

Staff Report

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ACTIVITY REPORT

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Economic and Community Development Highlights:

- **Howard County EECBG. Project Underway.** Block Grant for **Howard County, Moniteau County and Glasgow. Grant funds totaling \$186,460 awarded- Total Project Cost \$264,951.** American Discovery Product Building (Glasgow) complete.
- **Clarksburg CDBG (water supply). Project Underway. CDBG Block Grant funds in the amount of \$411,000 obtained to assist in project financing.** Mid-MO RPC selected to assist in project grant administration.
- **Wardsville CDBG (water system improvements). Project Complete.** Mid-MO RPC completed the environmental review requirements. Also, providing administrative services. CDBG grant funds totaling **\$50,500** awarded. Total Project Cost- \$64,000.
- **St. Martins CDBG (Senior Housing Improvements). Project Complete.** The environmental review (statutory checklist) is complete and approved. Project has been advertised and bids received. Currently evaluating bids. **\$56,628** in CDBG grant funds awarded. Total project cost of \$75,628.
- Received approval for community block grant funds to assist with long-term land use planning activities and technical assistance to related mitigation activities in disaster prone areas. **Grant funds awarded in the amount of \$133,780.** Region-wide Initiative. **To begin Feb. 2012.**
- **Otterville CBBG Street and Drainage Improvements).** 2011-12 application submitted. Awaiting CDBG funding announcement. **Not Awarded.**
- **Glasgow.** Meeting held with city officials January 2011 regarding identification of follow-up activities of Mid-MO RPC staff resulting from city's review of the preliminary engineering report that summarizes water, wastewater, drainage, and downtown improvement project priorities. **Preliminary Engineering reports complete for waste and wastewater projects. Submitting CDBG Disaster Grant application on 12-15-2011. Clean-out Lagoon Cell #1- match FEMA funds- \$158,00/FEMA \$433,000.**
- **Taos (wastewater).** Coordinated LMI survey to determine eligibility for CDBG and/or USDA, MODNR grant funds. **LMI Survey Complete.**

- **New Franklin** (wastewater). Awaiting notification from City to begin environmental review requirements. Underway. **Received Notification to proceed December.**
- **California.** Assisting the Moniteau Regional Economic Development organization with an enhanced enterprise zone application (EEZ). **Draft resubmitted to DED in December.**
- Provided technical assistance and project development for the **Lake of the Ozarks RPC** for an RFP for administrative services for the Horseshoe Bend Parkway project. **Complete.**
- Provided technical assistance and project development to the **Lake of the Ozarks RPC** for the Community Against Domestic Violence (CADV) CDBG grant request. **Complete.**
- Submitted qualifications and selected as administrator for potential CDBG grants by **Wardsville, Armstrong, St. Martins, and to the Lake of the Ozarks Regional Planning Commission.** **Complete.**
- Conducted an income survey for the Manchester Heights sewer district in **Boone County** for possible funding assistance for necessary sewer improvements. **Complete.**
- Assisted **Cole County Fire Station #4** regarding funding sources for facility expansion. **Complete.**
- Submitted application for the planning partnership grant to the **Economic Development Administration. Funding amount- \$60,000.** Grant agreement approved by Mid-MO RPC Commission. **Complete. – Grant Awarded.**
- Continued coordinating activities for the **Economic Development Advisory Committee** meetings held in July, September, November, February, April and June. November meeting held at Central Methodist University in Howard County, February meeting at the University of Missouri Incubator at Monsanto Place. Other meetings held at the Columbia Regional Airport.

Regional Initiatives

MoBroadband Now Planning

- Staff assisted in the coordination of the Broadband Regional Planning Team for the Mid-MPO RPC Region. The planning team has held several meetings to discuss the important issues facing the region, have collected data of the needs and interest of various stakeholders, and will develop a strategic broadband plan for the region. Plan completion targeted for December, 2011. **Awaiting draft plan from consultant.**

Mid-MO RPC Website

- **Enhancing Communications to Membership.** Mid-MO RPC staff worked with a website design firm (Maycreate) to enhance **our website and improve** access to our work activities by our membership and the public. The website is now on-line. See www.mmrpc.org.

