



Board of Directors BUDGET & PERSONNEL

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June 24, 2025

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 marcinfo@marc.org by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, for instructions to join the teleconference.

AGENDA

1. Approve Contracts, Grants, and Other Major Expenditures

EXEMPLARY CORE CAPACITIES

- a. VOTE: Accept the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and the MARC Solid Waste Management District 2024 Financial Report.
- b. VOTE: Approve renewal of Property, Liability, Vehicle, Cyber and Work Comp Coverages with Midwest Public Risk effective July 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND QUALITY PLACES

- c. VOTE: Authorize a consulting contract for Phase 2 of the SmartMoves Transit Plan Update.
- d. VOTE: Authorize consultant agreements for three 2025 Planning Sustainable Places studies.
- e. VOTE: Authorize grant application to US Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant.

THRIVING OLDER ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES

- f. VOTE: Approve application to the USDA's Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program's 2025 Request for Application and accept funds, if awarded.
- g. VOTE: Authorize a contract amendment with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for the Diabetes Self-Management Program Network.

HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

- h. VOTE: Authorize amendments to Engineering Agreements for Energy Audits for Nonprofit Buildings.

COMPETITIVE ECONOMY

- i. VOTE: Approve submittal of a collaborative application to the Kauffman Foundation for the Economic Mobility Landscape research grant and accept funds, if awarded.

QUALITY EARLY LEARNING

- j. VOTE: Approve the Mid-America Regional Council's Head Start proposal to make changes to Head Start Preschool enrollment for 2025-2026 to accommodate closure of the YMCA of Greater Kansas City and Ability KC.
- k. VOTE: Approve contract amendments for Emmanuel Child and Family Development Center and Independence School District for Head Start program services effective August 1, 2025.
- l. VOTE: Approve Head Start services contract for Mattie Rhodes and Render's Hope Day School to enroll children effective August 1, 2025 until the end of the grant year.
- m. VOTE: Authorize submission of Head Start Preschool grant to the Administration for Children and Families for the continued support of the Head Start program for the 2025-2026 program year.



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- n. VOTE: Approve key agency contracts to provide Early Head Start services through the State of Missouri Early Head Start grant for the 2025-2026 budget period.
- o. VOTE: Approve contracts for Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start support services.

SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES

- p. VOTE: Approve the three-year renewal agreement with GeoComm for the GeoComm GIS Data Hub.
- q. VOTE: Authorize a contract with Carl Abraham for regional emergency services assessment and outreach work in an amount not to exceed \$81,250.
- r. VOTE: Authorize application and acceptance of an Assistant Secretary Preparedness and Response grant for fiscal year 2025-2026 and authorize execution of related subcontract.
- s. VOTE: Authorize issuance of subaward agreement to Overland Park Police Department for the Fiscal Year 2023 Urban Area Security Initiative Grants.

- 2. VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda (Administrative Matters and Minor Expenditures)
 - a. Approve the Minutes of May 27, 2025, Meeting

3. Other Business

4. Adjournment

AGENDA REPORT

Budget and Personnel Committee

June 2025
Item No. 1a
Exemplary Core Capacities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Review and accept the MARC 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and the MARC Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) 2024 Financial Report.

BACKGROUND:

Kaleb Lilly, partner with RubinBrown LLP, discussed an update on the audit, the draft Auditor Communications Letter, and the draft Management Representation Letter at the May 2025 Budget and Personnel Committee meeting. Kaleb noted that the audits have gone well and no issues were encountered during audit testing.

The draft 2024 MARC ACFR, MARC SWMD Financial Report, and letters are available for review on the MARC website at:

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

The 2024 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 2024 Uniform Guidance Single Audit Report is currently nearing completion and will be brought to the August 2025 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 2025 board meeting. The estimated cost for the 2024 audits is \$86,355. Funds for the audit are budgeted in the Indirect Costs Fund in the 2025 Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the 2024 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

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Budget and Personnel Committee

June 2025

Item No. 1b

Exemplary Core Capacities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve renewal of Property, Liability, Vehicle, Cyber and Work Comp Coverages with Midwest Public Risk effective July 1, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is a member of Midwest Public Risk (MPR) insurance pool and uses the pool for liability, property, motor vehicle and worker's compensation coverages. MARC also purchased cyber liability insurance, through MPR's broker, Gallagher. The plan year for those policies is July 1 - June 30. Limits and deductibles vary within the different coverages, generally organizational limits are \$3,000,000, however aggregate limits for all members of the pool are much higher.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Costs for insurance premiums are primarily budgeted and charged to Indirect except in cases where specific property or vehicles operate directly in support of a program, then the premium is allocated to the supporting grant or program budget. For instance, property insurance premiums for 911 capital, the Thomas Roque early learning center, and the Aging food repacking facility are allocated directly to the relevant grants and programs.

Costs for the 2024-2025 year were \$345,328.85. This year is a 28.3% decrease, primarily due to a moderated insurance market and good experience of MPR.

| Coverage | Premium Amount |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Property | \$ 75,966.00 |
| Liability | \$ 125,999.00 |
| Workers Compensation | \$ 27,413.29 |
| Cyber-Liability | \$ 39,769.32 |
| Total | \$269,147.61 |

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize renewal of property, liability and worker's compensation coverages through Midwest Public Risk and renewal of cyber-liability coverage through Gallagher.

STAFF CONTACT:

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration

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Budget and Personnel Committee

June 2025

Item No. 1c

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a consulting contract for Phase 2 of the Smart Moves Transit Plan Update.

BACKGROUND:

Enhanced transit services have long been desired in the Kansas City metropolitan area to meet multiple goals for quality development and access to opportunity for area residents and businesses. In 2017, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) and partners updated the region's [Smart Moves](#) public transportation vision plan. This plan included an integrated set of strategies and project proposals to improve transit services throughout the region.

While this plan has provided a framework for most of the region's recent high profile transit investments, the pace of implementation has been slow due to a variety of factors, particularly the lack of locally supported implementation plans and funding. Now there is a sense of urgency about public transportation in the context of rising needs and declining services in many parts of the region.

MARC launched an initial 1st Phase of work to update the Smart Moves plan with a particular focus on developing investible implementation strategies rooted in local priorities, served by a range of service types that are regionally connected. This update is guided by an ad hoc working group drawn from the MARC Board of Directors and Total Transportation Policy Committee in partnership with many other local officials, civic leaders and transportation professionals. At the conclusion of this effort, major Smart Moves service recommendations will be reprioritized, costs will be updated and potential local funding mechanisms will be described. We anticipate this work being completed over the summer of 2025.

