting. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) was not awarded funds in the first round.

HUD has now opened a second round of funding with the intent to award over \$100 million in competitive grant funding for the identification and removal of barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. Barriers to affordable housing may include, but not be limited to, zoning decisions, land use policies, inadequate infrastructure, expiration of affordability requirements, preservation funds, harmonizing building codes, etc. HUD expects to make approximately 30 awards with a minimum award of \$1 million and a maximum award of \$7 million. MPOs are again eligible entities to apply for these competitive grants

Based on the feedback from HUD on the previous application and looking at successful applications, MARC is planning to submit a regional application based around three projects:

- Developing a strategy and program to assist communities in reviewing land-use policies, zoning codes and development processes to increase and preserve affordable housing with an aim for implementation and adoption.
- Harmonizing building codes within the region to foster development and preservation of affordable housing.
- Funding development of the Community Land Trust Consortium as described in the Regional Business Plan for CLTs that will provide technical assistance and development of CLTs in the region.

Expected partners/subrecipients in this work include Institute for Building Technology and Safety (IBTS), Kansas City Community Land Trust and Habitat for Humanity of Kansas City.

Based on HUD feedback, it is imperative the application call out more clearly serving priority communities and provide evidence of past success. In this application the focus area will be Johnson County, Kansas as well as the First Suburbs Coalition. Johnson County is the largest priority geography, and the First Suburbs Coalition has a history of coming together around topics working to implement best practices. The rest of the region will still be called out as major stakeholders to engage, share information and materials and work with.

There is a required public hearing on the application anticipated to be held the week of September 30<sup>th</sup>. and the application will be posted on the MARC website for a 15-day comment period as required by the Notice of Funding Opportunity. The application with responses to comments is due October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Approval of this item would also reaffirm the resolution from last year to again be used in our application regarding the certification of excessive force policies.

## AGENDA REPORT

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### Budget and Personnel Committee

#### **BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

MARC staff are still in the process of putting together the application and final budget numbers. The maximum award is \$7 Million and the total request in federal dollars will not exceed that amount. Staff anticipates including leveraged dollars and more will be shared at the B&P meeting.

#### **RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

The application will have a specific focus on Johnson County, Kansas and the First Suburbs Coalition communities given HUD's priority geography distinction and need for past evidence, but the application is intended to allow involvement of the entire nine-county region.

#### **EXHIBITS:**

[2023 MARC Board Resolution](#)

[HUD PRO Housing Summary](#)

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize staff to submit a regional application for the Department of Housing and Urban Development PRO-Housing Grant not to exceed \$7 Million in federal grant dollars and the use of staff time and already awarded grant dollars as leveraged dollars.

#### **STAFF CONTACT:**

Katie Killen, Housing Program Manager

## **PRO HOUSING CERTIFICATIONS FOR METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) APPLICANTS AND NON-ENTITLEMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPLICANTS**

The applicant certifies that:

**Affirmatively Further Fair Housing** -- The MPO will affirmatively further fair housing.

**The Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (URA)** -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the URA (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24.

**Anti-Lobbying** --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**Authority of MPO** – The submission of the PRO Housing application is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the MPO possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

**Section 3** -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

**Build America, Buy America (BABA)** – It will comply with Title IX, Subpart A of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (41 U.S.C. 8301 et seq.).

**Public Participation** -- It is in full compliance with the PRO Housing streamlined public participation requirements found in Section VI.E of the PRO Housing NOFO.

**Use of Funds** -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with PRO Housing funds, it has developed its PRO Housing proposal so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The PRO Housing proposal may also include PRO Housing-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional PRO Housing Certification).
2. **Overall Benefit.** PRO Housing funds shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons.
3. **Special Assessments.** It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with PRO Housing funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of



low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements. However, if PRO Housing funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with PRO Housing funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than PRO Housing funds. In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than PRO Housing funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks PRO Housing funds to cover the assessment.


