



Board of Directors BUDGET & PERSONNEL

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September 23, 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, September 23, 2025, for instructions to join the teleconference.

AGENDA

1. Approve Contracts, Grants, and Other Major Expenditures

HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

- a. VOTE: Authorization to solicit and accept funds from the States of Kansas and Missouri for Mid-America Regional Council's air quality program.

SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES

- b. VOTE: Authorize grant application to the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency to support the Mid-America Missouri Local Emergency Planning District.

THRIVING OLDER ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES

- c. VOTE: Ratify an application for and acceptance of an award of \$400,000 from the Patterson Family Foundation to support the Double Up Food Bucks Program.
- d. VOTE: Approve amendments to contractual agreements with partnering organizations which assist with implementing the Double Up Food Bucks program.

COMPETITIVE ECONOMY

- e. VOTE: Authorize contractual services for regional housing network mapping with Visible Network Labs to advance the Regional Housing Partnership.
- f. VOTE: Retroactively approve a grant application to the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation for a Capacity Building Grant to support economic mobility and workforce development.

QUALITY EARLY LEARNING

- g. Authorize contract amendment with The Family Conservancy for the Refugee Family Childcare Micro-Enterprise Development program.

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

- a. Approve the Minutes of August 26, 2025, Meeting

3. Other Business

4. Adjournment

AGENDA REPORT

Budget and Personnel Committee

September 2025
Item No. 1a
Healthy Environment

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorization to solicit and accept funds from the States of Kansas and Missouri for The Mid-America Regional Council's 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 2026 Air Quality Public Education Campaign and Clean Air Action Plan implementation.

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	\$64,000
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	\$1000

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

All MARC counties.

RECOMMENDATION:

The executive director be authorized to solicit and accept from the MDNR and the KDHE funding for the MARC air quality program for the fiscal period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$110,960.

STAFF CONTACT:

Karen Clawson, Air and Climate Program Manager

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Budget and Personnel Committee

September 2025

Item No. 1b

Safe and Secure Communities

ISSUE:

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

BACKGROUND:

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

On August 27, 2025, SEMA announced the release of the Local Emergency Planning Commission/Local Emergency Planning District Grant program with an application deadline of September 26, 2025. Members of the LEPD, representing area hazmat teams, hospital and public health representatives, and LEPD leadership, were notified of the grant program on September 8 with a deadline of September 23 for any funding requests. The LEPD will consider as many options at its September 18 meeting in preparation for the deadline.

Due to the complex timing of grants, the hazmat teams have previously met to discuss regional needs as part of planning for the 2025 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant. Two items were not able to be included in the 2025 UASI application, for a total value of \$157,000 and MARC is seeking advanced approval to submit a SEMA application not to exceed \$157,000 to close that gap.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

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

EXHIBITS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Executive Director to approve the application on behalf of the Mid America LEPD and, if awarded, authorize acceptance and expend \$157,000 in Local Emergency Planning Commission/Local Emergency Planning District grant funds as noted above.

STAFF CONTACT:

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

AGENDA REPORT

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September 2025

Item No. 1c

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Ratify an application for and acceptance of an award of \$400,000 from the Patterson Family Foundation to support the Double Up Food Bucks Program.

BACKGROUND:

As reported in August 2025, a program officer from the USDA's Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program reached out to indicate that they were considering rescinding the denial of our FY 2024 proposal. The program officer asked if the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) could still meet the required 50% match. The original proposal for FY2024 included match funds equal to \$5,034,223 and a federal ask of \$5,034,000. In preparation for the FY 2025 RFA, MARC staff have been communicating with funders to provide the necessary match dollars. Most funders have agreed to commit the same amount or more than their FY 2024 proposal commitment.