A 2nd phase of this work, to be conducted over the second half of 2025 will expand on this effort to include a benefit cost analysis, informational materials, etc. On May 12, 2025, MARC published a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeking responses from qualified firms to support this work. MARC received two proposals in response to the RFQ. A selection committee made up by MARC, KCATA, UG Transit, Johnson County Transit, and the City of Kansas City, MO staff reviewed and evaluated the proposals submitted by two consultant teams. In-person interviews are currently scheduled to be held by the week of June 23, 2025. The selection committee is anticipated to make a recommendation of a team to the MARC Board of Directors to lead this project.

At the MARC Board B&P meeting, MARC staff will provide an overview of this upcoming scope of work and timeline.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

This project will use 2025 budgeted CPG funds not to exceed \$500,000

| REVENUES | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Amount | \$500,000 |
| Source | Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funds |
| PROJECTED EXPENSES | |
| Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent) | |
| Contractual | \$500,000 |

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COMMITTEE ACTION:

Transit Technical Team have been engaged in this discussion.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize MARC Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement with the winning team (to be determined by the week of June 23, 2025) to conduct the 2nd phase of the Smart Moves Transit Plan Update with a contract amount not to exceed \$500,000.

STAFF CONTACT:

Ron Achelpohl, Director Transportation and Environment
Martin Rivarola, Transportation Planning Director

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June 2025

Item No. 1d

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize consultant agreements for three 2025 Planning Sustainable Places studies.

BACKGROUND:

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

Mission, KS - Martway/Rock Creek Trail Corridor Plan: Martway West.

The intent of the study is to continue project development plans along the Martway/Rock Creek Trail Corridor. It will capitalize on efforts established with the east side Rock Creek Corridor Plan. The final report will include an existing conditions report and plan review, diagrammatic drawings of proposed improvements including renderings, and a prioritization matrix for scalable implementation including budget. The initial release of the RFP received a single submittal. The responding team was interviewed to ensure alignment of the city and proposing firm's understanding of the study. Key components of the plan will include:

- Greater, safer connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists to activity centers on the west side of Mission utilizing complete street principles.
- Enhanced trail experience utilizing better naturalization of the Rock Creek, public art, place making, and other innovative techniques.
- Environmental and flood hazard mitigation strategies utilizing green infrastructure improvements.
- Active public engagement process utilizing surveys, focus groups, and other innovative techniques.

The consulting team of Wilson & Company, BikeWalk KC, Shockey and SWT was selected for this study.

Shawnee, KS - Downtown Shawnee Wayfinding Plan.

This study seeks to analyze high-visibility street, parking, transit, and trail corridors where new branded wayfinding signage may improve navigation to Downtown, while addressing circulatory and parking concerns from the local community. Project deliverables will include an existing conditions assessment, and recommended improvements with funding sources. Proposals from two prospective consulting teams were received. The two teams were interviewed. Key components of the plan will include:

- Development of a comprehensive wayfinding sign plan and policy for the Downtown Shawnee district that:
 - Establishes a wayfinding sign hierarchy that identifies and prioritizes relevant sign content, function, multiple modes of transportation and locations;
 - Incorporates existing Downtown Shawnee streetscape and branding elements;
 - Highlights public parking; and
 - Creates a policy for application of wayfinding signs in the public realm.

The consulting team of Engrafik, GBA and Venice Communications was selected for this study.

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Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kan. - UG Zoning Code Update.

This project will create the codified vision of the recently adopted comprehensive plan, PlanKCK and focus on mobility priorities identified in the UG's 2021 PSP study, goDotte. The final deliverables will be a final Zoning Code along with a report detailing the analyses, public engagement and recommendations. Proposals from three prospective consulting teams were received but two were disqualified by KDOT due to lack of qualifications. The remaining team was interviewed to ensure alignment of the UG and the proposing firm's understanding of the proposed work. Key components of the project will include:

The focus of this request for proposals (RFP) is to create a Project Development Plan that addresses the following key priorities for the Unified Government: integration of goDotte's transportation goals

- implementation of the new land use categories established in PlanKCK
- removal of exclusionary zoning practices
- creation of an updated zoning code that is equitable, future-thinking, and legible/accessible to residents and developers alike

The consulting team of Lisa Wise Consulting, Lynchpin Ideas, LLC, Opticos Design, Inc. and Peter J. Park, LLC was selected for this study.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

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

Mission, KS: Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding (\$86,400) with the required local match of \$24,000 provided by the City of Mission.

Shawnee, KS: Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding (\$50,000) with the required local match of \$20,000 provided by the City of Shawnee.

Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS: Planning Sustainable Places (Federal STP) funding (\$150,000) with the required local match of \$150,000 provided by the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The MARC Board authorized the award of the PSP funds for the project and the receipt of its local match on September 24, 2024.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The consultant contracts involve the jurisdictions of: Mission, KS; Shawnee, KS; and Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Executive Director to enter into the agreements detailed above.

STAFF CONTACT:

Beth Dawson, Principal Planner

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment

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Item No. 1e

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

VOTE:

Authorize grant application to US Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) received a federal grant under the Safe Streets and Roads for All program to prepare an Action Plan, and the work is underway through the leadership of the Destination Safe Coalition. One element of a comprehensive action plan is to address post-crash emergency care. The Mid-America Regional Council Emergency Rescue (MARCER) Committee, is seeking this grant to supplement the previous grant to comprehensively address post-crash care in the Action Plan and to design and launch a demonstration project for the availability and use of whole blood to provide early intervention at the scene of serious crashes

The budget below shows the change based on the amendments to these engineering contracts:

| REVENUES | |
|---|---|
| Amount 2-Year Grant | \$373,436 Federal \$94,360 from three sources: Kansas Infrastructure Hub \$40,000 MARCER \$23,500 In-kind support \$ 29,860 |
| PROJECTED EXPENSES | |
| Personnel (salaries, fringe, indirect, rent) | \$180,296 |
| Training & Travel | \$21,500 |
| Demonstration Project (whole blood, EMS supplies) | \$265,000 |

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the submission of a grant application to the US DOT for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant for the Supplemental Planning and Demonstration Program in an amount not to exceed \$373,436 in federal funds and \$40,000 from the Kansas Infrastructure Hub and accept the funds if awarded.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel, Director of the Office of Resource Development
Jason White, Project Manager

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Item No. 1f

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve application to the US Department of Agriculture's Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program 2025 Request for Application.