- \*Excessive Force** – Each member State or local government has adopted and is enforcing:
1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
  2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

**Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws** -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

**Lead-Based Paint** -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R; and EPA's lead-based paint rules (e.g., Repair, Renovation and Painting; Pre-Renovation Education; and Lead Training and Certification (40 CFR part 745)).

**Compliance with RFRA** -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with the requirements of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (42 U.S.C. 2000bb) and 24 CFR 5.109, allowing the full and fair participation of faith-based entities.

**Compliance with Laws** -- It will comply with applicable laws.

	David A Warm	10/24/2023
Signature of Authorized Official		Date

Executive Director  
Title

\*See attached addendum for excessive force

## **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE HUD PRO HOUSING REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO USE OF FORCE**

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2023, the Mid-America Regional Council Board of Directors authorized as application to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) program; and

WHEREAS, the HUD PRO Housing grant is based on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) regulations; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG regulations stipulate that the applicant must certify that “Each member State or local government has adopted and is enforcing: (1) A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and (2) A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction”; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and does not have a law enforcement function that would have a use of force policy; and

WHEREAS, MARC has an expressed goal about fostering Strong Communities that states: “Strong communities provide a solid foundation for people and places to prosper. They knit together networks of people, families, businesses and civic organizations, nurturing relationships that engender trust and collaboration. They are equitable, cohesive and well-governed. They respect history and community character while building for the future;” and

WHEREAS, MARC views the use of excessive force requirements within the CDBG regulations aligned with such stated goal as they help foster the “equitable, cohesive and well-governed” communities that “engender trust and collaboration;” and

WHEREAS, MARC is applying for the HUD PRO Housing grant across the nine-county metro (including Ray County that is being brought into the MPO); and

WHEREAS, MARC acknowledges that Johnson County, Kansas and the Unified Government of Kansas City, Kansas Wyandotte County are both CDBG entitlement communities and therefore already certify to these requirements under the CDBG program; and

WHEREAS, MARC requested either a signed certification or copies of Use of Force policies from the remaining seven counties in the MARC region; and

WHEREAS, HUD in its “CDBG Memorandum: Excessive Force Provision” acknowledges that “The Department believes that the policy required by the CDBG statute need not specifically mention individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations if the local government's policy covers all individuals;” and

WHEREAS, HUD in the same Memorandum acknowledges that the requirement for the second policy is to uphold existing State and local laws “physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or

location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction” not to enact or create a new requirement if one does not exist; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AS FOLLOWS:

That the MARC Board does hereby affirm that:

- a. MARC staff have received use of force policies from three counties (Platte County, Missouri, Clay County, Missouri, and Leavenworth County, Kansas) responding with their policies and one County (Cass County) responding they “have a good use of force policy that is currently accepted in the United States.”
- b. That Johnson County, Kansas and the Unified Government of Kansas City, Kansas Wyandotte County are entitlement communities for CDBG funds and are already required to certify to HUD that they have and are enforcing these policies.
- c. That HUD does not require that a community have a specific policy on not using excessive force for non-violent demonstrations if its policy is a broad-based policy covering all individuals. The communities above have shared or acknowledged their use of force policies which are policies communities use to outline parameters for appropriate use of force by their law enforcement agencies. Therefore, these communities would seem to be in compliance with the first policy requirement.
- d. That communities in general uphold existing State and local laws that would include any that are currently in effect relating to “physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction” and so would seem to be in compliance with the second policy requirement.
- e. That MARC will continue to work with its member jurisdictions to understand and comply with these requirements, and that any community that is not in compliance will not be allowed to participate in activities to the extent HUD requires.

Passed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.



