MARC
MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Budget and Personnel Committee Meeting

September 22, 2026
Meeting begins at 11:00 a.m.
Attend in-person at the MARC Offices 801 Pennsylvania Ave. Ste 400, 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**

Quality Early Learning

a) VOTE: Approve Mid-America Regional Council Head Start budget modification.
b) VOTE: Authorize application to the Administration for Children and Families for a waiver of remaining match funds for the FY2026 Head Start Federal Grant.
c) VOTE: Approve contract renewal with ChildPlus software platform to support tracking of data for children, families, and staff in the Head Start program.

Healthy Environment

d) VOTE: Authorization to apply for funds from the States of Kansas and Missouri for the regional air quality program.
e) VOTE: Authorization to submit a Federal Highway Administration PROTECT grant application to improve regional transportation infrastructure.

Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

f) VOTE: Program overview and approval of the 2027 Planning Sustainable Places funding recommendations and accept additional Kansas STP funding

Thriving Older Adults and Communities

g) VOTE: Accept funding for the Senior Growth and Development Program SFY 2027 contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for older adult programming.

Safe and Secure Communities

h) VOTE: Authorize an agreement with the City of Olathe for Fire Analyst staffing at the Kansas City Regional Fusion Center.
i) VOTE: Authorize a subrecipient agreement with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for the Hospital Preparedness Program.

2. **VOTE: Approve Consent Agenda (Administrative Matter and Minor Expenditures)**
   a) Approve the minutes of August 25, 2026, meeting
3. **Other business**
4. **Adjournment**

UPCOMING MEETING

Monday, October 27, 2026

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

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AGENDA REPORT

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September 2026
Item No. 1a
Exemplary Core Capacities

VOTE: Approve Mid-America Regional Council Head Start budget modification.

BACKGROUND
The administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Head Start (OHS) awarded $32,918,852 to the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Head Start program for the 2024-2025 grant year. $1,034,132 went unspent as the result of the YMCA closure and several projects were not completed by the end of the grant year, October 31, 2025.

In March of 2026, the MARC board approved the MARC Head Start program to submit a request to ACF's OHS to carry over $253,553 of the unspent funds into the 2025-2026 grant year for playground repairs and upgrades.

In response to the submission, the OHS requested that MARC Head Start, first, submit a budget modification to move funds from the contractual services line to the equipment line to support the playground work described in the carry-over request. A budget revision is required when re-budgeting across cost categories exceeds 10 percent in any single direct-cost category. The budget modification must be approved before the OHS can decide on the previous board-approved carry-over request.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

REVENUES	
Amount	$99,152
Source	Administration for Children and Families

PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual (Reduction)	$(99,152)
Equipment	$99,152

COMMITTEE ACTION
Action was approved by both the MARC Head Start Policy Council (9/14/26), and Advisory Committee (9/15/26).

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
Jackson County, Missouri is impacted by this item.

RECOMMENDATION
Approve Head Start budget revision for the 2025-2026 grant year award not to exceed $99,152.

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

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September 2026
Item No. 1b
Quality Early Learning

VOTE: Authorize application to the Administration for Children and Families for a waiver of remaining match funds for the FY2026 Head Start Federal Grant.

BACKGROUND

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

The required federal match for the Head Start grant ending October 31, 2026, is $8,281,348. MARC has identified contributions totaling $4,901,948 leaving a balance due of $3,327,764. MARC Head Start therefore is seeking a waiver from ACF not to exceed the remaining balance of $3,327,764. Staff are confident that additional in-kind funds will be identified but want to obtain Board approval for the full amount because it is difficult to project how much will be identified. The waiver will only be submitted in the event that we do not identify the remaining balance before the end of the grant period.

COMMITTEE ACTION

MARC Head Start Policy Council approved this request on September 14, 2026, and MARC Head Start Advisory Committee approved this request on September 15, 2026.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

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

RECOMMENDATION

Approve MARC Head Start's request to apply for a waiver from the Administration for Children and Families for the remaining balance of the required non-federal match for the 2025-2026 Head Start grant.