BACKGROUND:

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) released a request for application (RFA) for the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program's funding opportunity in January. That RFA was rescinded in February and is currently under review by the agency. National partners believe that the RFA may be re-released soon. Expectations are that the turnaround time for submitting a proposal will be much shorter than usual, possibly 4-6 weeks. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) and the Double Up Heartland Collaborative would like to submit a proposal to support the Double Up Food Bucks for the next three years.

MARC submitted a proposal in 2024 on behalf of the Double Up Heartland Collaborative which was not awarded funding. As part of that proposal, private funders were requested to commit funds to meet the required match. A total of \$4,995,000 was committed for the proposal. Staff has reconnected with the funders to determine if they are willing to have their funds committed for another proposal submission in 2025. Over \$4,300,000 of match has been identified for a 2025 proposal. Match funding includes:

| Funder | 2024 GusNIP RFA Commitment (3-year grant) |
|---|--|
| State of Missouri (pending Governor's approval) | \$2,000,000 |
| Health Forward Foundation | \$500,000 |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield | \$450,000 |
| Kansas Health Foundation | \$333,000 |
| Hall Family Foundation | \$300,000 |
| Elevance Health Foundation | \$200,000 |
| Marion and Henry Bloch Foundation | \$150,000 |
| K-State University Olathe | \$150,000 |
| Patterson Family Foundation | \$100,000 |
| Kemper Foundation | \$45,000 |
| Sunflower Foundation | \$50,000 |
| Total | \$4,278,000 |

The amount which can be requested from the USDA can be up to the amount of the matching funds. So the total amount of the proposal's budget will not exceed \$8,556,000

The application will propose continuing the Double Up Food Bucks program at over 160 grocery store and farm direct locations currently offering the program across Kansas and Missouri. The application will also include plans to expand to additional locations, specifically in communities not currently served. Partners essential to the implementation and evaluation of the program and which will be included in the application are: K-State University Research & Extension, University of Missouri Extension, Cultivate KC, New Growth, and the University of Kansas Medical Center.

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BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The budget will support personnel costs for MARC staff, subcontractors at Kansas State University - Research & Extension, Cultivate KC, New Growth, and the University of Missouri Extension. The funds will also support evaluation services from the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Additional expenses supported will include media, printing, postage and supplies and the incentive costs for SNAP shoppers to be able to purchase more fresh produce.

| REVENUES | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Amount | Up to \$8,556,000 |
| Source | USDA + a variety of private funders |
| PROJECTED EXPENSES | |
| Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent) | \$1,205,960 |
| Contractual | \$2,400,877 |
| Pass-Through | \$4,648,903 |
| Other (supplies, printing, etc.) | \$300,000 |
| Estimated total | \$8,555,740 |

COMMITTEE ACTION:

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

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Kansas and Missouri communities with participating Double Up Food Bucks locations.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the submission of an application to the USDA if the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program RFA related to Nutrition Incentive programs is re-released and approve acceptance of funds if an award is given.

STAFF CONTACT:

Donna Martin, Public Health Program Manager
Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services

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Item No. 1g

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a contract amendment with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for another year of the Diabetes Self-Management Program Network contract.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) is exercising their option to renew this Missouri Diabetes and Heart Disease Program contract with the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) for the period between June 30, 2025 through June 29, 2026. MARC has been supporting this work through an initial year award of \$30,000 focused on support for a strategic approach for priority populations with or at risk for diabetes. The scope of work includes a continuation of the following in year two totaling an additional \$30,000:

- Support for evidence-based program Master Trainers to schedule and facilitate leader trainings as needed to build capacity
- Assist leaders in submitting paperwork and managing data entry for workshops facilitated
- Collect and manage workshop data and submit monthly grant reports
- Provide technical support for data collection and data exports as needed

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The year two amendment moves the contract total to \$60,000. DHSS is funded for this work through a cooperative agreement for state-based diabetes control programs through a cooperative agreement with federal agencies, the Department of Health and Human Services/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

| REVENUES | |
|--|---|
| Second Year Contract Amount | \$30,000 |
| Total Contract (Years 1 and 2) | \$60,000 |
| Source | DHSS (cooperative agreement with HHS/CDC) |
| PROJECTED EXPENSES | |
| Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent) | \$20,972 |
| Supplies | \$6,628 |
| Travel Expenses | \$2,400 |
| Year 2 contract amendment Total | \$30,000 |

COMMITTEE ACTION:

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

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Missouri counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a year two amendment for the Diabetes Self-Management Program Network contract with the MO DHSS.

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STAFF CONTACT:

Tane Lewis, Integrated Care Manager

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services

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Item No. 1h
Healthy Environment

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize amendments to engineering agreements for Energy Audits for Nonprofit Buildings.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) began work to carry out a US Department of Energy (DOE) grant in early 2024 to assist nonprofit organizations that own their buildings to reduce energy costs through energy conservation improvements.

Through a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), MARC identified two engineering firms with energy expertise, Custom Engineering (a MBE firm) and Entegritty (a larger firm with numerous minority suppliers and contractors) to assist with the application, energy audits, selection of buildings based on energy savings, preparation of bid documents and related work. In May 2024, the MARC Board authorized agreements with these two firms for \$195,000 each.

The budget below shows the change based on the amendments to these engineering contracts:

| REVENUES | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Amount | \$4,734,755 Federal |
| 3-Year Grant | \$1,500,000 from local foundations |
| PROJECTED EXPENSES | |
| Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent) | \$910,084 (reduced by \$90,000) |
| Contractual | Custom Engineering: \$250,000 Entegritty Energy Solutions: \$250,000 Metropolitan Energy Center: \$75,000 Community Capital Fund: \$150,000 |
| Pass-Through | Nonprofit organizations (TBD): \$4,570,992 (reduced by \$20,000) |
| Other (supplies, mileage, stipends) | \$28,679 |

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize amendments to the two engineering firms' agreements to a maximum of \$250,000 each to cover costs for Level 1 and 2 ASHRAE energy audits and support for Measurement and Verification of energy savings from the improvements for each of the selected 30 buildings.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel, Director of the Office of Resource Development
Beth Dawson, Principal Planner
Ashley Sadowski, Building and Energy Program Director

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Item No. 1i

Competitive Economy

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve submittal of a collaborative application to the Kauffman Foundation for the Economic Mobility Landscape research grant and accept funds, if awarded.