Carson Ross

Chair of the MARC Board of Directors

Mayor of Blue Springs, Missouri

## AGENDA REPORT

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### Budget and Personnel Committee

September 2024

Item No. 1c

Quality Early Learning

**ISSUE:**

VOTE: Authorize application to the Administration for Children and Families for a waiver of remaining Match Funds for FY24 Mid-America Regional Council Head Start Federal Grant.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Administration of Child and Families (ACF) funds 80 percent of the total operating cost of Head Start and Early Head Start grants. The remaining 20 percent must come from in-kind donations or matching funds from the community. These in-kind contributions must come from non-federal sources and must support necessary, reasonable and allowable costs for operating the program to be counted toward the 20 percent match. These contributions are generally in the form of volunteer services, donated or loaned equipment or space, donated supplies, land, or buildings by MARC's partner agencies.

The required federal match for the Head Start and Early Head Start grant (07CH012381) ending October 31, 2024, is \$8,229,714. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has identified contributions totaling \$7,379,285.29 leaving a balance due of \$477,779.86. MARC Head Start is seeking a waiver from ACF not to exceed the remaining balance of \$477,779.86. Staff are confident in identifying additional in-kind funds but wish to be fiscally conservative in projections.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

None.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

The agenda item was approved by MARC Head Start Policy Council on September 9, 2024, and MARC Head Start Advisory Committee on September 10, 2024.

**RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve MARC Head Start request to the Administration for Children and Families for a waiver for the remaining balance of the required non-federal match for 2023-2024 Federal Head Start and Early Head Start grant.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director

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

## AGENDA REPORT

### Budget and Personnel Committee

September 2024  
Item No. 1d  
Quality Early Learning

**ISSUE:**

VOTE: Authorize an agreement with School Smart KC for data services for the 2024-2025 school year.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Early Learning department has been providing program and child assessment data services to School Smart KC that include coordinating assessments, data analysis reporting, and teacher and administrator training on assessment systems. School Smart KC is the intermediary entity for the public/private partnership between Lead Education Agencies and community childcare providers to provide state funded Pre-K services in community programs. School Smart KC would like to continue an ongoing partnership for these services.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

The \$43,988 of the \$51,287.50 was included in MARC's current budget. Contract amounts are based on the number of students and staff time that it takes to review and analyze the data volume.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$51,287.50
Source	School Smart KC
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$43,637.50
Contractual	CLASS observations \$2700 ASR Database Utilization \$1650
Other (books for 600 students)	\$3,300

**RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

School Smart KC operates within the Kansas City Public Schools boundary.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Vote to authorize an agreement with School Smart KC for data services for the 2024-2025 school year

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Toni Sturdivant, Ph.D., Director of Early Learning and Head Start

## AGENDA REPORT

### Budget and Personnel Committee

September 2024  
Item No. 1e  
Healthy Environment

**ISSUE:**

VOTE: Authorize to solicit and accept funds from the states of Kansas and Missouri for Mid-America Regional Council air quality program.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has been actively involved in air quality issues since the early 1970s and since 1978 has served as the official air quality planning organization for the bistate metro area under section 174 of the federal Clean Air Act. Section 174 requires that states appoint an organization to coordinate local input to the development of the state air quality implementation plans.

MARC's air quality responsibilities include coordination, planning, technical analysis, and public information and education. MARC has no regulatory authority related to air quality issues but makes recommendations to the state air quality agencies concerning air quality planning and regulatory measures.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

Kansas and Missouri each provide planning funds to support regional air quality work on an annual basis. Contractual elements of the grants will support the 2025 Air Quality Public Education Campaign, Clean Air Action Plan implementation, and a study of mass notification systems for environmental emergencies.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$110,960
Source	Kansas Dept. of Health & Environment (\$65,000) & Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources (\$45,960)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	\$44,960
Contractual	\$65,000
Pass-Through	\$0
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$1000

**RELATED JURISDICTIONS:**

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the executive director to solicit and accept funding from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for the MARC air quality program for the fiscal period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$110,960.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Karen Clawson, Air and Climate Programs Manager



## BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Meeting  
Summary  
August 25, 2024  
11:15 a.m.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, MO - MARC Board 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, KS  
Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez, Lee's Summit, MO  
Council member Bridget McCandless, Independence, MO  
Mayor Mike McDonough, Raytown, MO  
Commissioner Rob Roberts, Miami County, KS

### STAFF PRESENT

David Warm, Executive Director  
Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration  
Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment  
Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services  
Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start  
Marlene Nagel, Director of Community Development  
Tom Jacobs, Chief Resilience Officer and Environmental Programs Director  
Katie Killen, Housing Program Manager  
Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Communications Program Director  
Donna Martin, Public Health Senior Planner  
McKenzie Neds, Executive Assistant

### OTHERS

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Damien Boley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair of the MARC Board of Directors, called the meeting to order at 11:19 a.m.

Due to the meeting being conducted remotely and in-person, Mayor Boley provided instructions for participation. He reported that staff would present on all the agenda items, provide an opportunity for comments and questions after each item, and ask for approval of all agenda items with one vote at the end of the meeting. Members would have an opportunity to abstain or object to any items necessary during the final vote.

*Approve Contracts, Grants, and Other Major Expenditures*

### VOTE: Review and accept the 2023 Uniform Guidance Single Audit Report.

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration, presented the 2023 Uniform Guidance Single Audit Report for board approval. She reminded the board that there are two parts of the Single Audit: financial and federal compliance. The financial portion of the audit will note the changes in procedures in the way that MARC was recording revenue and funds balances that were related to the prior period adjustments noted in the larger audit. The federal compliance piece of the audit received a clean, unmodified opinion which means that all requirements were met of the federal grants that MARC has.

VOTE: Authorize a contract amendment increase with Sustainable Solution Groups for consulting support for the update of the Regional Kansas City Climate Action Plan.

Tom Jacobs, Chief Resilience Officer and Environmental Programs Director, requested authorization for a contract amendment with the Sustainable Solutions Group (SSG) that is providing consulting support to MARC for the development of our comprehensive priority climate action plan. MARC is asking for this increase because of staff turnover and SSG can fill the gap using their team of local planners as a sub consultant to help complete the work. The total amendment will increase from \$110,000 to \$290,000.

VOTE: Authorize a sub-grant award from the Center for Watershed Protection to expand development of a green stormwater infrastructure workforce training program.

Tom Jacobs, Chief Resilience Officer and Environmental Programs Director, requested authorization for a sub grant award from the Center for Watershed Protection to expand development of a green stormwater infrastructure workforce training program. The Center for Watershed Protection is a national thought leader / think tank in the watershed and stormwater management planning area, and they are helping MARC update the regional stormwater engineering standards. The Center for Watershed Protection was successful in acquiring a \$1,000,000 grant from EPA to focus additional work in Kansas City, and they included \$95,505 in their grant application to fund MARC that will help develop a 4-hour, online green stormwater infrastructure maintenance training and certification program.

VOTE: Authorize contract with the city of Kansas City, Missouri to implement green infrastructure policy and training activities.

Tom Jacobs, Chief Resilience Officer and Environmental Programs Director, requested authorization of a contract with the city of Kansas City, MO, to implement green infrastructure policy and training activities. In 2022, MARC led a team to apply for ARPA dollars from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the grant was awarded in 2022. The city is now finalizing its work to enter into the contract with MDNR to restore 200 acres of Blue River riparian habitat, restore nine acres of wetlands, and plant 2,000 trees in adjacent neighborhoods. The grant also includes \$300,000 to support two MARC initiatives: updating the regional stormwater engineering standards and training programs focused on green infrastructure maintenance and riparian restoration.

VOTE: Authorize contract with the US Geological Survey to continue the operation and maintenance of a Missouri River gage in Parkville and accept contributions from six communities and agencies to pay for project costs.