Staff met with the Patterson Family Foundation, whose catchment area for funding is the northwest corner of Missouri and several rural counties in Kansas. The Patterson Family Foundation had already committed \$100,000 to support the Double Up Food Bucks program and they invited MARC staff to submit a request for additional funding. With the expectation that the USDA would imminently be reaching out for more information about the match for our FY 2024 proposal, and with approval from the Executive Director, staff applied to the Patterson Family Foundation for \$400,000. The Foundation's board met on September 3, 2025, and approved the award. The Patterson funds will be used to support incentives at farmers markets and grocery stores in their catchment areas plus some administrative costs.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	\$400,000
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Grocery store incentives	\$270,000
Farmers' market incentives	\$100,000
Printing, postage, media, etc.	\$30,000

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Northwest Missouri counties and rural Kansas counties.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratify the application for and acceptance of an award of \$400,000 from the Patterson Family Foundation which will contribute to the required match for a USDA Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program award.

STAFF CONTACT:

Donna Martin, Public Health Program Manager

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services

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September 2025

Item No. 1d

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

ISSUE:

VOTE: Approve amendments to contractual agreements with partnering organizations which assist with implementing the Double Up Food Bucks program.

BACKGROUND:

The Double Up Food Bucks (DUFb) program is implemented by a collaboration between Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) and K-State University Research & Extension, Cultivate KC, and the University of Missouri Extension help by providing coordination with farm direct locations (farmers markets, farm stand and mobile markets) that want to offer the Double Up Food Bucks incentive to their SNAP (food assistance) customers. Those organizations also provide capacity building and technical assistance services to farm direct locations, interested but perhaps not ready to offer the incentive. The contracts with these three coordinating organizations include funds for administrative purposes (personnel, travel, supplies, etc.) and funds for incentives redeemed at the farm direct locations. The contract signed in January 2025 with the University of Missouri Extension included an ending date of August 31, 2025 due to uncertainty of funding sources.

In addition, MARC coordinates with grocery stores across Kansas and Missouri to implement the program. The grocery stores involved in the program range from small, independent grocery stores to mid-sized grocery chains. The program prioritizes grocery stores that commit to purchasing from local growers in the region at least during the local growing season. The grocery stores commit to reporting data, including the amount of incentives distributed and redeemed on a monthly basis. The Double Up Food Bucks contracts with the grocers in Missouri, outside of Kansas City, had ending dates of August 31, 2025, since we were not sure if there would be additional funding to support those locations after the USDA grants ended and we believed the Missouri funding allocated in FY 2025 would end June 30, 2025.

Since January 2025 when the current contracts with the University of Missouri Extension and the grocery stores in Missouri were signed, MARC received confirmation that the Missouri funds which were included in the FY 2025 budget could be spent after June 30, 2025. The funds left from the Missouri funding will support MU Extension into 2026 and the Missouri locations will be able to redeem the incentives until December 31, 2025.

The additional amount needed for the University of Missouri Extension equals \$215,061. \$105,000 of that amount is for incentives redeemed at farmers markets. Some of the contract amendments for the Missouri grocers extend just the amount of time the grocers can implement the program until the end of the year. Those grocers have incentive budgets from their original 2025 budgets which will likely last the rest of the year. Other grocery stores will need both an extension of time (until the end of the year) and an additional incentive budget to provide the program until the end of the year. The following table lists the amendments for the Missouri grocers needing additional incentive budget:

Grocery Store Company	Amendment Amount	New Contract Amount
G&W Foods (Missouri stores only)	\$6,000	\$44,000
Harps Food Stores (Poplar Bluff store)	\$20,000	\$68,000
Hays Food Town, Inc.	\$15,000	\$58,200
Local Harvest	\$2,400	\$9,600

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T&C Foods, Inc.	\$125,000	\$475,000
W.H. Koch, Inc	\$6,000	\$14,000
Totals	\$174,400	\$668,800

In addition, there are grocery stores in Kansas City and Kansas that are coming close to exceeding their contracted amount for incentives redeemed. Additional funding for those locations is available from private funding and the new USDA grant award we are expecting. The following is a list of the Kansas City metro area and Kansas grocers needing amendments to increase their incentive budget:

Grocery Store Company	Amendment Amount	New Contract Amount
CBCKC Eats	\$14,000	\$39,000
Farmers Market/Leeker's	\$20,000	\$57,040
Malay's	\$1,400	\$4,840
Mize IGA, Inc	\$564	\$2,704
Totals	\$35,964	\$78,584

Total amount in contract amendments (MU Extension + Grocery stores): \$425,025

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The combined funding to support the above contract amendments will be from a variety of different sources: state of Missouri funds appropriated in 2024 for one year, private funders and a new USDA GusNIP award expected to be finalized soon.