BACKGROUND:

The Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation is a private, nonpartisan foundation that provides access to opportunities that help people achieve financial stability, upward mobility, and economic prosperity - regardless of race, gender, or geography. To support this work on what they call “equitable economic mobility,” the Foundation hosted a forum of area researchers last fall to begin a conversation around the research and data available. The Foundation would like a deeper understanding of the research and data landscape related to equitable economic mobility, as well as the researchers in the Kansas City area and states of Kansas and Missouri who are conducting it. In early May, they issued an RFP for a “landscape analysis” of the field that would help them identify research and data strengths, weaknesses, gaps and opportunities for greater collaboration that might result in deeper and more impactful research. Their goal is for Kansas City to be a national hub for equitable economic mobility research and they wish to support the community of researchers toward that end.

To further their aim of increased collaboration, the RFP specifically suggested collaborative responses. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has partnered with UMKC’s Urban Education Research Center (UERC), the Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership (MCNL), and KU’s Institute for Policy and Social Research (ISPR) in submitting a proposal to the Kauffman Foundation. MARC will be the lead agency, ISPR will conduct a literature review, UERC will conduct a survey of the researchers and produce a social network map highlighting connections and gaps in connections among the researchers. This will help identify key informants to interview, work that will be led MCNL. MARC will convene focus groups of research users to uncover any community research that may not show up in a literature review, as well as lead the work to synthesize findings and act as the fiscal agent.

This proposal was due by June 11, 2025. An award announcement is expected by June 24. The work is expected to be completed January 2026.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

MARC will act as the project lead and fiscal agent for this grant, and will subcontract with UERC, ISPR, and MCNL for research services.

| REVENUES | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Amount | \$163,800 |
| Source | Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation Grant |
| PROJECTED EXPENSES | |
| Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent) | \$45,000 |
| Contractual | \$112,500 |
| MCNL \$15,000 | |
| UERC \$51,000 | |
| ISPR \$46,500 | |
| Pass-Through | |
| Other (supplies, printing, etc.) | \$6,300 |

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

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This work will identify and summarize economic mobility research conducted by researchers in the states of Kansas and Missouri, with a focus on the Kansas City region.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Executive Director to apply for and, if awarded, accept a grant from the Kauffman Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$163,800 for producing an analysis of the economic mobility-related research and data landscape in the Kansas City region.

STAFF CONTACT:

Frank Lenk, Director of the Office of Economic Research

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June 2025
Item No. 1j
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve the Mid-America Regional Council's Head Start proposal to make changes to Head Start Preschool enrollment for 2025-2026 to accommodate closure of the YMCA of Greater Kansas City and Ability KC.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2024, Ability KC notified the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Head Start they would not be able to continue providing Early Head Start services beyond the 2024-2025 program year due to the agencies path changing and financial stability.

On March 11, 2025, The YMCA of Greater Kansas City notified MARC that they will no longer continue with Head Start services in Clay, Jackson, and Platte counties after May 2025. The YMCA provides services in four locations throughout the region. MARC has launched a Request for Qualification process to find new partners to serve the children and families for three of the four locations.

A request for qualifications was also released by MARC in April 2025 to seek new partners in Clay, Jackson and Platte counties. After the completion of the proposal two new partners were found.

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.

YMCA Greater Kansas City- 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 and Head Start enrollment to accommodate increased full day programming.

Guadalupe Centers- add Early Head Start services as a program option and increase Head Start enrollment to better meet the community needs.

Kansas City Public Schools- increase Head Start enrollment to meet the community needs in Columbus Park.

Mattie Rhodes- new partner who will add Head Start services in the Northland to support the community needs.

Render's Hope Day School- new partner in Independence who will add Early Head Start and Head Start services to support the community need.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

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

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Policy Council approved this agenda item on 6/9/25 and the Advisory Committee approved of this agenda item on 6/10/25.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

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

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EXHIBITS:

Proposed Enrollment Changes 2025-2026

Proposed Funding Changes 2025-2026

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve MARC Head Starts requested slot changes for the program year 2025-2026 for Head Start programming.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director

Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning

MARC PROPOSED ENROLLMENT CHANGES FOR 2025-2026

| AGENCY | HS 2025 | Proposed HS FD 2025 | HS P day 2025 | HS HB | EHS FD | Proposed EHS 2025 | EHS HB 2025 | EHS State 2025 |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Tier 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Ability KC | | | | | 8 | 0 | | |
| Cub Care | 20 | 20 | | | 16 | 16 | | |
| Excelsior Springs SD | 40 | 40 | | | | | | |
| Front Porch Alliance | | | | | | | 36 | |
| Grandview SD | 64 | 64 | | | 8 | 8 | | |
| Learn-A-Lot | 47 | 47 | | | 42 | 42 | | |
| Lee's Summit SD | | | 68 | | | | 20 | |
| Render's Hope | | 15 | | | | 29 | | |
| Tier 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Center SD | 90 | 90 | | | | | | |
| Early stART-St. Mark | 68 | 68 | | | 12 | 12 | | |
| Emmanuel | 60 | 73 | | | 13 | 64 | | |
| Family Conservancy | | | | 30 | | | 90 | |
| Guadalupe Centers | 96 | 102 | | | 0 | 24 | | |
| Mattie Rhodes | | 166 | | | | | | |
| Raytown SD | 83 | 83 | | | | | | |
| Tier 3 | | | | | | | | |
| Independence | 253 | 253 | | | 36 | 44 | | 46 |
| Kansas City SD | 460 | 494 | | | 16 | 16 | | |
| Operation Breakthrough | 180 | 180 | | | 53 | 53 | | 57 |
| YMCA | 234 | 0 | | | 104 | 0 | | |
| Totals | 1,695 | 1,695 | 68 | 30 | 308 | 308 | 146 | 103 |

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Proposed funding* contract changes for 2025-2026

