



**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS TAKEN OR PLANNED AND
TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD AT THE AUGUST 25, 2026 MEETING**

SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES

Approve a five-year agreement with Segra for up to \$259,200 to renew existing Ethernet Local Area Network services supporting five regional Public Safety Answering Point locations.

The agreement with Segra will consolidate and extend existing network services while maintaining current bandwidth, service levels, and reliability. By renewing the services early, MARC will reduce monthly recurring costs, generating an estimated \$28,800 in savings over the five-year term. Funding is included in the approved 911 Allocation - Network budget.

THRIVING OLDER ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES

Community Health Worker Initiative Grant Applications:

- **Authorize grant application to the Sunflower Foundation Kansas Fights Addiction program to support justice-involved community health worker training and workforce development.**
The Mid-America Regional Council Community Services Corporation (MARC CSC) has supported efforts to advance the Community Health Worker (CHW) workforce in Kansas and Missouri since 2016. This proposed program would enable MARC to build on the foundation established under KDHE's Beyond Walls: Community Health Worker (CHW) Certification Training During Incarceration initiative in Kansas jurisdictions.
- **Authorize grant application to the Kansas Health Foundation Upward Mobility program to support justice-involved community health worker training and workforce development.**
The proposed program would enable MARC to build on the foundation established under KDHE's Beyond Walls: Community Health Worker (CHW) Certification Training During Incarceration initiative. The program is intended to build capacity within correctional facilities to deliver training, develop career paths and help justice-involved individuals gain marketable skills for meaningful employment that offers a livable wage upon reentry.
- **Authorize grant application to the Health Forward Foundation to support CHW training and workforce development.**
The Health Forward Foundation has provided support to the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Community Services Corporation (CSC) for its work to convene the KC Regional CHW Collaborative, promote the CHW profession and encourage employment of CHWs, provide information and training on reimbursement of CHW services through Kansas Medicaid and Medicare, and integrate CHWs in diverse settings working collaboratively with other roles such as community paramedics in the community.

Approve submission of Amendment #1 of the SFY 2027 Area Plan Budget to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

The Area Plan Budget and subsequent amendments are due to the State Unit on Aging (SUA) at the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), from which MARC receives all Older Americans Act (OAA) funding. AAAs are required to submit updated Area Plan Budgets after new or updated allotment tables or a Notice of Award (NOA) are distributed to DHSS. The plan budget reflects an increase in meal reimbursement rates, but an overall reduction in Missouri General Revenue to be reappropriated as Medicaid Home Delivered Meals totaling \$11,597,988.

Approve the submission of a proposal to the Transformation of Rural Community Health (ToRCH) Community Grant through Ray County Hospital.

The MARC Community Support Network (CSN) receives referrals from Ray County Hospital for the provision of services that address health-related social needs in ToRCH, a DSS initiative. Through ToRCH, Ray County Hospital offers a community grant to build community partner capacity. The application in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to set-up the One Trust platform to manage administrative systems and completion of an operations and market analysis for the CSN to enable effective service delivery and improve health outcomes.

Authorize application to the United State Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture's Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program's Produce Prescription Program to support the KC Fresh Rx program.

The KC Fresh Rx produce prescription program is currently funded by a \$500,000 three-year USDA grant ending December 31, 2026. Partners in this proposed extension of the grant include MARC, Balls Food Stores, University of Kansas Medical Center Department of Dietetics and Nutrition, as well as clinics at KUMC Family Medicine and Internal Medicine, Samuel U. Rodgers Health, and Advent Health, along with others to be added. The Balls Food Stores will continue as partners as well. Several more grocery stores will be added as incentive distribution and redemption methods are developed for the stores. The program will serve an estimated 320 patients enrolled in Medicaid, diagnosed with underlying medical conditions, and experiencing food insecurity. The amount requested is \$500,000 for two years.

Approve a contract amendment with the Harps Grocery Store Company for the Double Up Food Bucks program.

The Harps Grocery Store Company has been offering Double Up Food Bucks at three of their grocery stores (DeSoto, Kansas, Richmond, Missouri and Poplar Bluff, Missouri since 2022). This grant will expand the program to eleven more of their stores located in Missouri communities not already served by a grocery store offering the program. The contract amendment will expand the program from \$500,000 to a new total of \$666,486 to be funded through the USDA NIFA's Nutrition Incentive grant 2025-2028.

QUALITY EARLY LEARNING

Authorize acceptance of funds for MO Program Support Network extension

MARC has received notice that Local Investment Commission (LINC) secured an additional year of MO Department of Elementary and Secondary education funding for the Program Support Network and would like to continue subcontracting with MARC for coaching, training, supplies and technical assistance. As a subrecipient, MARC supports LINC services in a 15-county area (Northwest Missouri). The program agreement totals \$208,570.58 for personnel and program expenses from July 1, 2026-2027.

Authorize grant application to the Children's Services Fund of Jackson County to support mental health services for the MARC Head Start program.

Following submittal of a letter of interest, Children's Services Funds of Jackson County has invited MARC Head Start to move forward with a full application to support the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Wellness initiative. Services include increased access to qualified mental health consultants for classrooms and families; early identification, screening and referral for children with social-emotional concerns; training and classroom coaching to teachers on trauma-informed care, and; behavior support strategies and family engagement through mental health education and resources for caregivers including pregnant women. Funds requested total \$300,000 for 24 months and will serve staff, children and families throughout Jackson County.

Authorize 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.

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Head Start (OHS) has announced the availability of one-time funding to support nutrition and healthy eating for Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start children and families. Funds will support direct service providers with food service upgrades, materials, kitchen supplies and equipment, and nutritional education resources at Emmanuel Family and Child Development Center, Excelsior Springs School District and Render's Hope Day School in Clay and Jackson counties.

EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION AND QUALITY PLACES

Approve the 2026 3rd Quarter Amendment to the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program.

MARC's Total Transportation Policy Committee considered an amendment to the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to add 37 new projects and modify 25 other projects. Staff circulated the proposed amendment for public review and comment per MARC's adopted Public Participation Plan requirements. No comments were received and the committee unanimously recommended approving the amendment as presented. Additional details for this item are available at: www.marc.org/TIP

HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

Authorize a grant application to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to support local adoption and implementation of regional stormwater engineering standards.

The proposed grant includes two sets of activities which will involve MARC staff time and training expenses. First, MARC will facilitate discussions among area communities about challenges and opportunities associated with implementing the new standards. Key issues to be addressed will include transportation system design and management, redevelopment strategies, and stream buffer management. Second, MARC will provide technical assistance and educational programs to public and private sector partners through activities such as workshops, field trips and case studies. MARC was encouraged to apply for \$80,000 but may be awarded up to \$130,000 depending on demand from other applicants.

EFFECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Approve application to Housing and Urban Development Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) Grant to promote increased development of affordable housing across the Kansas City region.

MARC is preparing an application for HUD's FY2026 Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) funding opportunity, due August 3, 2026. The purpose of the proposed project is to promote increased development of affordable, attainable housing across the Kansas City 9-county region through supporting local policy and process improvements, activating vacant or idle land for development, and creating affordable housing through completion of a series of building demonstrations of housing typologies that are underproduced in the region. MARC is working closely with several cities and counties across the region, as well as private and nonprofit partners, to develop the proposal. While the application scope and details are still being solidified, staff expect to request approximately \$7.5 million (no more than \$10 million) to be spent over the 6-year grant period. Due to the tight turnaround of the proposal deadline, we will present a full board report concerning the application at the August board meeting.