REVENUES	
Amount	Estimated \$11,092,905
Source	Variety of funders
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$110,061
Pass-Through (incentives, Grocery and farm direct)	\$314,964
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	
Total Expenses related to contract amendments	\$425,025

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

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

COMMITTEE ACTION:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve contract amendments with University of Missouri Extension and a variety of grocery stores in Missouri and Kansas which assist with implementing the Double Up Food Bucks program.

STAFF CONTACT:

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

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September 2025
Item No. 1e
Competitive Economy

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize contractual services for regional housing network mapping with Visible Network Labs to advance the Regional Housing Partnership.

BACKGROUND:

This project serves to provide the Regional Housing Partnership (RHP), cooperatively supported by Mid-America Regional Council (MARC and LISC-KC, with a community partnership data mapping and learning platform to collect information and track the organizational partnerships among members of the regional housing network. The purpose of this effort will be to develop a comprehensive and systematic approach to informing, engaging, and connecting a broad array of groups invested in housing. These groups can include agencies, developers, builders, neighborhood leaders, civic officials and others.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed agreement includes project management, project design, data capture, analysis, and final presentations/reporting services from Visible Network Labs (VNL), as well as subscriptions to VNL's PARTNER networking platform for MARC staff. The total request of \$74,000 would come from the housing program budget and would cover all expenses related to the proposed project.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$74,000
Source	Bloch Family Foundation
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	
Contractual	\$74,000
Pass-Through	
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the executive director to enter into a contract for regional housing network mapping with Visible Network Labs for \$74,000, to be executed by David Warm and Daniell Varda, CEO of Visible Network Labs.

STAFF CONTACT:

Ashley Z. Hand - AIA, Director of Local Government Services
Hannah Mitchell, Regional Housing Program Manager

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September 2025
Item No. 1f
Competitive Economy

ISSUE:

VOTE: Retroactively approve a grant application to the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation for a Capacity Building Grant to support economic mobility and workforce development.

BACKGROUND:

The Kauffman Foundation issued a call for applications by nonprofit organizations to support efforts to build capacity that enables the organization to address one of the foundation's priorities - workforce development, career readiness and post-secondary attainment and entrepreneurship. Through the Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) economic and workforce development efforts, the organization has supported efforts around economic data and analytics, workforce and career readiness, post-secondary attainment, etc. This opportunity is a one-time grant for up to \$250,000 and the application was due September 12, 2025 and was submitted on time. Staff are asking for a retroactive approval of the application submission.

Funding from this grant, if awarded, would enable MARC to achieve the following objectives over 18 months:

- Enhance MARC's capacity to better integrate the organization's work across departments and programs that support economic mobility and workforce development (local government services, economic development planning, economic research, data and analytics, transportation, and early education).
- Evaluate the use of AI and other data and analytical tools to enhance the organization's work around economic and workforce development and using data licenses to be able to test new tools.
- Engage community stakeholders to better understand their data and analytical needs around workforce development and economic mobility, and use their input to guide MARC's work, using convenings by stakeholders in focus groups and a steering committee.
- Evaluate how this work will strengthen data and analytics that could be shared through webinars / convenings and develop a business plan for a stronger Government Training Institute.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount 18-months	\$250,000
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, indirect, rent)	\$153,000
Training (GTI support)	\$20,000
Data Tools	\$20,000
Consultants	\$57,000

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Retroactively authorize the submission of a grant application to the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 and accept the funds if awarded.