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: | | | | | | |
| YMCA | \$3,134,618 | \$0 | \$1,903,048 | \$0 | \$5,037,666 | \$0 |
| Ability KC | -- | -- | \$102,651 | \$0 | \$102,651 | \$0 |
| Subtotals | \$3,134,618 | \$0 | \$2,005,699 | \$0 | \$5,140,317 | \$0 |
| | | | | | | |
| slots given to: | | | | | | |
| KCPS | \$5,699,434 | \$5,856,612 | \$363,772 | \$363,772 | \$6,063,206 | \$6,220,384 |
| Guadalupe | \$849,786 | \$892,256 | \$ 0 | \$135,692 | \$849,786 | \$1,027,948 |
| Emmanuel | \$536,421 | \$576,925 | \$222,410 | \$451,928 | \$758,831 | \$1,028,853 |
| Mattie Rhodes | -- | \$395,775 | -- | \$0 | -- | \$395,775 |
| Render's Hope | -- | \$32,474 | -- | \$117,545 | -- | \$150,019 |
| ISD | \$2,965,864 | \$2,965,887 | \$619,420 | \$653,738 | \$3,585,284 | \$3,619,625 |
| Subtotals | \$10,051,505 | \$10,719,929 | \$1,205,602 | \$1,722,675 | \$11,257,107 | \$12,442,604 |

*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 2025
Item No. 1k
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve contract amendments for Emmanuel Child and Family Development Center and Independence School District for Head Start program services effective August 1, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Head Start program is federally funded to serve 2,350 children and families in Jackson, Clay and Platte counties. These comprehensive early education, health, and family services are carried out by a network of community organizations and school districts. Following the exit of one such partner, the MARC Head Start staff worked to redistribute 338 Head Start slots (234 Head Start Preschool and 104 Early Head Start) between both existing and vetted new partners. These organizations include Guadalupe Centers, Kansas City Public Schools, Independence School District, Emmanuel Child and Family Development Center, Mattie Rhodes, and Render's Hope Day School.

Budget Considerations

The Emmanuel Child and Family Development Center has agreed to take on additional Head Start Preschool slots (13), and Early Head Start slots (64). The additional children and responsibilities are reflected in the proposed contract increase below. The Independence School District will serve additional Early Head Start slots (8). The changes in their expenses due to expansion are reflected below.

| Partner | Current | Increase | Total |
|--|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Emmanuel Child and Family Development Center | \$758,831.00 | \$269,633.00 | \$1,071,268.00 |
| Independence School District (ISD) | \$3,585,284.00 | \$34,341.00 | \$3,619,625.00 |
| | \$4,344,115.00 | \$346,778.00 | \$4,690,893.00 |

COMMITTEE ACTION:

N/A.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Jackson County, Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize contract amendments to Emmanuel Child and Family Development Center and Independence School District effective August 1, 2025.

STAFF CONTACT:

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

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June 2025
Item No. 11
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve Head Start services contract for Mattie Rhodes and Render's Hope Day School to enroll children effective August 1, 2025 until the end of the grant year.

BACKGROUND:

The MARC Head Start program is federally funded to serve 2,350 children and families in Jackson, Clay and Platte counties. These comprehensive early education, health, and family services are carried out by a network of community organizations and school districts. Following the exit of one such partner, the MARC Head Start staff worked to redistribute 338 Head Start slots (234 Head Start Preschool and 104 Early Head Start) between both existing and vetted new partners. These organizations include Guadalupe Centers, Kansas City Public Schools, Independence School District, Emmanuel Child and Family Development Center, Mattie Rhodes, and Render's Hope Day School.

Budget Considerations

Mattie Rhodes has agreed to take over the lease of the Northland facility in Clay County. They will serve 166 Head Start Preschool slots. Render's Hope Day School will serve 15 Head Start Preschool slots and 29 Early Head Start slots. The contract amounts are reflected below.

| Partner | Current Contract Effective 8/1/25 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mattie Rhodes | \$395,775.00 |
| Render's Hope Day School | \$150,408.00 |
| Total | \$546,183.00 |

COMMITTEE ACTION:

N/A.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item will impact Clay, Jackson and Platte counties in Missouri.

Recommendation

Authorize new contracts with Mattie Rhodes and Render's Hope Day School beginning August 1, 2025 not to exceed \$546,183.

STAFF CONTACT:

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

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June 2025
Item No. 1m
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize submission of Head Start Preschool grant to the Administration for Children and Families for the continued support of the Head Start program for the 2025-2026 program year.

BACKGROUND:

On June 4, 2025, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announced \$32,918,852 for the third year of the non-competitive five-year grant award continuation of the Head Start Preschool Program. By August 1, 2025, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Head Start is required to submit the grant application for the upcoming budget period of November 1, 2025, to October 31, 2026.

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

Individual contracts with the DSPs are reimbursed at an annual per-child rate based on their level of service (Tier 1, 2, and 3) and program options (HSP 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:

The attached chart describes the allocation of funding for each agency and Mid-America Regional Council:

| REVENUES | |
|--|--|
| Amount | \$32,918,852.00 |
| Source | Administration for Children & Families |
| PROJECTED EXPENSES | |
| Personnel (salaries, fringe, indirect, rent) | \$4,858,240.00 |
| Pass-Through | \$26,204,754.00 |
| Other (supplies, printing, etc.) | \$1,855,858.00 |

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Policy Council approved this agenda item on 6/9/25 and the Advisory Committee approved of this agenda item on 6/10/25.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Clay, Jackson and Platte counties in Missouri

EXHIBITS:

2025-26 Funding Summary

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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Mid-America Regional Council on behalf of Mid-America Head Start to apply, accept, and expend Head Start Preschool funding for Head Start/Early Head Start programming.

STAFF CONTACT:

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director

Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning

MARC Head Start & Early Head Start Funding - Core Operations
(November 1, 2025 to October 31, 2026)

