



## City of Smithville, Missouri

### Board of Aldermen - Work Session Agenda

**Monday, November 6, 2023**

**6:30 p.m. – City Hall Council Chambers and Via Videoconference**

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1. Call to Order
2. Discussion of Grant Opportunities
3. Adjourn

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	<b>STAFF REPORT</b>
<b>Date:</b>	October 27, 2023
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<b>Subject:</b>	Discussion of Grant Opportunities

Over the last few years, the City's staff has been fairly successful in receiving outside funding for several projects. These projects are improvements that the community has already identified in our Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Master Plan, Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Water and Waste Water Master Plans, and Stormwater Plan.

**Background/Current and Past Grants**

*Public Works*

Grant programs are either State or Federally funded. These programs typically come with certain requirements, processes, and approvals that can increase the cost of a project. Buy America, additional monitoring and testing, administration and reporting, long-term maintenance, and usage conditions are a few of the items that add to the costs of a grant-funded project. However, the funding received outweighs those additional costs.

A general rule of thumb is that state and federally funded projects cost an additional 20-25%. Many of these programs can provide up to 80% funding with a 20% match. The funding is usually for construction so the local municipality will pay for any engineering, study, environmental process, and property acquisition.

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Kansas City Metro Area. MARC provides many services, including our Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program, and is the organization that works between local agencies (cities/counties) and the Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT).

MARC's federal transportation allocation for the KC Metro area averages around \$35 million annually for several programs including:

Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)	\$24 million
Transportation alternative Program (TAP)	\$ 5 million
Congestion Management and Air Quality (CMAQ)	\$ 3 million
Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)	\$ 3 million

These funds are distributed to the Cities and Counties through a competitive application and review process. Typically, the needs (applications received) are twice the funding available. Projects are applied for two years in advance.

\*NOTE: All costs are in \$1,000s.

The City has been awarded several projects:

Project	year	Engineering	Construction		Total
			City	MARC	
Streetscape PH III*	2024	\$275	\$372	\$488	\$1.1M
Commercial Sidewalk	2024	\$105	\$250	\$500	\$855
Riverwalk	2025	\$250	\$1.15M	\$900	\$2.3M
Second Creek	2025	\$150	\$345	\$600	\$1.095M
Bridge Street Roundabout**	2026	\$500	\$834	\$896	\$2.230M

\*Streetscape Phase III was recently bid. The low bid was twice the budget. Staff is working with MARC and MODOT to reduce the scope.

\*\* The current estimate for the roundabout is \$3.5 - \$4 million, with engineering at \$500,000. Need to discuss additional funding.

The City has also requested/applied for funding through the Water Resources and Development Act (WRDA) through Representative Sam Graves's office for several large utility projects, including:

South Force Main	\$1.9 million
Rocky Branch Gravity Sewer (Forrest Oaks)	\$3.2 million
144 <sup>th</sup> St. Pump Station	\$1.7 million

These projects were applied for in 2022 and are awaiting an appropriations bill.

### *Parks and Recreation*

The City has also applied to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) through programs such as the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) and the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). In 2020, the City received \$1.2 million (of a total project cost of \$1.66 million) to complete the Main Street Trail. The City has applied for funding for the OK Railroad Trail (previously named Diamond Crest Trail). Notifications on this grant status are expected by the end of the year, for FY2024 funding.

In 2023, we applied for an LWCF grant but did not receive a grant for improvements to Emerald Ridge Park. The Parks and Recreation and Stormwater Sales Tax Fund CIP anticipates an application for sports field improvements at Smith's Fork Park through LWCF funds in 2026. The Emerald Ridge Park and Smith's Fork Park sports field improvement projects are outlined in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Annually, the Parks and Recreation Department submits grant applications to secure funding for senior services in collaboration with Clay County Senior Services (CCSS). Historically, the city has received around \$18,000 annually for Senior Center operations. The City received a grant from CCSS for FY2024 amounting to \$54,050, allocated as follows: \$21,050 for senior center expenses, \$25,000 for the senior center coordinator, and \$8,000 for fitness classes. The City is not required to provide matching funds, but it is responsible for covering expenses such as insurance, repair and maintenance, utilities, and janitorial services for the Senior Center building. To continue receiving funding, the City must reapply through CCSS on an annual basis.