STAFF CONTACT:

Marlene Nagel, Director of the Office of Resource Development

Ashley Z. Hand - AIA, Director of Local Government Services

Frank Lenk, Director of the Office of Economic Research

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September 2025 Item
No. 1g
Quality Early Learning

ISSUE:

VOTE: Authorize contract amendment with The Family Conservancy for the Refugee Family Childcare Micro-Enterprise Development program.

BACKGROUND:

In September 2024, the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) awarded the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) a grant under the Refugee Family Child Care Microenterprise Development Program. The program offers training and technical assistance in professional childcare and micro-enterprise development, financial literacy education, help navigating the childcare business licensing process, and financial assistance to prepare homes for childcare operations.

MARC currently contracts with The Family Conservancy to provide training services for participants in both Missouri and Kansas. In order to keep participants in a cohort, The Family Conservancy will complete training services for more participants than budgeted for in their original contract.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The amended amount is fully covered by the original grant funds from the ORR.

REVENUES	
Amount	\$250,000
Source	Administration for Children and Families, Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)
PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Original Contract Amount	\$41,092
Additional Amount	\$10,273
New Total Passthrough Funds	\$51,365

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Current participants reside in Johnson County, KS and Jackson County, MO.

EXHIBITS:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize contract amendment with The Family Conservancy for the Refugee Family Childcare Micro-Enterprise Development program

STAFF CONTACT:

Toni Sturdivant, Ph.D., Director of Early Learning



BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Meeting
Summary
August 26, 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
Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez, Lee's Summit, MO
Council member Bridget McCandless, Independence, MO
Commissioner Jerry Nolte, Clay County, MO
Commissioner Sheila Tracy, Ray County, MO
Council member Marge Vogt, Olathe, 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
Frank Lenk, Director of the Office of Economic Research
Dr. Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning
Ashley Z Hand, Director of Local Government Services
Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director
Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Communications Program Director
Hassan Al-Rubaie, Technical Services Director
John Davis, Fiscal Administrator
Liz Meng, Grant Manager
Brooke Taylor, Grant Accountant III
McKenzie Neds, Executive Assistant

OTHERS

CALL TO ORDER

Council member Holly Grummert called the meeting to order at 11:15 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

VOTE: Review Fiscal Year 2025 Year-to-Date Financial Reports through June.

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration, presented the quarterly financial reports to the committee that reflects budgetary numbers through June 2025. FY25 YTD June agencywide revenues and other financial sources of \$44.7M are 37% of budgeted FY25 inflows and the FY25 YTD June agencywide expenditures and other financial uses of \$43.6M are 37% of budgeted FY25 outflows. She noted that the committee should expect FY25 YTD June actuals to approximate 50% of budget, however timing of 2024 year-end close is the main cause of the variance to budget. MARC normally sees a pickup of revenue in Q4 as several large grants are closed. However, the fact that the percentages of revenues and expenditures match at 37% is a sign of the healthy and balanced budget. Ms. Gonzales highlighted that MARC's governmental and proprietary fund balance totals \$21.7M at 6/30/25 and most of this fund balance is assigned or committed to various programs and initiatives and schedules 1-5 in the FY25 YTD June Financial Package document details changes in fund balance categories across MARC's major funds. MARC's total financial cash and investments, which a majority are restricted to various programs and initiatives, had a balance of \$25.6M as of 6/30/25 divided among various financial institutions. There were no new investment purchases in Q2 of 2025.

VOTE: Review and accept the 2024 Uniform Guidance Single Audit Report.

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration, requested approval of the 2024 Uniform Guidance Single Audit Report that was compiled by RubinBrown. This report focuses on MARC's compliance with federal funding requirements and creates a "single audit" report that contains a schedule of expenditures of federal awards, commonly called a SEFA. In total, there was \$67.8M of federal funding that was expended in the report and the audit firm is issuing a clean or unmodified opinion.

VOTE: Authorize the Executive Director to sign a lease with Penn Seven, L.L.C. for space at 801 Pennsylvania.