| | Head Start | Head Start Training | Early Head Start | Early Head Start Training | Grand Total Head Start & Early Head Start |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Tier 1 Direct Service Providers | | | | | |
| Blue Springs School District | 171,240 | 4,033 | 297,920 | 6,891 | 480,084 |
| Excelsior Springs School District | 342,440 | 6,718 | - | - | 349,158 |
| Front Porch Alliance | - | - | 241,740 | 2,933 | 244,673 |
| Grandview School District | 546,560 | 8,599 | 127,832 | 2,528 | 685,519 |
| Learn-A-Lot Academy | 414,493 | 7,793 | 819,504 | 14,556 | 1,256,346 |
| Lee's Summit School District | 426,972 | 7,386 | 125,580 | 1,719 | 561,657 |
| Render's Hope | 128,100 | 838 | 463,391 | 936 | 593,265 |
| Tier 1 Direct Service Providers Subtotal | 2,029,805 | 35,367 | 2,075,967 | 29,563 | 4,170,702 |
| Tier 2 Direct Service Providers | | | | | |
| Center School District | 847,530 | 14,296 | - | - | 861,826 |
| EarlystART | 640,356 | 11,194 | 223,440 | 3,757 | 878,747 |
| Emmanuel Family & Child Dev Center | 687,441 | 9,441 | 1,124,352 | 7,937 | 1,829,171 |
| Guadalupe Centers ECE | 960,534 | 16,302 | 402,864 | 1,404 | 1,381,104 |
| Mattie Rhodes | 1,563,222 | 21,014 | - | 18,256 | 1,602,492 |
| Raytown School District | 781,611 | 12,446 | - | - | 794,057 |
| The Family Conservancy | 255,150 | 3,364 | 765,450 | 7,585 | 1,031,549 |
| Tier 2 Direct Service Providers Subtotal | 5,735,844 | 88,057 | 2,516,106 | 38,939 | 8,378,946 |
| Tier 3 Direct Service Providers | | | | | |
| Independence School District | 2,918,608 | 47,349 | 740,740 | 14,019 | 3,720,716 |
| KCPS School District | 6,130,046 | 38,883 | 356,976 | 6,797 | 6,532,702 |
| Operation Breakthrough, Inc. | 2,264,400 | 22,387 | 1,133,988 | 20,470 | 3,441,245 |
| Tier 3 Direct Service Providers Subtotal | 11,313,054 | 108,619 | 2,231,704 | 41,286 | 13,694,663 |
| Total All Direct Service Provider Partners | 19,078,703 | 232,043 | 6,823,777 | 109,788 | 26,244,311 |
| | | | | | |
| MARC | | | | | |
| MARC - Personnel Costs | 3,660,358 | - | 1,197,882 | - | 4,858,240 |
| MARC - Non-Personnel Costs | 1,400,301 | 46,597 | 364,731 | 4,672 | 1,816,301 |
| MARC Subtotal | 5,060,659 | 46,597 | 1,562,613 | 4,672 | 6,674,541 |
| Grand Total | 24,139,362 | 278,640 | 8,386,390 | 114,460 | 32,918,852 |

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June 2025
Item No. 1n
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve key agency contracts to provide Early Head Start services through the State of Missouri Early Head Start grant for the 2025-2026 budget period.

BACKGROUND:

On June 5, 2025, the State of Missouri through MissouriBUYS Statewide eProcurement System provided a notice of contract renewal for the upcoming budget period of 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026 for the 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.

MARC was awarded the contract on June 5, 2025.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The total amount of annual funding available is \$1,642,600. Included in this total is \$16,340 in funds to support 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 |

Early Head Start State Budget 2023 - 2024

| Partner Agencies | EHS State Slots | EHS FY 24/25 Program Budget |
|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Independence School District (ISD) | Sunshine Center-22 Truman High School-24 | \$717,025 |
| Operation Breakthrough (OB) | Operation Breakthrough-57 | \$909,150 |
| Partner Sub-Total | 103 | \$1,626,175 |
| MARC | | \$16,425 |
| Grand Total | 103 | \$1,642,600 |

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Policy Council approved this agenda item on 6/9/25 and the Advisory Committee approved of this agenda item on 6/10/25.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts Jackson County, Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Mid-America Regional Council to accept, expend and award contracts for the 2025-2026 program year for Early Head Start services to ISD And OB for a total amount not to exceed \$1,642,600.

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STAFF CONTACT:

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director

Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning

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June 2025
Item No. 1o
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

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

BACKGROUND:

Since 2018, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Head Start has been supporting Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start programs through contracts with individuals and agencies who provide a variety of support services for fourteen Tier 1 and Tier 2 programs serving a total of 1,139 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, 2025, through October 31, 2026.

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 Preschool 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 \$418,325.44

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

| REVENUES | |
|--------------------|--|
| Amount | \$32,918,852 |
| Source | Administration for Children and Families |
| PROJECTED EXPENSES | |
| Contractual | \$418,325.44 |

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

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

EXHIBITS:

[Head Start 2025-2026 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, 2025, through October 31, 2026, for a total amount not to exceed \$418,325.44.

STAFF CONTACT:

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

Detail of On-Site Contracted Support Services for Head Start and Early Head Start Programs 2025-2026

Mental Health Consultants: individuals / agencies with licensed mental health professionals who provide on-site mental health. Support for teaching staff in Tier 1 and 2 programs as well as individual therapeutic mental health services for all children and families.

| Name of Contractor | Hourly rate | Total hours | 12-month total |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Cultivating Potential | \$105.60 | 780 | \$73,000.00 |
| Suzanne Grace | \$105.60 | 650 | \$69,000.00 |

Early Intervention Contractor: this individual provides support services for children with suspected or diagnosed disabilities that includes on site observation and support for teachers and parents along with referrals and support in the implementation of Individualized Education Plans and Individualized Family Service plans.

| Name of Contractor | Hourly rate | Total hours | 12-month total |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Karen Osborn | \$47.52 | 1200 | \$54,024.00 |

Translation and Interpretive Services Contractor: this contract supports primarily telephonic translation for a wide variety of languages, supports the central intake and application process, and provides onsite interpretation services when needed.

| Name of Contractor | Hourly rate | Total hours | 12-month total |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Propio | Varies | n/a | \$55,000.00 |

Data base software contracted services: Houses information on all children, their families and staff. The data is used to track the progress in meeting HSPPS and MARC Head Start goals. The data is then reported to the Office of Head Start in an annual Program Information Report.

| Name of Contractor | # of children/ families | Total cost per child/family | 12-month total |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| ChildPlus Software | 2368 | \$26.00 | \$66,304.00 |
| annual subscription | | | <u>\$2,997.44</u> |
| Total contract | | | \$69,301.44 |

Mental Health Consultants: Agency with licensed mental health professionals who provide on-site mental health support for teaching staff in Tier 1 and 2 programs as well as individual therapeutic mental health services for all children and families. **Professional Development:** Two professional development trainings for Tier 1 and 2 programs. Funds will cover a one-day conference in the spring of 2024 for up to 100 participants focused on wellness and cultural competence and a one-day pre-service conference for up to 200 participants in August of 2024.

| Name of Contractor/Serv Provided | hourly rate | # of hours | 12-month total |
|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------------|
| The Family Conservancy | | | |
| Mental Health Services | \$100.00 | 450 | \$30,000.00 |
| Prof. Development | | | <u>\$68,000.00</u> |
| Total | | | \$98,000.00 |

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Budget and Personnel Committee

June 2025
Item No. 1p
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve the three-year renewal agreement with GeoComm for the GeoComm GIS Data Hub.

