



City Administrator's Report

August 13, 2026

Strategic Plan Update Progress

We are still in the information gathering stage of the Strategic Plan! If you haven't already, please visit the [Strategic Plan Social Point](#) to participate in the online community survey, ideas wall, and forum. If you would like to fill out a paper copy of the survey, please stop by City Hall. Responses will be collected through September 4, 2026.

In addition to our online engagement, we have multiple in-person community forum meetings that have also been scheduled. Community members are invited to choose the meeting that works best for their schedules. Food will be provided.

- 8/31 @ 06:00 pm – Smithville Library
- 9/02 @ 10:30 am – Smithville Activity Center during Senior Services Programming
- 9/02 @ 06:00 pm – Smithville High School
- 9/03 @ 08:30 am – Smithville Activity Center

Clay County Senior Services Grant Application

This week, staff submitted applications for additional two grants providing funding for 2027 senior programming and services provided through Clay County Senior Services.

The Education and Life Enrichment Grant would provide a maximum of \$30 per quarter or \$120 per year for individual Clay County residents aged 60 or over to use toward educational programs offered at the Activity Center. The City of Smithville requested \$5,760. Grant recipients may use the funding to offer programs on a wide range of topics, including arts, crafts, music, history, or learning a new skill. If awarded the funding, Senior Services plans to offer classes learning to play Mahjong, as well as other popular programs, including cooking, woodworking, and painting. Grant funds will become available January 1, 2027.

The Missouri Master Plan on Aging Regional Grant provides funding to those looking to improve the quality of life for seniors in the community and meets a topic area. The application requests the maximum amount of \$5,000 under the topic area of "Investing in walkable infrastructure and age friendly design promotes health, safety, and

accessibility” to add an automatic accessibility option to the Smithville Activity Center door.

Local matching funds are not required of either grant. Grant funds will become available during the fourth quarter, 2026, and the expected projected completion date is December 31, 2027.

State Petition Audit

We have been notified that the field work portion of the audit was officially completed Friday, May 8. Auditors are now in the review process and will still be contacting staff for follow-up and clarification on information. Staff continue to provide information as requested. It is anticipated that work on the audit will continue throughout the fiscal year.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

The September 15, 2026, meeting falls during the MML annual conference and has also been cancelled by the Mayor. This meeting will likely be rescheduled later in the month pending receipt of property tax assessed valuation information from Clay and Platte Counties in order to set the tax rate for the coming year.