



Budget and Personnel Committee Meeting

May 26, 2026

Meeting begins at 11:15 a.m.

Attend in-person at the MARC Offices 600 Broadway Blvd Suite 200 Kansas City, MO 64105 or 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. the day of the meeting for instructions to join the teleconference.

AGENDA

1. Approve contracts, grants, and other major expenditures

Exemplary Core Capacities

- a) REPORT: Briefing on the 2025 Financial and Single Audits and Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.
- b) VOTE: Authorize three-year contract with Pantheon for website hosting.
- c) VOTE: Approve a contract with Superior Moving to complete the moving and decommissioning services related to the relocation of the MARC offices to 801 Pennsylvania Ave.

Competitive Economy

- d) VOTE: Authorize agreement with Esri for geographic information system enterprise software.

Safe and Secure Communities

- e) VOTE: Authorize proposal submission to the Public Interest Technology Infrastructure fund to develop regional wastewater testing dashboard.
- f) VOTE: Authorize a contract with Dewberry Engineers Inc. to provide emergency services planning and data analytics.
- g) VOTE: Approve agreement with Segra to establish two separate, redundant fiber connections to regional Public Safety Answering Points.

Quality Early Learning

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- i) VOTE: Approval of contract renewal with Learning Genie for data platform to support child outcomes in Head Start classrooms.

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

- j) VOTE: Approve submission of SFY 2027 budget to the University of Missouri to facilitate and support physical activity evidence-based programs.
- k) VOTE: Approve application for the Administration for Community Living Health at Home Challenge to help scale the impact of advanced community care hubs.
- l) VOTE: Authorize SFY 2027 contract amounts for selected Aging and Adult Services partners.
- m) VOTE: Authorize submission of SFY 2026 Budget Amendment #3 to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

- n) VOTE: Approve application to the USDOT 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All program to advance strategies and priorities of the Destination Safe Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

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

- a) Approve the minutes of April 28, 2026, meeting

3. Other business

4. Adjournment

UPCOMING MEETING

Monday, June 23, 2026

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

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AGENDA REPORT

Budget and Personnel

May 2026
Item No. 1a
Exemplary Core Capacities

REPORT: Briefing on the 2025 Financial and Single Audits and Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

BACKGROUND

The Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for fiscal year 2025 is nearing completion and a draft report is included at the link below for review. The audit process has run smoothly this year due in large part to MARC staff efforts and continued collaboration with the RubinBrown team.

The [link here](#) also contains the draft Auditor Communications Letter and the draft Management Representation Letter, which are required communications to the Board from RubinBrown. At the Budget and Personnel Committee meeting, Kaleb Lilly, partner at RubinBrown, will review the draft deliverables and discuss progress on the ACFR.

As part of the 2025 audit process, two other audit reports are being prepared. These documents will be available before the June meeting.

- Federal Single-Audit Supplemental Financial Report
- Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District Annual Financial Report

Following this meeting, if there are any questions about the draft letters or audit progress that were not addressed at the meeting, please contact Carol Gonzales or David Warm at MARC, or Kaleb Lily, with RubinBrown at (913) 859-7917. At the June meeting, additional information will be presented, and Board Members will be asked to accept the fiscal year 2025 audit reports.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

The Board approved the agreement with Rubin Brown for continuation of Audit Services at the January 2026 board meeting. The estimated cost for the 2025 audits is \$89,000. Funds for the audit are budgeted in the Indirect Costs Fund in the 2026 Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

No action required at this time.

STAFF CONTACT

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

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May 2026
Item No. 1b
Exemplary Core Capacities

VOTE: Authorize three-year contract with Pantheon for website hosting

BACKGROUND

The Mid-America Regional Council’s (MARC) web presence is currently distributed across multiple hosting providers, creating inconsistencies in infrastructure, maintenance workflows, security practices and support. This fragmented environment increases operational complexity and makes it difficult to ensure reliability, scalability and consistent user experiences across MARC’s many web assets. Website hosting is a service that stores website files on internet-connected servers and makes them available to visitors online, which is important because reliable hosting helps keep sites fast, secure and consistently accessible.

By moving to a single, centralized platform for hosting, MARC aims to streamline site management, improve performance and security, simplify development and deployment processes, and establish a more sustainable foundation for future growth. MARC’s purchasing policy provides for a research-based approach to selection for software/technology platforms. The web management staff, in consultation with IT, served as the selection team. They researched and reviewed various tools, looking for a stable platform with high levels of security that could host both Drupal and WordPress sites. They identified Pantheon as the platform that best met MARC’s needs.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

This three-year contract provides appropriately sized hosting for all MARC websites along with migration assistance and ongoing customer support. A portion of the cost will be split annually among MARC programs that maintain public education websites.

Sites to be migrated and hosted by Pantheon include: MARC.org, RecycleSpot.org, AirQKC.org, ConnectedKC.org, WAYTOGOKC.org, PrepareMetroKC.org, DoubleUpHeartland.org, MARCHeadStart.org, KCMetroClimatePlan.org, KCFoodWise.org and KCRainKeepers.org.