BACKGROUND:

The GeoComm GIS Data Hub supports the ongoing submission and maintenance of GIS datasets across the Mid America Regional Council's (MARC) 11-county regional coverage area.

Participating counties include:

- **Missouri:** Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray
- **Kansas:** Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami, Wyandotte, Atchison, and Linn

This cloud-hosted platform accepts GIS data in its native format and processes it through a series of configured quality control checks. The system generates actionable reports to help MARC resolve data errors and inconsistencies, improving the overall integrity of our regional mapping efforts.

In addition to performing quality assurance and data validation, the GeoComm GIS Data Hub also prepares and packages the processed GIS data layers for direct input into GeoComm Maps, the mapping system used by 911 dispatchers throughout the region to process emergency calls. This ensures high-quality, up-to-date map data is readily available to public safety personnel. This solution will replace the current quality control tool and is a foundational investment in future Next Generation 911 (NG911) mapping enhancements.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

This is a three-year agreement with GeoComm for a total of \$118,287.32. Payment will be made annually as detailed below. The total expenditure is included in the regional 911 allocation budget.

Payment Schedule:

- \$37,521.75 - Invoiced net 45 on August 1, 2025
- \$39,397.84 - Invoiced net 45 on August 1, 2026
- \$41,367.73 - Invoiced net 45 on August 1, 2027

| REVENUES | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Amount | \$118,287.32 |
| Source | 911 Allocation Budget (GIS - Mapping) |
| PROJECTED EXPENSES | |
| Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent) | |
| Contractual | \$118,287.32 |
| Pass-Through | |
| Other (supplies, printing, etc.) | |

COMMITTEE ACTION:

This expenditure is a planned investment included in the 2025 regional 911 budget, which was approved by the Public Safety Communications Board on November 20, 2024.

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RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Supports the regional 911 GIS needs of 11 counties within the MARC region.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the three-year agreement with GeoComm for the GeoComm GIS Data Hub.

STAFF CONTACT:

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Program Director

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June 2025

Item No. 1q

Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize a contract with Carl Abraham for regional emergency services assessment and outreach work in an amount not to exceed \$81,250.

BACKGROUND:

The Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners has hosted the Kansas City Regional Fusion Center since 2007. 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 Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) in conjunction with the Kansas City Regional Fusion Center (KCRFC) and agencies in the nine-county area, provides part-time contractors to help conduct special event threat assessments (SETAs) at venues in the Kansas City nine-county 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. The outreach coordinators were selected through a competitive RFQ (request for qualifications) in late 2021 and will continue in 25/26.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

This action item includes the anticipated award and the known contract that exceeds \$50,000 and requires approval from the MARC Board of Directors.

| REVENUES | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Amount | \$81,250 |
| Source | UASI 22, UASI 23, UASI 24 |
| PROJECTED EXPENSES | |
| Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent) | |
| Contractual | \$81,250 |
| Pass-Through | |
| Other (supplies, printing, etc.) | |

COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

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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On April 14, 2023, the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee (RHSCC) approved the investments for the FY 23 UASI funding, which included funds designated for the Outreach Coordinator positions.

On June 7, 2025, the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee (RHSCC) approved the investments for the FY 24 UASI funding, which included funds designated for the Outreach Coordinator positions.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

The grant applications were submitted on behalf of Clay, Platte, Ray, Jackson, and Cass Counties in Missouri and Leavenworth, Wyandotte, and Johnson Counties in Kansas.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Carl Abraham for regional emergency services assessment and outreach work in an amount not to exceed \$81,250.

CONTACT:

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

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June 2025
Item No. 1r
Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize application and acceptance of an Assistant Secretary Preparedness and Response grant for fiscal year 2025-2026 and authorize execution of related subcontract.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has received funding from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) under the Hospital Preparedness Program since 2003. The funding anticipated to be available for FY25/26 is \$379,758 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, 2025 - June 30, 2026. 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 - \$72,800

David Schemenauer has been providing contractual planning, exercise and operational support for MARC's Assistant Secretary Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Hospital Preparedness Program since March 2019 after a competitive request for qualifications 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 & 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 | \$379,758 |
| Source | FY25/26 ASPR Grant from Missouri DHSS |
| PROJECTED EXPENSES | |
| Personnel (salaries, fringe, indirect, rent) - 1.60 FTE | \$283,411 |
| Contractual | \$72,800 |
| Pass-Through | |
| Other (travel, supplies, printing, etc.) | \$23,547 |

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The MARC HCC (Healthcare Coalition) Steering Committee met on February 25th. New workplan items for the next 5-year budget period were reviewed along with the budget.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

In addition to the 17 Missouri Metro Hospitals, there are 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 \$379,758 for FY25/26; and, if awarded, authorize the executive director to execute a related subcontract with David Schemenauer in the amount of \$72,800.

CONTACT:

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

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Item No. 1s

Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize issuance of subaward agreement to Overland Park Police Department for the Fiscal Year 2023 Urban Area Security Initiative Grants.

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, building, sustaining, and delivering the necessary capabilities 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, per the *Homeland Security Act of 2002*, as amended.

The subaward agreement identifies the funding amount and types of items being provided, as well as requirements to be met as a condition to receive the funds. It also serves as a mechanism to transfer ownership to the end user agency from the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC). Originally, the board approved the \$105,000 for the Leavenworth Police Department to fund robotic equipment. Since that time, Leavenworth Police Department received funding through a different source and released the funds back to the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee Law Enforcement Committee for reprogramming to support critical homeland security needs. The Law Enforcement Subcommittee approved the request from Overland Park to help fund a portion of an ICOR Robot. The Overland Park Police Department has agreed to provide the remaining funded needed for the purchase totally \$163,975. Overland Park is part of the regional law enforcement response teams willing to deploy anywhere in the region with the capability when available.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

| REVENUES | |
|--|--------------------|
| Amount of grant | \$1,563,067 |
| Source | FY 2023 UASI Grant |
| PROJECTED EXPENSES - SUBAWARDS >\$50,000 | |
| Pass-Through | \$105,000 |

COMMITTEE ACTION:

On February 4, 2025, the Regional Homeland Security Law Enforcement Committee met and approved the allocation of funds to the Overland Park Police Department for the purchase of an ICOR robot. The Overland Park Police Department has agreed to pay costs of over \$105,000.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region through local mutual aid processes.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorized the Executive Director to execute the subaward agreement to the Overland Park Police Department for \$105,000.