STAFF CONTACTS

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

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September 2026
Item No. 1c
Quality Early Learning

VOTE: Approve contract renewal with ChildPlus software platform to support tracking of data for children, families, and staff in the Head Start program.

BACKGROUND
The ChildPlus database houses program information data for children, families and staff in the Head Start program. The data is used to track our progress in meeting the Head Start Act requirements, the Head Start performance standards, as well as the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Head Start's program goals. The information collected and housed in ChildPlus is then used to report required data to the Office of Head Start through our annual program information report (PIR). MARC Head Start began contracting ChildPlus in 2006 for these services.

A few examples of data collected include:
- eligibility determination for families
- family needs assessments and goals
- resources and referrals provided
- staff credentials and background checks

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

REVENUES	
Amount	$66,150
Source	Administration for Children and Families

PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Contractual	$66,150

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

RECOMMENDATION
Approve the ChildPlus contract from November 1, 2026, through October 31, 2027, in the amount of $66,150.

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

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September 2026
Item No. 1d
Healthy Environment

VOTE: Authorization to apply for funds from the States of Kansas and Missouri for the regional air quality program.

BACKGROUND
The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has been actively involved in air quality issues since the early 1970s and has served as the official air quality planning organization for the bistate metro area under section 174 of the federal Clean Air Act since 1978. 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
Other (supplies, printing, etc.)	$1000

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION
Approve application and acceptance of funds from MDNR and KDHE funding for the MARC air quality program for the fiscal period October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027, in an amount not to exceed $110,960.

STAFF CONTACTS
- Karen Clawson, Air and Mobility Programs Manager

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September 2026
Item No. 1e
Healthy Environment

VOTE: Authorization to submit a Federal Highway Administration PROTECT grant application to improve regional transportation infrastructure.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Highway Administration (FWA) has issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Discretionary Grant Program. The program supports efforts to improve the resilience of transportation infrastructure and strengthen the ability of communities to anticipate, prepare for and adapt to natural hazards and changing conditions. The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) intends to submit a planning grant application by the October 9, 2026, deadline to continue advancing the Transportation Resiliency KC initiative.

The proposed application would build on two earlier phases of regional resilience planning. Phase 1 established a foundational framework through stakeholder engagement, initial risk concepts and a preliminary approach for screening and prioritizing transportation vulnerabilities. Phase 2 is advancing a detailed, data-driven assessment of the region's multimodal transportation system and development of a regional Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan. This work includes assessing risks under current and future extreme weather conditions, identifying at-risk transportation assets, evaluating the consequences of transportation disruptions and developing analytical and decision-support resources to help guide regional investment priorities.

The next phase is expected to focus on planning and technical capacity building that will help MARC and its regional partners move from regional risk assessment and prioritization toward implementation. Potential planning activities would build on the findings, tools and priority needs identified through Phases 1 and 2 and further integrate resilience considerations into regional and local transportation planning and investment decisions. Technical capacity-building activities would help local governments, transportation agencies and other partners strengthen their ability to understand resilience risks, use available planning resources, coordinate across jurisdictions and agencies and advance resilient transportation projects.
The application is still under development. Definition of the final scope of work and funding request is underway. MARC anticipates requesting no more than $2 million in federal funding. Planning grants awarded through the PROTECT program do not require a local match.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

This effort advances Connected KC and the Kansas City Regional Climate Action Plan by integrating extreme weather impacts into transportation planning and supporting the technical capacity of local governments and other parters to make informed planning and funding decisions as they address flooding, heat and other extreme weather impacts on the regional transportation system.

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REVENUES	
Amount	$2,000,000
Source	FHWA PROTECT program; planning grants require no local match

PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	To be determined
Contractual	To be determined

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION
Authorize grant application to the Federal Highway Administration's PROTECT program funding opportunity to support Phase 3 planning for Transportation Resilience KC.