Annual cost breakdown:

- Year 1: \$20,199
- Year 2: \$21,198
- Year 3: \$21,198

| REVENUES | |
|----------|--------------------------------|
| Amount | \$62,595 |
| Source | Indirect and various programs. |

| PROJECTED EXPENSES | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Contractual | \$62,595 |

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize a contract with Pantheon for three years of web hosting for MARC.org and other public education websites.

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STAFF CONTACTS

- Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration
- Caroline Knecht, Website Coordinator

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May 2026
Item No. 1c
Exemplary Core Capacities

VOTE: Approve a contract with Superior Moving to complete the moving and decommissioning services related to the relocation of the MARC offices to 801 Pennsylvania Ave.

BACKGROUND

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) offices will be moving to 801 Pennsylvania Ave later this summer. MARC must move all existing furniture to the new space as well as decommission the existing space to the required specifications by the current landlord by the end of the current lease term which expires at the end of July 2026.

MARC released a two-part RFP earlier this year to address moving services and decommissioning of furniture that will not be moved. This was done in two parts in order to allow for thoughtful decommissioning of the existing MARC space with scoring prioritizing recycling, refurbishing and reselling of workstations and other furniture in line with waste diversion goals.

We received proposals from six different companies and, after scoring and evaluation, selected Superior Moving for both parts of the move.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

The cost for this move is considered in the total budget of the move that includes tenant improvement allowance (TIA) and the previously approved amount of the MARC General Fund. The bid for the two parts of the RFP was \$77,363.28. We anticipate some small additional needs arising as the move progresses that have not yet been identified and thus, have added a small contingency to this approval.

| REVENUES | |
|----------|---|
| Amount | \$82,363.28 |
| Source | Tenant improvement allowance and the General Fund |

| PROJECTED EXPENSES | |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Contractual | \$82,363.28 |

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve a contract with Superior Moving to complete the moving and decommissioning services related to the relocation of the MARC offices to 801 Pennsylvania Ave.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Amanda Graor, Director of Data and Digital Services
- Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration

AGENDA REPORT

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May 2026
Item No. 1d
Competitive Economy

VOTE: Authorize agreement with Esri for GIS enterprise software

BACKGROUND

For nearly 25 years, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has licensed geographic information system (GIS) software from Esri to map the location of people, jobs, buildings, infrastructure and natural resources in the region and how they change over time. More than mapping software, GIS enables MARC staff to analyze that data to examine things like jobs accessibility via transit, social determinants of health, and food access.

This 3-year agreement is to continue our government enterprise agreement with Esri. The primary users of this agreement are our Transportation and Environment and Public Safety Communications teams. The Data and Digital Services team consistently evaluate GIS products on the market to ensure efficiency and interoperability in spatial analysis tools and platform options.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

GIS capabilities are useful across MARC to display and analyze data. This software supports data-informed decision-making with our member governments and other stakeholders.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

| REVENUES | |
|--------------------|---|
| Amount | \$180,900 |
| Source | Funding comes from: CPG, 911 and Indirect Funds |
| PROJECTED EXPENSES | |
| Contractual | \$180,900 (\$60,300/year for 3 years) |

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize agreement with Esri for enterprise-wide access to GIS software platform

STAFF CONTACTS

- Amanda Graor, Director of Data and Digital Services
- Jay Heermann, Data Services Manager

AGENDA REPORT

Budget and Personnel

May 2026
Item No. 1e
Safe and Secure Communities

VOTE: Authorize MARC to submit a proposal to the Public Interest Technology Infrastructure fund to develop regional wastewater testing dashboard.

BACKGROUND

The Public Interest Technology Infrastructure (PIT-I) fund exists to accelerate the deployment of public interest technology. From its website, “The Public Interest Technology Infrastructure Fund pools and deploys resources from philanthropists who want to improve the technology ecosystem’s capacity to develop and utilize technology in ways that support the public interest. The Fund invests in organizations that are on the frontlines of creating effective, efficient, and equitable technology infrastructure.”

An ongoing conversation with public health partners has identified a gap in information due to differences in processing and reporting of existing wastewater testing data. This project proposes to use already public existing data and normalize it in a way that allows for a regional view of disease spread. MARC has been invited to apply for funding in an amount not to exceed \$333,000 to develop a public health dashboard to normalize wastewater testing data with the possibility of a predictive analytics layer. Proposals are due in early June with decisions made later in the summer.

With the short turnaround for a proposal submission, MARC has held informational meetings with participation from Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and representation from the public health departments in Johnson County, Wyandotte County, Platte County, Jackson County and Kansas City, Missouri in advance of this proposal. Participation and data sharing possibilities will be outlined in detail if the funds are awarded.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

This regional solution has the potential to create new insight into the existing wastewater testing already being conducted for our region. By normalizing data to create a consistent regional view, our regional public health organizations will have a fuller picture of infectious disease spread and have the ability to assign resources to effectively manage conditions.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

This funding would be new to the organization to support the specific project outlined above. The project would be managed with a team of regional public health, data and technology experts along with a contracted subject matter expert.

| REVENUES | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Amount | \$333,000 |
| Source | PIT-I Fund |
| PROJECTED EXPENSES | |
| Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent) | \$125,000 |
| Contractual | \$200,000 |
| Other (supplies, printing, etc.) | \$8,000 |

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RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize MARC to submit a proposal to the Public Interest Technology Infrastructure fund to develop regional wastewater testing dashboard for an amount not to exceed \$333,000 and accept funds if awarded

STAFF CONTACTS

- Amanda Graor, Director of Data and Digital Services

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May 2026
Item No. 1f
Safe and Secure Communities

VOTE: Authorize a contract with Dewberry Engineers Inc. to provide emergency services planning and data analytics.