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration, requested authorization for the Executive Director to sign a lease agreement (once finalized) for an office space at 801 Pennsylvania in downtown Kansas City. Ms. Gonzales shared that the current lease at 600 Broadway will end at the end of July 2026 and that staff toured eight other available sites in the downtown loop. Several considerations were taken into account when analyzing the other sites: location, size, parking, safety and security, visitor accessibility, meeting spaces, and 911 secured space with delivery and storage options were top priorities. During consideration, it was clear that the current space and the building at 801 were the best fits and at test fit and construction estimate were performed for the 801 space which proved favorable for 801. Ms. Gonzales showed images of the outside of the building and screenshots of the test fit draft. She also shared financial details of the draft terms and conditions as well as construction estimates. The lease is still being negotiated but with board approval, the work to finalize would begin immediately so that the space would be ready to move in by June 2026.

Commissioner Hanzlick commended Ms. Gonzales for a good negotiation of the property and thanked her and the MARC staff for being so intentional with all aspects and details of the building.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez mentioned that he was thankful that the staff brought the Executive committee along for a tour and has been discussing the pros and cons with them for months. He is excited for the efficiencies that will be gained from this upgrade.

VOTE: Authorize application and acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2025 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant and issuance of associated subaward agreements.

John Davis, Fiscal Administrator, requested retroactive approval for the submission of a fiscal year 2025 UASI grant that was released August 1, 2025. The NOFO showed that the Kansas City Urban Area was eligible to apply for \$3,982,079.85 and this application will include several key projects and subawards that were vetted with the RHSCC committee and detailed in the committee packet memo.

\$1,457,146.72 of the funds will be passed through to subaward agreements with the following agencies: KCK Fire Department, KCMO Fire Department, KCMO Police Department, Lenexa, KS Police Department, and Olathe Fire Department. Mr. Davis also mentioned that these projects and equipment items are able to be deployed throughout the service area and are not jurisdictionally specific.

VOTE: Retroactively authorize a grant application in the amount of \$418,338 to the Kansas Highway Patrol for Kansas State Homeland Security Grant funding to support agencies' cooperative efforts.

John Davis, Fiscal Administrator, requested retroactive approval of a grant application to the Kansas Highway Patrol that will provide \$418,338 of FY25 funds to support needed training; exercises; collaborative, strategic, and operational planning; community resilience programming, cybersecurity; a portion of KC Regional Fusion Center operations; and essential equipment replacement, sustainment for the Kansas side specialty teams (hazmat, tactical, explosive ordnance disposal, and technical rescue). The RHSCC previously approved these contracts within the original grant proposal before it was rereleased for open application. MARC staff made slight edits and sent the updates to committee members for review before submission.

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

John Davis, Fiscal Administrator, requested authorization for contract renewals with emergency medical supplies and equipment provide by 2 vendors: Bound Tree and Life Assist. These contracts will help continue the cooperative purchasing program, gas purchasing program, and medical waste program that allows MARCER members to save money on the purchases, or services offered from the contracts and MARCER receives an administrative fee to help support the program. Each contract is estimated to be \$123,689 and will last for one year.

VOTE: Approve an agreement with Motorola Solutions for system upgrades: System Selector functionality, VESTA 9-1-1 call processing hosts, and Router 2 software updates.

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Communications Director, requested approval of an agreement with Motorola Solutions for work that would upgrade processing hosts at PSAPs that would establish connections with multiple call processing hosts. In the event of a host failure, the teams can transition to the secondary hosts manually rather than rerouting calls and relocating staff. To support the increased capacity requirements associated with the deployment of System Selector, two additional Motorola VESTA 9-1-1 call processing hosts to the MARC 911 system is required. Additionally, certified Motorola staff need to perform the work due to the scope and complexity of this update. Total contractual costs are projected to be \$1,076,442 and has been approved by the Public Safety Communications Board.

Council member Holly Grummert asked what the timeline of implementation would be. Mr. Winebrenner said that the installation will occur before the World Cup and likely be complete in 2025.