STAFF CONTACTS
- Karen Clawson, Air and Mobility Programs Manager
- Tom Jacobs, Environmental Programs Director

AGENDA REPORT

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September 2026
Item No. 1f
Efficient Transportation and Quality Places

VOTE: Approve the 2027 Planning Sustainable Places funding recommendations and accept additional Kansas STP funding

BACKGROUND

The Kansas City region's vibrant, green and connected centers and corridors are central to the Creating Sustainable Places initiative, and the region's long-range transportation plan, Connected KC 2050. In 2012, the Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Total Transportation Policy Committee (TTPC) and the Creating Sustainable Places (CSP) Coordinating Committee launched Planning Sustainable Places (PSP), a combined initiative to provide communities with planning resources to advance sustainable projects in their corridors and centers.

MARC issued the eighth PSP call for projects on May 4, 2026, and it closed on June 22, 2026. MARC staff conducted an initial review and scoring of the 28 applications and worked with the Sustainable Places Policy Committee (SPPC) to develop a recommended funding list. The recommended list can be found as an attachment to this agenda report.

Additionally, the PSP program was awarded an additional $80,000 through the 2026 Amendment #1 to the 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program that the MARC Board approved on May 26, 2026.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

REVENUES	
KS Surface Transportation Program (FFY 2027)	$800,000
MO Federal Transportation Admin. (FFY 2026)	$500,000
Local Match	$431,875
Transportation Fees	$12,025

PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel (salaries, fringe, rent)	$133,900
Contractual	$1,610,000

COMMITTEE ACTION

The SPPC and TTPC approved the final recommendation list at their committee meetings.

EXHIBITS

2027 PSP Funding Recommendation

RELATED JURISDICTIONS

This item impacts all counties in the MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the proposed funding for the 2027 Planning Sustainable Places Program as presented and accept the additional $80,000 of Kansas Surface Transportation Program funds for FFY 2027.

STAFF CONTACTS

- Beth Dawson, Planning Sustainable Places Program Manager
- Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment

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Item No. 1g
Thriving Older Adults and Communities

VOTE: Accept funding for the Senior Growth and Development Program SFY 2027 contract with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for older adult programming

BACKGROUND
The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services established the Senior Services Growth and Development Program (SSGDP) to provide additional funding for older adult programming through MO Area Agencies on Aging (AAA). SSGDP was created in 2019 to provide funding to enhance services for the development and expansion of senior center programs, facilities, and services. In addition, it is intended to be utilized for any activities related to services for older adults in the Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) planning and service area (PSA). However, no funds were appropriated to the project until the 102nd General Assembly.

With revenue shortfalls at the state, SSGDP funding was cut across AAAs by 20% for SFY 2026. MARC's initial contract is in the amount of $1,112,796. Fifty percent of these funds are designated for the development and expansion of the senior center programs, facilities, and services. The other fifty percent shall be used for any activities and programs that enhance services for older adults in MARC's planning and service area (PSA), Jackson, Clay, Cass, Platte, and Ray counties in Missouri.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

REVENUES	
Amount	$1,112,796
Source	Senior Services Growth and Development Program (SSGDP) Fund

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
Jackson, Platte, Clay, Cass, and Ray Counties

RECOMMENDATION
Authorize execution of the SFY 2027 contract and accept SSGDP funding from the MO DHSS.

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

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September 2026
Item No. 1h
Safe and Secure Communities

VOTE: Authorize an agreement with the City of Olathe for Fire Analyst staffing at the Kansas City Regional Fusion Center.

BACKGROUND
The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has been awarded Kansas State Homeland Security Grant Program funding to support regional security projects and is proposing a contract with the City of Olathe to support the Kansas City Regional Fusion Center. The Olathe Fire Department will provide up to $60,000 to support one part-time Fire Analyst assigned to the Kansas City Regional Fusion Center from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. The position will support regional information sharing, analysis and coordination among fire services, emergency medical services, emergency management, healthcare, private-sector partners and other public safety disciplines.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS
The agreement is funded with Kansas State Homeland Security Grant Program funds and will operate on a reimbursement basis. The Olathe Fire Department will pay eligible salary costs and submit monthly invoices with payroll documentation, signed timesheets and proof of payment. MARC will reimburse actual eligible costs, not to exceed $60,000.