BACKGROUND

The Emergency Services and Homeland Security program seeks approval to enter into a professional services agreement with Dewberry Engineers Inc. to support regional emergency planning, data analytics, and situational awareness initiatives.

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) conducted a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process to identify a qualified firm to serve as an integrated project partner supporting emergency services planning, data integration, and development of a regional common operating picture. A total of ten proposals were received, and three firms were selected for interviews. Following evaluation, Dewberry was identified as the top ranked firm.

Dewberry’s proposal demonstrated strong experience in emergency management planning, GIS-based analytics, and development of common operating picture dashboards, including extensive work supporting federal, state, and regional partners. Their approach emphasizes integrating data, technology, and operational workflows to support real-time coordination and decision-making across multiple jurisdictions.

The scope of work includes:

- Create and update regional emergency plans
- Lay out a plan for technology and data systems so information from different sources works together smoothly
- Build easy-to-understand tools (like dashboards and maps) so leaders can quickly see what’s happening during an incident
- Develop a shared “big picture” view that allows all partners to see the same real-time information

This work will help strengthen the region’s overall preparedness by improving how jurisdictions share information, align plans, and coordinate during emergencies. It also supports more timely, informed decision-making by giving partners a clearer and more consistent operating picture during incidents.

The contract period is anticipated to begin in May 2026 and conclude by late summer or early fall 2026.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

| REVENUES | |
|--------------------|--|
| Amount | \$110,000 |
| Source | Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) FY23 |
| PROJECTED EXPENSES | |
| Contractual | \$110,000 |

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COMMITTEE ACTION

This project was approved by the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Council during the homeland security application process.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

The project supports regional coordination across MARC member jurisdictions, including local governments, public safety agencies, and regional partners engaged in emergency services planning and preparedness across the metropolitan region. The related jurisdictions tied directly to the grant funding are Leavenworth, Wyandotte, and Johnson counties in Kansas and Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray counties in Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize a contract between MARC and Dewberry Engineers Inc. for emergency services planning and data analytics support in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Erin Lynch, Emergency Services Director
- John Davis, Emergency Services Fiscal Administrator

AGENDA REPORT

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May 2026
Item No. 1g
Safe and Secure Communities

VOTE: Approve agreement with Segra to establish redundant fiber connections to regional Public Safety Answering Points.

BACKGROUND

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) public safety communications network supports mission-critical voice and data services for multiple agencies across the region. Network resiliency and redundancy are essential to ensuring uninterrupted emergency communications, particularly for Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and primary law enforcement facilities.

Segra will provide the installation of two separate, dedicated fiber circuits, with one circuit installed at each of two regional PSAP facilities. Each circuit will be installed as a secondary, diverse connection, independent of the existing primary circuit at each location. This design eliminates single points of failure by providing redundant network paths should a primary circuit be disrupted at either site.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

This action supports Connected KC 2050 by strengthening resilient, reliable, and secure public safety communications infrastructure necessary for effective emergency response and regional coordination.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

The total project cost is \$119,400, which includes two separate circuits, each costing \$995 per month. for a total monthly cost of \$1,990 over a 60-month term. Each circuit provides a fully independent, secondary connection to strengthen site-specific network redundancy and resiliency. Funding is provided through the 911 Allocation - Network budget, previously approved for regional network infrastructure and resiliency enhancements.

| REVENUES | |
|----------|--|
| Amount | \$119,400 |
| Source | 911 Allocation Budget (Capital Projects) |

| PROJECTED EXPENSES | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Contractual | \$119,400 |

COMMITTEE ACTION

The Public Safety Communications Board approved the use of 911 Allocation - Network funds for network resiliency and infrastructure improvements consistent with this project at the November 19, 2025, meeting.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This project supports the MARC regional 911 system and benefits all PSAPs across the 11-county region.

AGENDA REPORT

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RECOMMENDATION

Approve the agreement with Segra in an amount not to exceed \$119,400 to establish secondary, redundant fiber connections, with one circuit serving each of two regional public safety communications facilities, improving network reliability and resiliency for critical public safety communications.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Program Director

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May 2026
Item No. 1h
Quality Early Learning

VOTE: Approve the submission of the Early Head Start Grant to the MissouriBUYS system for continued support of Early Head Start.