Tom Jacobs, Chief Resilience Officer and Environmental Programs Director, requested authorization of a contract with the US Geological Survey and six local funding partners to continue operation and maintenance of a Missouri River gauge near Parkville, MO. The river gauge helps with flood forecasting for the region by providing data to the US Army Corps' flood inundation mapping. This process was launched eight years ago with the same funding partners, and it is time to renew the contracts. The total budget amount is \$98,286.

VOTE: Authorize application to the US Department of Transportation SMART Grant Real-time and Historical Sourced Data and Platform for the Operation Green Light Regional Traffic Signal Program.

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, requested retroactive approval for the grant application MARC submitted on August 14, 2024, to the US Department of Transportation's SMART Grant program. Total application was for \$5,504,169 that will allow the project to provide real-time and historical data using a variety of crowdsourced arterial data covering a metro region wide area and over 1500 traffic signals. The program doesn't require any matching funds, and it will benefit the 22 local jurisdictions that are part of the Operation Green Light program.

VOTE: Authorize 2024 expenditures per approved memorandum of understanding to LISC Greater Kansas City 2024 for continued Regional Housing Partnership work.

Kaite Killen, Housing Program Manager, requested authorization for the expenditure under MARC's MOU with LISC of Greater Kansas City. LISC of Greater Kansas City is MARC's partner in the Regional Housing Partnership work and this MOU totaling \$425,000 is the mechanism used to approve the yearly budget and deliverables for the RHP.



VOTE: Approve a five-year contract with Motorola to provide maintenance services for all regional VESTA 911 workstations and associated devices and VESTA Managed Services.

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Communications Program Director, requested approval for a contract with Motorola for MARC 911 software support. The current contract will end in 2026, and the next five-year period will begin in 2026. The total contract has increased by 30% because there was an increase in the number of positions at PSAPs and there were also software upgrades made. The cost breakdown per year was provided in the board memo - total contract is \$4,582,942.89 and will support the entire region, including every position within the region.

VOTE: Approve amendment increase with Town & Country Super Market, Inc for Double Up Food Bucks incentives at their stores participating in the program.

Donna Martin, Public Health Senior Planner, requested approval of an amendment with the Town & Country supermarket chain to increase their available funding for incentive redemption for Double Up Food Bucks Program. The grocery store is using their current budget faster than anticipated and MARC has extra funds to grant programs who need increases. Total amendment increase is \$100,000 for the rest of this year.

VOTE: Authorize an application for a Transformation of Rural Community Health Community Grant.

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, requested authorization of an application for a Transformation of Rural Community Health (ToRCH) Community Grant that will impact Ray County, MO. The ToRCH pilot program is for Medicaid patients and is designed to bring resources to rural communities to address the upstream causes of poor health outcomes, i.e., social determinants of health. Total amount of the proposal is not to exceed \$80,000.

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick clarified that this program is only available for Ray County, MO. Ms. Bohling-Da Metz confirmed that the program is working directly with Ray County hospital.

VOTE: Authorize Community Support Network contracts with Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly and The Don Bosco Centers to provide catered meals.

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, requested authorization of a contract with PACE-KC and Don Bosco Centers to provide catered meal services for Community Support Network. The PACE-KC contract is small initially but expects to grow over time as the program grows. The meal unit rates per number of meals can be found in the board memo and MARC will retain a \$50 monthly administrative fee for contract management support.

VOTE: Approve amendment increase to contract with Kathy Waage for continued support for the Head Start health team.

Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start, requested a contract increase to Kathy Waage's contract to support data entry for the Head Start Health team that is funded through the Administration of Children and Families. The total amount of the new contract will be \$53,000.

VOTE: Approve the Minutes of the June 25, 2024 Meeting.

VOTE: Approve Administrative Actions from July 2024 Memo

David Warm, MARC's Executive Director, called attention to the administrative actions in the July Board memo. He explained that because the Board of Directors does not meet in the month of July, he administratively approves items that cannot wait until the August board meeting and then asks for ratification in the month of August.

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick moved for approval of all agenda items and Council Member Bridget McCandless seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

Mayor Boley adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.