REVENUES	
Kansas State Homeland Security Grant Program	$60,000

PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Pass-through: City of Olathe Fire Analyst salary reimbursement	$60,000

COMMITTEE ACTION
The Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee and the Kansas City Regional Fusion Center Advisory Board have identified this investment as a regional priority.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
The Kansas City Regional Fusion Center supports public safety and homeland security partners throughout the nine-county MARC region.

RECOMMENDATION
Authorize the executive director to enter into a professional services agreement with the City of Olathe, by and through the Olathe Fire Department, in an amount not to exceed $60,000 for Fire Analyst staffing at the Kansas City Regional Fusion Center for the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

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

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September 2026
Item No. 1i
Safe and Secure Communities

VOTE: Authorize a subrecipient agreement with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for the Hospital Preparedness Program.

BACKGROUND
The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has offered the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) a subrecipient agreement to serve as fiscal agent for a regional health care coalition under the federal Hospital Preparedness Program. The program is intended to strengthen health care coalition readiness, collaboration and recovery capabilities for disasters and emergencies that exceed the day-to-day capacity of individual health care and emergency response systems. The MARC emergency services department is already leading this work on the Missouri-side of the state line with the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR).

The Kansas agreement identifies $155,000 in federal funds and a term beginning September 21, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. MARC would be responsible for fiscal administration and for ensuring completion of the coalition work plan and required Readiness and Response Coordinator functions.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS
The agreement identifies $155,000 in federal Hospital Preparedness Program funds. Payments are tied to financial status reports, supporting invoices, progress reports and completion of program requirements.

REVENUES	
Federal Hospital Preparedness Program funds through KDHE	$155,000

PROJECTED EXPENSES	
Personnel	To be determined
Contractual	To be determined
Meeting and Travel Expenses	To be determined

COMMITTEE ACTION
The Bi-state Health Care Coalition supports this action. The KS-side Healthcare Coalition met on September 11, 2026, and voted to support MARC in this role.

RELATED JURISDICTIONS
The agreement is intended to support the health care coalition and participating health care and emergency response organizations in the applicable Kansas region (Wyandotte, Johnson, and Leavenworth counties).

RECOMMENDATION
Authorize entering into a subrecipient agreement with KDHE for the Hospital Preparedness Program in an amount not to exceed $155,000 for the period September 21, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

STAFF CONTACTS

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

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MARC Budget & Personnel Meeting Summary

August 25, 2026

BOARD MEMBER AND ALTERNATE ATTENDANCE

Eric Mikkelson, Prairie Village, KS – B&P Committee Chair
Mayor Damien Boley, Smithville, MO
Commissioner Julie Brewer, Johnson County, KS
Councilmember Jeff Creighton, Olathe, KS
Councilmember Holly Grummert, Overland Park, KS
Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick, Johnson County, KS
Victor Hurlbert, Auditor, Clay County, MO
Mayor Beto Lopez, Lee's Summit, MO
Commissioner Mike Stieben, Leavenworth County, KS
Mayor Rick Walker, De Soto, KS

STAFF PRESENT

Executive Director David Warm and other MARC staff

AGENDA

Call to order

Mayor Eric Mikkelson called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. Due to the meeting being conducted remotely and in-person Mayor Mikkelson 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 June.