BACKGROUND

On May 4, 2026, the State of Missouri through MissouriBUYS Statewide eProcurement System provided a request for qualifications (RFQ) for the 2026-2027 budget period for the Mid-America Regional Council’s (MARC) Early Head Start Grant. The deadline to submit the RFQ was May 22 and MARC staff proposed to continue funding for the 103 enrollment slots in the Early Head Start State Program and pass through 99% of the funding to Independence School District and Operation Breakthrough.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

The total amount of annual funding available is \$1,642,600. Included in this total is \$16,245 in funds to support program operations and training and technical assistance.

| REVENUES | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Amount | \$1,642,600 |
| Source | Department of Elementary and Secondary Education |
| PROJECTED EXPENSES | |
| Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent) | \$16,245 |
| Pass-Through | \$1,626,355 |

COMMITTEE ACTION

The Head Start Policy Council approved this request on May 11, 2026 and the Head Start Advisory Committee approved this request on May 12, 2026. MARC board approval for grant submission will be retroactive.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

Jackson County, Missouri is impacted by this request.

RECOMMENDATION

Retroactively approve Mid-America Regional Council on behalf of Mid-America Head Start to apply, accept, and expend Early Head Start funding from the State of Missouri.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director
- Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning

AGENDA REPORT

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May 2026
Item No. 1i
Quality Early Learning

VOTE: Approval of contract renewal with Learning Genie for data platform to support child outcomes in Head Start classrooms.

BACKGROUND

The Learning Genie application supports implementation of the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) early childhood assessment system. Learning Genie provides an electronic portfolio for each child in Head Start. Evidence of the children’s learning and development can be entered into portfolios by educators, who are able to connect the evidence to DRDP measures. Educators can also rate children’s progress on each measure three times each year and run child outcomes reports for individuals and groups. This assessment of children’s progress and reporting of child outcomes is required for Head Start grantees. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Head Start program began contracting with Learning Genie in 2017. Learning Genie has customized the application to meet the needs of MARC Head Start providers and has provided effective technical support to educators.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

| REVENUES | |
|--------------------|--|
| Amount | \$62,720 |
| Source | Administration for Children and Families |
| PROJECTED EXPENSES | |
| Contractual | \$62,720 |

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

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

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Learning Genie contract from July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$62,720.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director
- Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning

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May 2026
Item No. 1j
Thriving Older Adults and Communities

VOTE: Ratify approval to submit SFY 2027 budget to the University of Missouri to facilitate and support physical activity evidence-based programs.

BACKGROUND

The University of Missouri (MU) requested support from the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) for their proposal for a Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) Enhancing Lifestyle and Evaluating Value-based Approaches Through Evidence (ELEVATE) Model grant issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), through its Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI or Innovation Center). The three-year service delivery model is designed to test evidence-based, whole-person functional or lifestyle medicine (“whole-person FLM”) approaches to care.

MU offered MARC a subaward of approximately \$73,000 to facilitate and coordinate physical activity evidence-based programs (EBP) if MU is awarded. The grant period is from October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2029 and was submitted by MU with this grant proposal title: Leveraging Missouri Extension and Area Agency on Aging to Deliver Lifestyle Medicine for Improved Cardiometabolic Health. This project will recruit Medicare beneficiaries with cardiometabolic risk factors, primarily from federally qualified health centers, and randomly assign them to an eight-week, extension-delivered lifestyle program. The program will provide group physical activity classes and health education to improve physical activity, reduce cardiometabolic risk, and support healthy aging.

MARC will facilitate physical activity oriented program for 100 Medicare beneficiaries with cardiometabolic risk factors per year over the three-year grant period. Subaward of approximately \$73,000 includes a reimbursement rate of \$150 for each Medicare beneficiary who completes a designated physical activity EBP as well as funding for MARC staff to support project administration, monitor referrals, and manage EBP scheduling and website calendar.

MARC has a strong network of contracted community-based organizations that facilitate these types of programs. The designated programs are instructor-led, group-based, and focus on improving lower-body strength, balance, functional movement, and safe mobility. Classes are adapted to accommodate varying functional abilities while maintaining safety and inclusivity, and group formats are intentionally used to foster social connection, accountability, and sustained engagement. These services are not covered by Original Medicare and are designed to complement, not replace, clinical care.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

The following budget was submitted to MU for the grant period.

| REVENUES | |
|----------|------------------------|
| Amount | \$73,008 |
| Source | University of Missouri |

| PROJECTED EXPENSES | |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent) | \$28,008 |
| Contractual | \$45,000 |

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COMMITTEE ACTION

The Commission on Aging considered this at its May meeting and recommends Board approval.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

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

RECOMMENDATION

Ratify approval to submit and accept subaward from the University of Missouri through their MAHA ELEVATE Model grant, if awarded.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Tane Lewis, Program Manager, Aging and Adult Services
- Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services

AGENDA REPORT

Budget and Personnel

May 2026
Item No. 1k

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

VOTE: Approve application for the Administration for Community Living Health at Home Challenge to help scale the impact of advanced community care hubs.

BACKGROUND

Recognizing that 80% of modifiable health outcomes are impacted outside of clinical settings, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) has issued an invitation for advanced community care hubs (aCCHs) to apply for participation in a Health at Home Challenge. The ACL is interested in community-clinical integration for up to one million dually eligible and near-dually eligible Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries with multiple chronic conditions and at least one functional limitation. This competitive challenge focuses on scaling aCCHs, like the Mid-America Community Support Network (CSN), working with health care entities to 1) reduce the total cost of care, and 2) increase days spent at home. There will be three progressive phases, with cash prizes awarded in each.