### *Police*

The Smithville Police Department has a history of utilizing grants from various sources to achieve specific goals. This would include grants from the MoDOT Highway Safety Division, the Missouri Department of Public Safety, the Missouri Safety Center, the US Department of Justice, and private entities like Hero Funds USA. The majority of these grants are provided by MoDOT and re-occur annually, funding overtime enforcement to increase traffic safety in Smithville. Some of the other grants have helped to fund equipment like ballistic vests, radar units, speed signs, and drones.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2023	MoDOT Highway Safety Div.	Impaired Driving Enforcement	\$2,926.00
	MoDOT Highway Safety Div.	Hazardous Driving Enforcement	\$3,476.00
2022	MoDOT Highway Safety Div.	Impaired Driving Enforcement	\$2,228.00
	MoDOT Highway Safety Div.	Hazardous Driving Enforcement	\$5,770.00
	Hero Funds USA	Drone Grant	\$8,000.00
2021	MoDOT Highway Safety Div.	Vehicle Speed Data Collection	\$7,000.00
	MoDOT Highway Safety Div.	Impaired Driving Enforcement	\$3,500.00
	MoDOT Highway Safety Div.	Hazardous Driving Enforcement	\$7,711.00
2020	MoDOT Highway Safety Div.	Youth Alcohol Enforcement	\$730.00

	MoDOT Highway Safety Div.	Hazardous Driving Enforcement	\$3,000.00
	MoDOT Highway Safety Div.	Impaired Driving Enforcement	\$3,000.00
2019	MoDOT Highway Safety Div.	Youth Alcohol Enforcement	\$730.00
	MoDOT Highway Safety Div.	Hazardous Driving Enforcement	\$3,160.00
	MoDOT Highway Safety Div.	Impaired Driving Enforcement	\$2,300.00
	United States Dept. of Justice	Bulletproof Vest Partnership	\$6,000.00

### Future Grant Opportunities

Over the next few months MARC is soliciting projects for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Connected KC 2050. This is not an application for specific funding, however inclusion in the MTP is a requirement before a project can be applied for funding. After the first of the year applications for funding for Fiscal Years (FY) 2027/2028 will be requested.

Potential projects to be submitted to MARC could include:

Project	Eng/ R/W	Construction		Total	
		City	MARC	City	MARC
Streetscape PH IV	\$100	\$200	\$800	\$300	\$800
Wayfinding PH I	Complete	\$150	\$500	\$150	\$500
Pope Lane (Street, Path, Bike, Roundabout)	\$1.8 M	\$1.4 M	\$5.6 M	\$3.2 M	\$5.6 M
N. Main (Complete St)	\$2.3 M	\$1.8 M	\$7.2 M	\$4.1 M	\$7.2 M
Bridge St Sidewalk (First St. to HWY 169)	\$100	\$70	\$280	\$170	\$280

Project	Eng/ R/W	Construction		Total	
		City	MARC	City	MARC
Pine Sidewalk to Maple Elementary School	\$100	\$100	\$400	\$200	\$400
Trail Eagle Pkwy (188 <sup>th</sup> to 180 <sup>th</sup> )	\$250	\$220	\$880	\$470	\$880

Roundabout At Eagle Pkwy and 180th	\$500	\$700	\$2.8M	\$1.2M	\$2.8M
Roundabout At Eagle Pkwy and 188th	\$500	\$700	\$2.8M	\$1.2M	\$2.8M

**Action Requested**

At the work session, staff will outline this information and look for general direction from the Board regarding future grant applications.