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration, provided a review of the financial quarterly report to the committee. She indicated that through June 30, 2026, MARC recorded agency-wide revenues and other financing sources of $47.6M (42% of budget) against expenditures and other uses of $46.2M (41% of budget), producing a $1.4M increase in fund balance for the period and ending fund balance of $24.5M, most of which is assigned or committed to specific programs and initiatives. Both revenues and expenditures track below the 50% straight-line expectation primarily because of the timing of the 2025 year-end close, with revenue typically picking up in Q4 as grants close; the enterprise fund is outperforming at 74% of budgeted revenues, while indirect and fringe benefit costs are trending slightly above budget since MARC is still applying provisional FY26 rates (53.65% fringe, 35.7% indirect) pending federal approval. Cash and investments totaled $28.1M as of June 30 and five new investments purchased in Q2 2026 (a $250K CD and four Treasury/CD instruments totaling roughly $3.75M at rates of 3.875%–4.125%). Overall, results are consistent with expectations for the mid-year point.

Item 1b VOTE: Review and accept the 2025 Uniform Guidance Single Audit Report.

Carol Gonzales, Director of Finance and Administration, requested board acceptance of MARC's 2025 Uniform Guidance Single Audit Report, required because MARC expends more than $1 million annually in federal financial assistance. The audit is nearing completion, and

MARC has complied in all material respects with applicable federal requirements for its major programs. The report identifies one finding related to missing documentation verifying a vendor's suspension or debarment status before a contract renewal; however, a subsequent review confirmed the vendor was not suspended or debarred, and no questioned costs were identified. In 2025, MARC expended $55.3 million in federal funds, including $19.6 million passed through to subrecipients, representing an $12.5 million, or 18%, decrease from 2024.

Item 1c VOTE: Approve application for an Assistant Secretary Preparedness and Response grant for fiscal year 2026-2027 to continue support of the region's health care coalition.

John Davis, Fiscal Administrator, requested authorization to apply for and accept a $380,567 FY26/27 Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response grant from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to continue support for the region's health care coalition, which includes hospitals, public health, emergency management and emergency medical services in Missouri Highway Patrol Region A. The grant will strengthen health care and public health readiness for emergencies that exceed routine response capacity by supporting regional assessments, planning, training, exercises, and information and resource coordination during and after incidents. The funding period runs during the July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and the Healthcare Coalition Steering Committee reviewed the proposed workplan and budget in February 2026.

Item 1d VOTE: Authorize contract with Porsena Solutions, LLC to provide support services for the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee 2027-2029 strategic plan.

John Davis, Fiscal Administrator, requested authorization for MARC to enter into a professional services agreement with Porsena Solutions, LLC, in an amount not to exceed $56,800, to support regional homeland security preparedness and development of the 2027–2029 Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee Strategic Plan. The work will include a regional World Cup safety and security preparedness and operations review, stakeholder engagement through surveys, interviews and facilitated discussions, development of an After-Action Report/Improvement Plan, and facilitation of a strategic planning session to identify future priorities. Funded through Emergency Services local funds, the effort will help capture lessons learned from one of the region's largest special events, strengthen cross-discipline coordination among public safety, emergency management, health care, transportation, government and private-sector partners, and establish a roadmap for homeland security investments and initiatives through 2029.

Item 1e VOTE: Authorize application for the FY 2026 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant and associated subaward agreements to enhance regional emergency response preparedness.

John Davis, Fiscal Administrator, requested ratification of MARC's application for the FY 2026 Urban Area Security Initiative grant and authorize acceptance of up to $3,523,097.80 in funding to enhance regional emergency response preparedness in the Kansas City Urban Area. The grant supports high-threat, high-density urban areas in building and sustaining capabilities to prevent, prepare for, protect against and respond to acts of terrorism, and Kansas City was one of 41 eligible urban areas nationwide. Due to a short application timeline, MARC submitted the application in July and is now seeking board affirmation, along with authorization to execute related subaward agreements. Projects approved by the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee include investments in training and exercises, communication and information sharing, cybersecurity, election security, law enforcement and hazardous materials capabilities, regional planning, mass fatality and technical rescue capacity, and homeland security coordination. Subawards exceeding the

$50,000 approval threshold total $1,072,041.30 and will support specialized equipment and services for regional agencies that agree to train and respond within the region or through mutual aid.