In Missouri, the CSN has been in place since 2018 in the MARC and Kansas City region. The St. Louis Integrated Health Network is building a community care hub (CCH) on the east side of the state. This places Missouri in a unique position as compared to other states and CCH models, with ‘bookend’ hubs and the ma4 Network, a statewide service delivery network. While all three entities will participate in the application to participate in the ACL Challenge, MARC and the CSN will function as the lead organization and aCCH. Participation requires contracting with one or more health care partners to achieve the goals of the challenge and to support the delivery and financing of core services.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

For those selected to participate in the challenge, the following phases will be funded:

- Phase 1, up to \$2 million awarded to a maximum of 10 teams
- Phase 2, up to \$2 million awarded to a maximum of 5 teams with additional meritorious prizes of up to \$50,000 for up to three Phase 2 teams
- Phase 3, up to \$2 million awarded to a maximum of 3 teams with additional meritorious prizes of up to \$50,000 for up to three Phase 3 teams

COMMITTEE ACTION

The Commission on Aging considered this at its May meeting and recommends Board approval.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

Statewide - Missouri

RECOMMENDATION

Approve submission of application for the Administration for Community Living (ACL) Health at Home Challenge and participate, accept funds if awarded.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Tane Lewis, Program Manager, Aging and Adult Services
- Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director, Aging and Adult Services

AGENDA REPORT

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May 2026
Item No. 11

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

VOTE: Authorize SFY 2027 contract amounts for selected Aging and Adult Services partners.

BACKGROUND:

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) competitively procures partners to deliver services. For high performing service lines, or when there is little opportunity to improve the existing model, MARC seeks renewal of contracts for up to three years before seeking partners through the RFP process.

- Community Center Services
- Pre-Plated Frozen Meals
- In-Home Health Services
- Catered Meals
- Transportation
- Information & Assistance Services
- Case Management Services
- Evidence Based Programs
- Legal Services
- Family Caregiver Support Programs
- Contract Assessors

The providers [listed on this document](#) are recommended for SFY 2027 contracts for services July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, amended as follows.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Funding sources, contract amounts, and service rates for SFY 2027 are described in the following list and are included in the MARC Area Agency on Aging Area Plan submitted for approval to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

The Older Americans Act budget for SFY 2027 is projected to be flat with an estimated 20% reduction in Missouri Senior Services Growth and Development funding.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The MARC Commission on Aging recommends authorization to approve SFY 2027 contract amounts and rates for selected partners.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS:

Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize SFY 2027 contract amounts, and rates for selected Aging and Adult Services partners.

STAFF CONTACT:

- Margaret Murphy, Grant Manager,
- Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services

AGENDA REPORT

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May 2026
Item No. 1m
Thriving Older Adults and Communities

VOTE: Authorization to submit SFY 2026 Budget Amendment #3 to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

BACKGROUND

As the Area on Aging (AAA) for the Missouri portion of the Kansas City Metropolitan Area, the Mid-America Regional Council’s (MARC) Department of Aging and Adult Services received new, updated SFY 2026 allotment tables (AT 2026-3), from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), on May 6, 2026. The following represents the amended budget due to the state within 60 days.

Primary changes from the state in Allotment Table 2026-3 issued by DHSS include updates by the state in Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) awards (actual to date), and updated Older Americans Act (OAA) Title III funding for SFY 2026 including one-time OAA Title IIIC2 funding. In the MARC SFY 2026 Budget Amendment #3, changes in NSIP are reflected in congregate and home-delivered meals programs. The budget amendment also reflects updates such as the growing increase in Medicaid meals between second and third amendments.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Below is a snapshot of the recommended budget (amendment #3) compared to amendment #2, submitted in early April:

| Proposed SFY 2026 Amendment #3 | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|--|-------------------|
| | Current | Title III | | Voluntary | | | | | | |
| | Allotment | Carryover | Medicaid | Participant | Local | Cash Match/ | Other | In-Kind | | Totals |
| | | | | Contributions | Match Funds | MEHTAP | Cash | Contributions | | |
| Administration | 493,547 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 53,321 | 69,780 | 0 | 8,500 | | 625,148 |
| Supportive Services | 960,240 | 193,702 | 0 | 75 | 0 | 289,434 | 5,000 | 365,650 | | 1,814,101 |
| Ombudsman | 182,529 | 13,410 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 84,616 | 0 | 35,000 | | 315,555 |
| Disease Prevention/Health Promotion | 51,364 | 89,621 | 13,249 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 154,234 |
| Family Caregiver Programs | 46,692 | 317,291 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 104,926 | 0 | 52,000 | | 520,909 |
| Congregate Nutrition | 931,751 | 343,898 | 0 | 206,632 | 0 | 63,963 | 0 | 1,729,336 | | 3,275,580 |
| Home Delivered Nutrition | 2,734,999 | 7,910 | 1,346,336 | 8,273 | 0 | 92,353 | 0 | 518,770 | | 4,708,641 |
| Specil Project Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 811,357 | 0 | | 811,357 |
| Totals | 5,401,122 | 965,832 | 1,359,585 | 214,980 | 53,321 | 705,072 | 816,357 | 2,709,256 | | 12,225,525 |
| Submitted SFY 2026 Amendment #2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Current | Title III | | Voluntary | | | | | | |
| | Allotment | Carryover | Medicaid | Participant | Local | Cash Match/ | Other | In-Kind | | Totals |
| | | | | Contributions | Match Funds | MEHTAP | Cash | Contributions | | |
| Administration | 598,547 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 72,350 | 93,025 | 0 | 8,500 | | 772,422 |
| Supportive Services | 1,120,347 | 193,702 | 0 | 150 | 0 | 290,512 | 0 | 365,650 | | 1,970,361 |
| Ombudsman | 156,338 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35,000 | | 191,338 |
| Disease Prevention/Health Promotion | 60,562 | 84,681 | 9,782 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 155,025 |
| Family Caregiver Programs | 431,124 | 317,291 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100,460 | 0 | 10,812 | | 859,687 |
| Congregate Nutrition | 1,029,726 | 343,830 | 0 | 181,156 | 0 | 95,854 | 1,466 | 348,398 | | 2,000,430 |
| Home Delivered Nutrition | 2,716,260 | 7,773 | 1,264,495 | 8,850 | 0 | 88,324 | 0 | 450,718 | | 4,536,420 |
| Specil Project Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,353,292 | 0 | | 1,353,292 |
| Totals | 6,112,904 | 947,277 | 1,274,277 | 190,156 | 72,350 | 668,175 | 1,354,758 | 1,219,078 | | 11,838,975 |

