New round of Planning Sustainable Places funding

The Mid-America Regional Council is pleased to announce the 2021 Planning Sustainable Places (PSP) program to fund planning projects that help advance sustainable development objectives.

Starting May 4, visit www.marc2.org/tr_psp for more information.

The program will help fund transportation-focused planning and projects that:

- Advance detailed local activity center plans.
- Advance small area plans.
- Support implementation activities.

Funds awarded will help support and position projects to move from planning to implementation.

The PSP program continues the work of the Creating Sustainable Places initiative, the region’s current long-range plan — Transportation Outlook 2040 — and the proposed update to the long-range plan — Connected KC 2050. The program promotes concepts consistent with sustainable communities and the advancement of site-specific and project-specific activities within the centers and corridors planning framework.

This round of funding builds on previous ground rules for the competitive regional solicitation, including:

- Categories — applications must be categorized as either:
  1. Sustainable places plans.
  2. Project development.
  3. Implementation activities.

- Program emphasis — all projects must emphasize transportation and may include integrating intermodal transportation options, redevelopment and sustainable land-use patterns, social equity and environmental stewardship through targeted planning, and meaningful public engagement.

- Projects require a minimum 20% local cash match.

- Jurisdictions (cities, counties, and states) and transportation agencies located within MARC’s metropolitan planning boundary — Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami and Wyandotte counties in Kansas, and Cass, Clay, Jackson and Platte counties in Missouri — are eligible to apply. Priority status will be given to planning projects conducted in activity centers within the region’s redevelopment area and areas that include multiple opportunities for sustainable development.
The maximum grant award is $150,000. There is no minimum grant award amount.

Work should begin in early 2021 and be completed by the second quarter of 2022.

**Available funding totals $949,000**

- $349,000 — Missouri Surface Transportation Program Livable Communities Pilot Planning Program (FFY 2021)
- $600,000 million — Kansas Surface Transportation Program Livable Communities Pilot Planning Program (FFY 2021)

### Project schedule

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1 For more information defining our region’s redevelopment area, visit [https://arcg.is/0TSmmT](https://arcg.is/0TSmmT) or refer to the Call for Planning and Demonstration Projects Submission Guidebook at [www.marc2.org/tr_psp](http://www.marc2.org/tr_psp) beginning May 4, 2020.