Commissioner Brewer asked how this list of equipment was developed and how the organizations helped shape it. Mr. Davis indicated that several working committees come together that have representatives from the jurisdictions who identify needs and equipment gaps across the region.

Item 1f VOTE: Approve a five-year agreement with Segra to renew existing Ethernet Local Area Network services supporting five regional Public Safety Answering Point locations.

Eric Winebrenner, Public Safety Communications Director, requested approval of a five-year agreement with Segra to renew existing Ethernet Local Area Network (ELAN) services that provide secure, reliable connectivity for mission-critical public safety voice and data communications serving five regional Public Safety Answering Point locations. The early renewal would consolidate existing services under one agreement, maintain current bandwidth and service levels across four 300 Mbps circuits and one 100 Mbps circuit, and avoid installation or transition costs while reducing monthly recurring charges from $4,800 to $4,320. The total agreement amount is $259,200, funded through the previously approved 911 Allocation – Network budget, and is projected to save $28,800 over the 60-month term while supporting resilient regional public safety communications infrastructure for Grandview, Shawnee, Kansas City, Platte County and Jackson County public safety agencies.

Item 1g VOTE: Approve contract renewal with Learning Genie to support children's progress in the classroom and electronic portfolio reporting of child outcomes.

Kasey Lawson, Head Start Director, requested approval of a $60,480 contract renewal with Learning Genie for July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, to continue supporting MARC Head Start classrooms' required child assessment and outcomes reporting. Learning Genie provides an electronic portfolio system that enables educators to document evidence of children's learning and development, connect that evidence to Desired Results Developmental Profile measures, rate progress three times annually, and generate individual and group child outcomes reports. The application has been customized for MARC Head Start providers and has supported educators since 2017. Funding will come from the Administration for Children and Families, and the renewal will support Head Start services in Clay, Jackson and Platte counties in Missouri.

Item 1h VOTE: Approve a contract with Futures First for MARC to provide quality assessment services of classrooms for their Start Young Program.

Toni Sturdivant, Director of Early Learning and Head Start, requested approval of a $52,919 contract between Futures First and MARC's Early Learning Department for July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, to provide quality assessment services for the Start Young Program in Wyandotte County. Start Young is a public-private collaborative focused on increasing access to high-quality, full-day, full-year child care for working families. MARC staff and contracted CLASS-certified assessors will conduct classroom quality observations for an estimated 75 classrooms and nine home-based providers, with funding supporting staff time for project management, subcontractor oversight, data entry, coordination of program supports and assessments, as well as contract assessor time, training and supplies.

Item 1i VOTE: Authorize increase in monthly fee to ARIS Solutions to provide fiscal oversight for the Veteran Directed Care program.

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, requested authorization of an amendment to MARC's contract with ARIS Solutions, which provides fiscal oversight for the Veteran Directed Care program, increasing the per-veteran monthly fee from $156 to $163.80 effective October 1, 2026. MARC currently serves 80 veterans referred primarily through the Kansas City VA Medical Center, providing assessments, care planning and coordination that allow veterans to receive community-based care rather than skilled nursing facility services. The program generates estimated annual revenue of $790,480 through the VA MISSION Act, with projected contractual expenses of $157,248. The Commission on Aging recommended approval, and the amendment would affect all counties in the MARC region.

Item 1j VOTE: Approve a grant with OASIS Institute to facilitate and support falls prevention evidence-based programs.

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, requested approval to accept a three-year subaward of approximately $215,132 from the Oasis Institute, contingent upon receipt of an Administration for Community Living grant supporting the Falls Free Missouri initiative. The project would expand evidence-based fall prevention efforts through STEADI screenings at Federally Qualified Health Centers and Stepping On workshops for older adults, with MARC coordinating referrals, scheduling and program administration through its network of community-based organizations. Funding would support 58 Stepping On workshops over three years, trained program leaders and two MARC employees, serving Clay, Cass, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties. The Commission on Aging reviewed the proposal and recommended board approval.