AGENDA REPORT

Budget and Personnel

COMMITTEE ACTION

The Commission on Aging, at its May meeting, recommended that the MARC Board approve submission of the SFY 2026 Amendment #3, in compliance with regulations imposed by DHSS.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts MARC's AAA responsibilities to its Public and Service Area (PSA) of Clay County, Cass County, Platte County, Ray County and Jackson County, Missouri.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorization to submit SFY 2026 BUDGET Amendment #3.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Margaret Murphy, Grant Manager, Aging and Adult Services
- Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director, Aging and Adult Services

AGENDA REPORT

Budget and Personnel

May 2026
Item No. 1n
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

VOTE: Approve application to the USDOT 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All program to advance strategies and priorities of the Destination Safe Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

BACKGROUND

As a follow-up activity to the Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) recently completed Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), MARC is coordinating an application for a fiscal year (FY) 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant on behalf of the region and in partnership with select regional partners.

Per the FHWA's Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): "Funds are awarded to support planning, infrastructural, behavioral, and operational initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users, including pedestrians; bicyclists; public transportation, personal conveyance, and micromobility users; motorists; and commercial vehicle operators". The application is due on May 26, 2026.

MARC has solicited interest from regional partners to collaborate on a regional application or otherwise support local applications as appropriate. MARC offered to partner and/or support other responses to this opportunity which may be under consideration by other regional stakeholders and the application will include the cities of Kansas City, Missouri and Olathe, Kansas and the Kansas City Kansas Fire Department as funding partners.

The application will include the following elements:

Public Safety Infrastructure (Demonstration & Implementation)

- Whole Blood/Prehospital Blood Transfusion Program Implementation
- Emergency Vehicle Preemption Technology Pilot Demonstration & Implementation

Data Analysis, Progress Reporting, & Project Prioritization (Supplemental Planning)

- Bi-State Crash Data Collection Analysis & Uniform Reporting
- Destination Safe Crash Data Dashboard: Local Partner Edition
- Safety & Mobility Roadway Planning

Pedestrian Safety Enhancements (Demonstration & Implementation)

- Before & After Safety Analysis of Fluorescent Yellow Green (FYG) Pedestrian & Bicycle Crossing Signs
- SafeAcross Program Implementation
- Intersection Safety Improvements

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

This grant will advance safety related goals from MARC's Connected KC 2050, including strategies identified in the recently adopted CSAP.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

The project budget is still underdevelopment but will not exceed \$20 million. Staff will provide additional details at the meeting.

AGENDA REPORT

Budget and Personnel

COMMITTEE ACTION

The Total Transportation Policy Committee was briefed on this application on May 19, 2026.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize MARC to apply for and receive USDOT 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All program funding to advance strategies and priorities of the Destination Safe Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation & Environment
- Alicia Hunter, Transportation Planner III

AGENDA REPORT

Budget and Personnel

May 2026
Item No. 2a

VOTE: Approve minutes of the Apr. 28, 2026, Budget and Personnel meeting

BACKGROUND:

The minutes of the Apr. 28, 2026, meeting are enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the Apr. 28, 2026, meeting.

STAFF CONTACT:

- David Warm, Executive Director
- McKenzie Neds, Executive Assistant



MARC Budget & Personnel Meeting Summary

April 28, 2026

BOARD MEMBER AND ALTERNATE ATTENDANCE

Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, MO - MARC Board 1st Vice Chair

Councilmember Jeff Creighton, Olathe, KS

Councilmember Holly Grummert, Overland Park, KS

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, KS

Victor Hurlbert, Auditor, Clay County, MO

Mayor Pro Tem Beto Lopez, Lee's Summit, MO

Mayor Eric Mikkelson, Prairie Village, KS

Commissioner Mike Stieben, Leavenworth, KS

Commissioner Christal Watson, The Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS

STAFF PRESENT

Executive Director David Warm and other MARC staff

AGENDA

Call to order

Mayor Damien Boley called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m. Due to the meeting being conducted remotely and in-person Mayor Boley provided instructions for participation. He reported that staff would present on all the agenda items, provide an opportunity for comments and questions after each item, and ask for approval of all agenda items with one vote at the end of the meeting. Members would have an opportunity to abstain or object to any items necessary during the final vote.