CDBG Grant Application - 2008 2nd Disaster Supplemental Funding

- Staff has submitted an application on January 14, 2011 to the Mo Department of Economic Development under the CDBG 2nd Disaster Funding opportunity. The funding request is to support staff technical assistance activities to work with local governments in the region in addressing needs identified in the Hazard Mitigation Planning Process, or other identified activities such as - Cost/benefit analysis, GIS mapping assistance, acquisition of more detailed contour elevation data, and flood plain management training. The total project cost is \$143,780 - \$133,780 in grant funding support and \$10,000 cash and in-kind match commitment. Callaway County is the applicant with the Mid-MO RPC identified as the Sub-Applicant (Recipient). Activities scheduled to begin fall, 2011. **To begin Feb. 2012.**

PACE Program

- Staff continues to work with principals in planning for the creation of the Mid-Missouri Regional Clean Energy Board. The Missouri General Assembly passed the Property Assessment Clean Energy Act or PACE- (RsMO Sections 67.2800 to 67.2835) to allow for the creation of such Boards. The PACE program allows property owners to finance energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements using low-interest bonds. The property owners receive long-term financing (up to 20 years) for these improvements, which is repaid through an assessment on their taxes. The City of Jefferson has formed the first Mid-Missouri Clean Energy Development Board in Missouri. Board representation includes the Mid-MO RPC.

604B Wastewater Inventory Project.

- The Mid-Mo RPC, as part of a state wide project, received grant funding totaling more than \$19,500 to conduct a survey of municipal wastewater treatment facilities. The goal of the assessment was to help communities plan and finance needed improvements to their systems.

Communities participating in the assessment are those with populations below 5000, and that own a municipal wastewater treatment facility. The survey results from this project will be available in the summer of 2011 on the Mid-MO Regional Planning Commission website. **Project Complete.**

Hazard Mitigation Planning Highlights:

- Completed "**Boone County Hazard Mitigation Plan**". Plan approved by FEMA.
- "**Cole County Hazard Mitigation Plan**". **Complete- Plan approved.**

- Planning activities are underway for the **Callaway, Cooper, Howard and Moniteau County** hazard mitigation plans. Steering committee meetings currently being held. All plans scheduled for completion November, 2011. **Draft plans complete.**
- Received notification that Mid-MO RPC will be preparing hazard mitigation plans for the following electric cooperatives in our region- **Boone, Callaway, Howard, and Co-Mo (Moniteau/Cooper).** Project orientation meeting held, planning activities to begin fall, 2011. **Draft plans complete.**

Transportation Highlights:

- Staff continues to update the “Regional Transportation Plan” for the Mid-Missouri Region” as new census data becomes available.
- Mid-MO RPC makes available current transportation news thru our website- www.mmrpc.org.
- Research into transportation GIS data layers to be used as a component of the “CIM” Community Issues Management GIS mapping analytical tool. Partnership with the **University of Missouri (CARES) and University Extension.**
- Meetings with MoDOT Central District Transportation Planners to review transportation project processes and requirements.
- Continue to coordinate bi-monthly Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings. Meetings held in July, Sept, Jan, March, and May.
- Conducting sidewalk inventories in Howard and Cole counties. Date survey sent to all local governments.
- Updating the transportation priorities list for the region in consultation with the Transportation Advisory Board and MoDOT staff.

Homeland Security- Area F RHSOC Highlights:

- Continued to provide administrative support to the Area F Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee. Coordinated Area F RHSOC meetings – July, January, April, May, and June.
- **Area F RHSOC Annual Meeting** - Staff activities include meeting preparation requirements-(i.e. - preparing flyer announcement, financial statements of grant activities, printing of materials for meeting packet, providing technical assistance to discipline representatives on proposed grant requests- cost estimates, RHSOC representation – turnover and representatives. (Jefferson City)

- Received approval of Area F Homeland Security FY10 Grant application. **Total grant funds awarded is \$652,000.**
- Completed procurement of FY08 grant activities.
- Continuing procurement activities for of FY09 and FY10 grants.
- **Safe Sunday Disaster Preparedness Day** was held in September, 2011. More than 200 churches and other faith-based organizations in the Troop F- RHSOC region participated.
- **State HSOC and RHSOC Meeting.** Attendance by staff (Leeann Jestis and Ed Siegmund) at the Homeland Security Oversight Committee (HSOC) and RHSOC quarterly meetings that are held in Jefferson City.
- **RHSOC Meeting Follow-up Activities-** Follow-up on grant activities, training activities, and sub-committee assignments, including interoperability committee and survey.
- **RHSOC Committee Representation.** Coordinated several meetings with RHSOC representatives to review representation of the designated disciplines for Area F. Volunteer sector, private industry, and local government.
- **Mid-MO RPC Annual Meeting** – November 2011. Included overview of RHSOC Area F activities.

Environmental – Natural Resources Highlights:

- Began environmental review for New Franklin sewer project.
- Completed the Environmental Assessment for the **Village of Wardsville, St. Martins,** and the **Village of Clarksburg** CDBG projects.
- Completed preliminary conceptual design for DC Rogers Lake Regional Park for **City of Fayette and Howard County.** Awaiting engineering costs for spillway improvements.
- Assisted **Howard County Economic Development** with environmental information to be used as a component of a certified site application to the Missouri Department of Economic Development.