Item 1k VOTE: Approve a grant with ma4 Network to support the Alzheimer's Disease Programs Initiative: Dementia-Capable Community Health Workers.

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, requested approval for a letter of commitment and authorize acceptance of a potential subaward from the Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging (ma4) Network for a three-year Administration for Community Living grant supporting the Dementia-Capable Community Health Worker program. If awarded, the statewide initiative would receive up to $750,000 to strengthen the area agency on aging workforce, improve early detection of dementia, connect individuals and caregivers with supportive services, and establish Medicare-reimbursable service delivery. MARC would serve as a core partner by supporting workforce recruitment and training, data sharing and referral protocols, billing infrastructure, integration of community health workers into care coordination teams, shared services evaluation, and ongoing quality improvement for the AAA MARC region. The Commission on Aging recommended approval.

Item 1l VOTE: Approve contract with ES Advisors, LLC to support the Administration of Community Living Chronic Disease Self-Management Education Cooperative Agreement award and program.

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, requested authorization of a three-year, $277,500 contract with ES Advisors, LLC to serve as project director for MARC's Administration for Community Living Chronic Disease Self-Management Education grant. MARC is one of seven recipients of the $1.25 million award, which will support a statewide partnership with Missouri Area Agencies on Aging, more than 35 service providers and six behavioral health providers to expand evidence-based chronic disease self-management programs for older adults with behavioral health conditions or stressors. The initiative is intended to improve health outcomes, reduce healthcare costs, strengthen connections to behavioral health services and develop sustainable strategies that can be shared nationally. ES Advisors was included in the grant application based on the firm's leadership of MARC's previous ACL grants and its extensive program and policy expertise.

Item 1m VOTE: Approve amendment increase to the SFY 2027 agreement with Legal Aid of Western Missouri to provide access to legal services for eligible clients.

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, requested authorization of a $71,280 amendment to MARC's SFY 2027 agreement with Legal Aid of Western Missouri, increasing the contract from $57,440 to a not-to-exceed total of $128,720. The additional Older Americans Act Title III E funding will support continued legal services, including Family Caregiver legal assistance, for eligible caregivers and existing participants in Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties.

Item 1n VOTE: Authorize the purchase and distribution costs of caregiver consumable supplies for older adults on fixed incomes receiving caregiver support.

Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Director of Aging and Adult Services, requested authorization for the use of Older Americans Act Title III E carryover funding to purchase and distribute caregiver consumable supplies, such as incontinence products and nutritional supplements, for older adults on fixed incomes who receive caregiver support. MARC would use its existing KC Meal Link storage and distribution infrastructure to administer the program across Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties. A total of $150,000 in carryover funds is available and must be used by the end of September 2026, with supply purchases not to exceed $120,000.

Item 1o VOTE: Authorize contract with Sustainable Investment Group LLC to provide project management support for the US Department of Energy's Renew America's Nonprofits Grant Program.

Beth Dawson, Planning Sustainable Places Program Manager, requested authorization to negotiate and execute a contract of up to $235,000 with Sustainable Investment Group, LLC to provide construction project management support for the U.S. Department of Energy's Renew America's Nonprofits Grant Program through mid-2028. Selected through a competitive qualifications process, the firm will assist MARC and 28 nonprofit organizations with energy-efficiency improvements, beginning with HVAC, lighting, building envelope and other repairs at 11 buildings approved to move into construction. The three-year initiative is supported by $4.73 million in federal funding and $1.5 million from local foundations, with approximately $4.4 million designated for nonprofit projects and no individual building receiving more than $200,000.

Item 2 Approve Consent Agenda: minutes of the June 23, 2026 meeting

Commissioner Brewer moved for the approval of all agenda items and Commissioner Janeé Hanzlick seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

Item 3 Other Business

There was no other business.

Item 4 Adjournment

Mayor Mikkelson adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

NEXT/UPCOMING MEETING

Tuesday, September 22, 2026 | MARC Offices 801 Pennsylvania Ave. Ste 400, Kansas City, MO 64105