CONTACT

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



BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Meeting
Summary
May 27, 2025
11:15 a.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Council Member Holly Grummert, Overland Park, KS - Chair of the MARC Budget and Personnel Committee
Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, MO
Commissioner Becky Fast, Johnson County, KS
Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, KS
Victor Hurlbert, Auditor, Clay County, MO
Councilmember Bridget McCandless, Independence, MO
Commissioner Jerry Nolte, Clay County, KS
Commissioner Christian Ramirez, Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS
Mayor Curt Skoog, Overland Park, KS
Commissioner Sheila Tracy, Ray County, MO
Commissioner Tyler Vaughn, Miami County, KS
Mayor Pro Tem Marge Vogt, Olathe, KS

STAFF PRESENT

David Warm, Executive Director
Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration
Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment
Ashley Hand, Director of Local Government Services
Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services
Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning
Andrew Malloy, Finance Director
Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director
McKenzie Neds, Executive Assistant

OTHERS

Kaleb Lilly, RubinBrown

CALL TO ORDER

Council member Holly Grummert, Chair of the MARC Budget and Personnel Committee, called the meeting to order at 11:17 a.m. Due to the meeting being conducted remotely and in-person, Council member Grummert 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 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

REPORT: Briefing on the 2024 Financial and Single Audits and Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.
Andrew Molloy, Finance Director, introduce Kaleb Lilly with RubinBrown to present the overview of the

2024 Financial and Single Audits and Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). Mr. Lilly noted that the audit and single audit are not yet complete but to date there were no findings and both audits are projected to be clean. He also noted that there were no corrected misstatements made during the process. If there are any differences or concerns that need to be addressed with the board, the team will notify them prior to asking for final approval.

Mr. Lilly walked through the required board communication which speaks to the process with which MARC staff complied and were helpful during the process, RubinBrown did not have to engage anyone outside of the audit team for additional review, and MARC did not consult with other independent accountants during the process. The committee was given a copy in print and digital of the Management Representation letter which details the audit process and actions taken.

VOTE: Authorize contract extension for consultant services for the Bi-State Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor Project.

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, requested approval of a contract extension with Stantec for consultant services for phase 2 and 3 of the Bi-State Sustainable Reinvestment Corridor project. These phases include environmental studies and conceptual design for the transportation elements proposed in Phase 1 that was also completed by Stantec. This project is mainly funded through the USDOT's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant awarded in 2022 with matching funds provided by local jurisdictions. Total amount of contract for phase 2 and 3 is estimated to be \$4,100,000.

Councilmember Bridget McCandless asked if the funding disappears what happens to the plan and subsequent phases? Mr. Achelpohl indicated that other funding source would need to be identified but staff is already considering which grant programs could be leveraged to complete the work.

VOTE: Authorize a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Program.

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, requested authorization to apply to the USDOT's Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) Program where funding would assist public entities to identify opportunities to deliver regional infrastructure projects via alternative finance and delivery Methods. The application and budget are still being written but the maximum amount of funding allowed is \$2,000,000. This funding does not require local match and would be 100% federally funded.

VOTE: Authorize SFY 2026 contract amounts for selected Aging and Adult Services partners.

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, requested approval of the SFY 2026 contract amounts for partner organizations to deliver aging services through the plan year. Ms. Bohling-DaMetz noted that the consumer-directed services for in-home care and structured respite programs will not be funded in SFY 2026 to maintain support for other core OAA programs. A detailed list of providers and costs were attached in the board packet for committee review. These contracts will be effective from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and include the following work / programs: Community Center Services, Catered Meals, Transportation, Information & Assistance Services, Case Management Services, Pre-Plated Home Delivered Meals, Evidence Based Programs, In-Home Health Services, Legal Services, and Family Caregiver Support Programs.

Councilmember Bridget McCandless asked how many clients will be affected from the removal of funding for consumer directed care. Ms. Bohling-DaMetz answered approximately 126 individuals across Missouri.

Commissioner Tyler Vaughn asked if programs were still continuing to see difficulties with transit services requests from agencies. Ms. Bohling-DaMetz answered that the demand for services is there but there is a lack of drivers due to funding.

Commissioner Janee Hanzlick asked if MARC staff are assuming the continuation of OAA federal funding into the future budget? Ms. Bohling-DaMetz said that these contracts and approvals do assume that the continuing resolution will get the programs to September when the final official budget is projected to be voted on.

VOTE: Authorize Mid-America Regional Council staff to negotiate a contract with two new Head Start community partners.

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director, requested authorization to negotiate contracts with potential community partners that were identified through a request for qualifications. Both partners, Mattie Rhodes and Render's Hope Day School would fill Head Start program slots that were created when the YMCA notified MARC that they would no longer serve Head Start in the Kansas City region. MARC staff will enter into contract negotiations with each programs leadership and staff will bring the contracts back to the board for final approval.

Victor Hurlbert asked where the Mattie Rhoads locations would be in the region. Ms. Lawson said that they will operate within the Beacon Mental Health Center where the YMCA was housed and also at a location in North Kansas City.

Councilmember Grummert asked if all the Head Start slots will be able to be covered by the new providers. Ms. Lawson said that her hope is that every slot will be assigned to a new location / provider so the families can have continual care.

Commissioner Nolte asked if the northland locations would only be able to serve those who lived in the northland. Ms. Lawson clarified that the Head Start locations serve all the counties in the service area not just the immediate residents.

VOTE: Approve contract amendment with Kansas City Public Schools for Head Start services.

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director, requested approval to increase Kansas City Public Schools current contract by \$157,173 so that KCPS would be able to operate at an additional location to serve an additional 34 children due to the YMCA closing their Head Start locations.

VOTE: Authorize acceptance of funds from the Local Investment Commission for the 2025-2026 Program Support Network.

Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning, requested authorization to accept funds from the Local Investment Commission to carry out services under the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Program Support Network for the 2025-2026 program year. The former Collaborative Network program is being sunset by DESE and replaced with singular contracts with community partnership contracts, one of which will be held by LINC. MARC will subcontract with LINC to help perform targeted trainings, technical assistance visits, and supplies to improve quality for early learning programs throughout the region. Total contract cost will be \$208,570.58.

VOTE: Approve the Minutes of the April 22, 2025 Meeting.

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

The motion passed.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

Council member Grummert adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.