Item 1a REPORT: Review Fiscal Year 2026 Year-to-Date Financial Reports through March 2026.

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration, reported that for the quarter ending March 31, 2026, the Mid-America Regional Council recorded agency-wide revenues of \$17.3 million against expenditures of \$16.4 million. Both figures represent approximately 15% of budgeted full-year amounts, which is below the 25% benchmark typically expected at this point in the fiscal year. This variance is attributable to the timing of the 2025 year-end close process. Annual local member dues, billed each April, are anticipated to improve the revenue position in the next quarterly reporting period.

The resulting net surplus of \$0.9 million for the period brought MARC's fund balance to \$24 million as of March 31, 2026, the majority of which remains assigned or committed to designated programs and initiatives. MARC continues to operate under FY26 provisional rates – a fringe rate of 53.65% and an indirect rate of 35.7% – pending final approval from its cognizant federal agency, HHS.

Cash and investment balances totaled \$26.5 million at quarter end, reflecting a modest decline of \$0.5 million (2%) from February 2026 attributable to normal timing fluctuations. The portfolio is concentrated primarily at Security Bank (\$20.4 million in checking and sweep accounts) with an additional \$5.8 million in investments held at Country Club Bank. During Q1, MARC executed three certificate of deposit purchases totaling \$700,000 at yields ranging from 3.70% to 3.90%, with maturities extending to 2028 and 2030. Investment income

continues to be allocated in accordance with established policy across the child care, solid waste, and 911 programs.

Mayor Damien Boley asked what the penalty was for claiming any of the CDs earlier than the maturity date. Ms. Gonzales answered that she did not have the cost at the time of the meeting but that it could be taken into account if needed.

Mayor Christal Watson asked for more information about the Child Care Scholarship fund. Mr. Warm answered that the fund was started many years ago that provided scholarships for early education teachers on both sides of the state line but it hasn't been recently active. MARC is working to redeploy those funds to other current child care programs. Mayor Watson asked how many dollars were currently in the fund. Ms. Gonzales answered approximately \$40,000.

Item 1b VOTE: Authorization to use MARC reserves to cover costs associated with the relocation to 801 Pennsylvania.

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration, requested Board authorization to use up to \$500,000 in reserves to cover relocation costs for the new leased space at 801 Pennsylvania, after updated project estimates identified needs beyond the tenant improvement allowance and available 9-1-1 funds. Increases are driven by previously un-scoped items including HVAC work, cabling and audio-visual installation, removal of existing furniture, internal technology requirements (e.g., card access, network/phone cutover, copier relocation), and certain server room/9-1-1 equipment needs. The revised total project budget is approximately \$3.09M (funded by ~\$2.42M tenant allowance, \$500k reserves, and \$164,522 9-1-1 funds). MARC notes its Long-Term Contingency reserve balance was \$2,129,921 as of 12/31/2025, and—based on recent interest earnings—could be replenished within two to three years.

Item 1c VOTE: Authorize a contract with KC2026 for the Mid-America Regional Council to provide grant management, fiscal oversight, and compliance support services related to the World Cup.

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration, requested approval to contract with KC2026 to provide grant management, fiscal oversight, and compliance support for Kansas City's FIFA World Cup 2026™ Safety and Security Grant. Missouri DPS has passed through 100% of the federal FIFA World Cup Grant Program (FWCGP) funds to KC2026, but KC2026 lacks the internal capacity to administer the full set of federal requirements (budgeting, procurement, controls, reimbursements, reporting, monitoring, and record retention). The \$400,000 agreement funded by the FWCGP, MARC would establish and administer the grant within its financial systems, coordinate closely with KC2026 and DPS, process invoices and payments, support procurement and contract/subrecipient administration, and manage reporting through closeout, ensuring compliance and stewardship of public funds across multiple supporting jurisdictions in the metro area.

Mayor Eric Mikkelson asked if these funds will be given on a rolling basis or after the event is over. Ms. Gonzales answered that the final budget is still being approved by KC2026 but that the bulk of the grant is for salaries of emergency services personnel during the events. These personnel will be working and getting paid, their jurisdictions will be submitting invoices and then getting reimbursed quickly thereafter.

Mayor Mikkelson also asked if all of the approvals (federal and otherwise) have been given for these funds to be released? Ms. Gonzales said that the final budget is waiting to be signed at the state level at the Department of Public Safety.

Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick asked to clarify that MARC will be getting paid \$400,000 from KC2026 in order to cover the cost of personnel and other expenses for carrying out the grant requirements. Ms. Gonzales confirmed that was correct.

Item 1d VOTE: Authorize a contract with the Olson Group, Ltd to support the update of the Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Plan and support a functional exercise.