Commissioner Janee Hanzlick asked if the user experience would change due to this upgrade. Mr. Winebrenner said the new system will affect the response of the PSAP staff but the user should feel no disruptions.

VOTE: Authorize renewal provider agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs for the Veterans Directed Care program.

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, requested authorization to renew an agreement for the Veterans Directed Care program under the Department of Veterans Affairs. MARC primarily manages referrals from the KC VA Medical Center from veterans who opt to receive care in the community rather than a skilled nursing facility. Under the VDC program, MARC is reimbursed approximately \$784 per veteran each month for coordination and program management. Total contract amount for an estimated enrollment of 75 veterans is projected to be \$666,395 and was recommended

for board approval by the Commission on Aging.

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

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, requested approval of a subcontract agreement that provides the Give 5 program through the MO AAA's. The program connects skilled, passionate retired (or otherwise have the time to commit) older adults with meaningful volunteer opportunities in the region. The funding will allow the program to run a minimum of three session in SFY 2026 and totals \$120,250. The Commission on Aging is recommending this item for Board approval.

VOTE: Ratify the submission of a proposal for an Administration for Community Living grant opportunity to develop and implement strategies for chronic disease self-management education programs.

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, requested retroactive approval of a grant submission to ACL that will develop and implement strategies for chronic disease self-management education programs. This grant was a previously released opportunity but was paused at the federal level before awards could be determined. The re-opened grant was due on August 15 but is not the same opportunity as before. This grant includes criteria to develop and implement strategies for the sustainability of chronic disease self-management education programs, connecting individuals with behavioral health service providers when appropriate. The total amount that was submitted for funding was \$1,250,000 and was recommended for Board approval by the Commission on Aging.

VOTE: Authorize a contract amendment with Forvis Mazars, LLP for extended support and to update MSER automation based on State Unit on Aging template changes.

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, requested approval of a contract amendment for Forvis Mazars, LLP who will provide automation function for the Monthly Service and Expenditures Report (MSER) and reimbursement invoices. The amendment total is \$25,000 which brings the total contract amount to \$75,000.

VOTE: Authorize acceptance of funds from the USDA Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program and other non-federal funders for a combined federal/non-federal amount up to \$11 million dollars for a 3-year period (2025-2028) to support the Double Up Food Bucks Program.

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, requested approval of acceptance of fund from the USDA and other non-federal funders for up to \$11 million dollars for a 3 year period to support the Double Up Food Bucks program. The original federal grant opportunity through USDA was rescinded in February 2025. The grant is expected to be re-opened in the near future and MARC has secured match dollars from several non-federal partners to complete the application which will be lower than the original application. The Commission on Aging is recommended this item for Board approval.

Council member Bridget McCandless clarified that philanthropic dollars are being collected for this grant as well. Ms. Bohling-DaMetz confirmed that they are a part of this total.

VOTE: Authorize a Grant Application to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start for One-time Supplemental Funds for Nutrition and Healthy Eating for Head Start Children and Families.

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director, requested approval of an grant application to ACF for one-time supplemental funds that will serve nutrition and healthy eating in the Head Start program. Head Start staff would like to apply for funding to support direct service providers with food service upgrades, material, kitchen supplies and equipment, and nutritional education resources in the amount of \$170,233.

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VOTE: Approve contractual agreements for renovations and upgrades to Render's Hope's Head Start facility to meet health and safety needs.

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director, requested approval of a contractual agreement for renovations and upgrades to Render's Hope Head Start location in order to ensure that Head Start's health and safety requirements are met. Staff are reviewing three bids for services in line with the MARC Procurement Policy. The project is not expected to exceed \$85,000 and will be completed by the end of the grant year October 31, 2025.

VOTE: Approve the Minutes of the June 24, 2025 Meeting.

Commissioner Janee Hanzlick moved for approval of all agenda items and Mayor Pro Tem Lopez seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

Council member Grummert adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.