John Davis, Fiscal Administrator, requested approval to enter into a professional services agreement with The Olson Group, Ltd. who was selected through a competitive RFP to update the Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Plan and to design, conduct, and evaluate a three-day regional hazardous materials functional exercise in August 2026, culminating in an After-Action Report and Improvement Plan by September 18, 2026. The work will support continued compliance with federal and state requirements, incorporate stakeholder engagement and HSEEP-aligned exercise materials, and strengthen regional coordination and readiness. The contract will not exceed \$89,025.05 and will be funded by PHMSA's HMEP grant administered as a pass-through by the Kansas Adjutant General's Department, with direct grant-related impacts in Leavenworth, Wyandotte, and Johnson counties (KS) and broader planning/exercise coverage that also includes several Missouri counties.

Item 1e VOTE: Approve an agreement with Motorola Solutions for the 2026 annual VESTA 9-1-1 hardware refresh for remote Public Safety Answering Points.

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Communications Program Director, requested approval of a sole-source agreement with Motorola Solutions for MARC's 2026 annual VESTA 9-1-1 hardware refresh to maintain reliability of the region's mission-critical 911 call handling system. The project will replace end-of-life workstation hardware (67 workstations across 14 Public Safety Answering Points) to ensure compatibility with the existing VESTA platform, support current E911 requirements, and prepare for future NG911 capabilities. The total cost is not to exceed \$469,278.91, funded through the 2026 Regional 911/Capital Equipment Budget and was previously approved by the Public Safety Communications Board, and benefits PSAPs across the 11-county region.

Item 1f VOTE: Authorize contract extension with Iteris, Inc., for traffic signal timing and engineering support services.

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, requested to authorize a one-year extension of MARC's contract with Iteris, Inc. to continue providing traffic signal timing and engineering support for Operation Green Light (OGL), which coordinates and optimizes operations for more than 750 traffic signals across 28 agencies and supports over 1,500 signals through regional software. Iteris was originally selected through a 2023 solicitation; the initial term ends in April 2026, and this extension would continue services through April 30, 2027, for an amount not to exceed \$150,000. Funding is included in the OGL operations budget and supported by federal STBG grants in Kansas (\$36,000) and Missouri (\$84,000), with \$30,000 in local matching funds, and the OGL Steering Committee is expected to recommend approval at its April 27, 2026 meeting.

Item 1g VOTE: Authorize a contract with Iteris, Inc., for a crowd sourcing and traffic signal analytics platform project.

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, requested authorization of a contract with Iteris, Inc. to implement a crowdsourcing and traffic signal analytics platform to enhance Operation Green Light's real-time management and performance monitoring of

the region's signalized arterials. This FHWA Everyday Counts-aligned effort will use large, anonymized probe data (with no personally identifiable information) to support real-time alerts and arterial performance measures, improving traffic flow, air quality, and fuel consumption across the more than 750 signals operated by 28 agencies. The \$527,100 contractual cost will be funded through the OGL operations budget using \$421,700 in federal Missouri CMAQ funds and \$105,400 in local matching funds, with the OGL Steering Committee scheduled to consider a recommendation on April 27, 2026; participating jurisdictions include MoDOT and the following cities in Missouri: Belton, Blue Springs, Gladstone, Grandview, Independence, Kansas City, Lee's Summit, Liberty, North Kansas City, Raymore, and Raytown.

Item 1h VOTE: Authorize contract amendment with Cambridge Systematics for On-Call Traffic Modeling Support Services.

Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment, requested authorization of a contract amendment with Cambridge Systematics for the first one-year renewal of MARC's on-call traffic modeling support services, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for calendar year 2026 (bringing the total contract to \$100,000). This agreement maintains access to specialized expertise needed to support and improve MARC's regional travel demand models, troubleshoot model issues, perform analyses that inform the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), respond to data requests, conduct MOVES emissions analysis, and advance multimodal forecasting. Funding will come from 2026 Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funds, and the work supports all counties in the MARC region.

Item 1i VOTE: Approve contract for playground renovations and upgrades to Thomas Roque Head Start facility to meet health and safety needs.

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director, requested approval for MARC Head Start to proceed with contractual agreements for playground renovations and upgrades at the Guadalupe Centers' Thomas Roque facility to address health and safety needs and to support the site's transition from an Early Head Start-only location to serving both Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start. Staff are reviewing bids to confirm compliance with MARC procurement requirements and provider purchasing protocols, including Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements. The total project cost is expected to be not more than \$76,574, funded with Head Start grant dollars from the Administration for Children and Families, with all spending to be completed by Oct. 31, 2026.

Item 2 Approve Consent Agenda: minutes of the March 24, 2026 meeting

Council member Holly Grummert moved for the approval of all agenda items and Mayor Eric Mikkelson seconded the motion.

Mayor Beto Lopez abstained from item *1i VOTE: Approve contract for playground renovations and upgrades to Thomas Roque Head Start facility to meet health and safety needs.*

The motion passed.

Item 3 Other Business

There was no other business.

Item 4 Adjournment

Mayor Boley adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

NEXT/UPCOMING MEETING

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 | MARC Offices 600 Broadway Blvd Suite 200 Kansas City, MO 64105