



Mid-MO
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Annual Report 2021

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The Mid-MO Regional Planning Commission (Mid-MO RPC) is an association of local governments serving the six-county region of Boone, Callaway, Cole, Cooper, Howard, and Moniteau counties. Our work is focused on building a stronger region through planning, local technical assistance, and regional collaboration. The guiding principles of the organization are to serve as an advocate for the region, provide a professional staff to serve as a resource for member governments, provide a forum for local officials to discuss regional issues and concerns, and promote community and economic development.

Our focus areas include community and economic development, transportation, homeland security, and hazard mitigation. We provide a variety of services to our communities including project development and grant writing, grant administration, environmental reviews, GIS mapping, planning, and other technical assistance. Much of our work is focused on assisting our communities with securing state and federal funding for their priority projects.

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The work activities of Mid-MO Regional Planning Commission would not be possible without the support of our federal and state partners.



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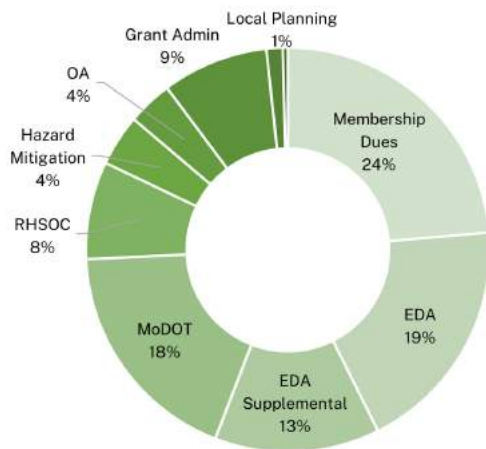


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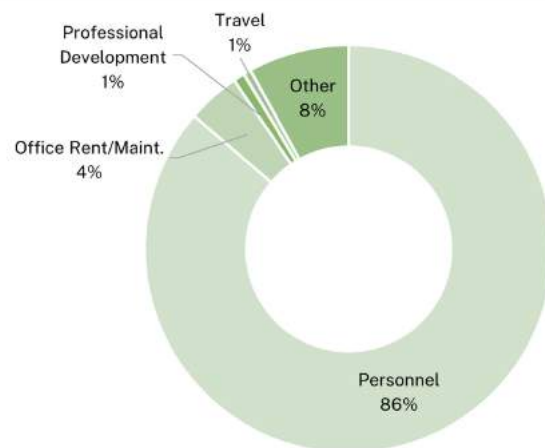
FY21 Financial Overview

Mid-MO Regional Planning Commission revenues come from a combination of funding sources. Our funding begins with local membership dues from our city and county government members. We use those dues as match to bring in additional revenue from the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) and the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). We also receive funding from the Missouri Office of Homeland Security (OHS) for our work with Region F Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee (RHSOC), Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) funding for hazard mitigation planning, and annual funding from the Missouri Office of Administration (OA). Our final budget gap is filled through contracts with our local governments for grant administration and local planning services.

FY21 Income by Percentage



FY21 Expenses by Percentage



\$274,236 of equipment and supplies procured in RHSOC Region F as part of our role in Missouri's regionalization of homeland security program



Community & Economic Development

Mid-MO Regional Planning Commission's community and economic development work program is guided by our Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) that has been developed through outreach to our cities, counties, economic development organizations, and other stakeholders in our region.

A primary focus of our organization has always been working with our cities, counties, and other partners to secure funding for infrastructure improvements that will advance community and economic development at the local and regional level.

Community development projects often focus on improving community infrastructure such as roads, water, wastewater, stormwater, or other infrastructure improvements. They may also focus on quality-of-life improvements such as parks, trails, and sidewalk projects.

Our role in economic development often focuses on securing grant funding for projects that will advance economic development in the region. We assist cities and counties with securing funding for public infrastructure projects, such as road improvements or water/wastewater line extensions, that will support new or expanding businesses. We are also engaged in projects that focus on workforce development, entrepreneurship, broadband, and more.

Working with partners from around the region we have also established a revolving loan fund (RLF) that can provide gap financing for entrepreneurs and small business owners that are not able to secure all of their financing from traditional lending institutions. Our RLF can be used to purchase equipment, machinery, land, buildings, and for working capital.

Disaster Recovery Funding in Mid-MO

Mid-MO Regional Planning Commission's community and economic development activities include working with our cities and counties to secure special funding tied to disaster events.

Presidentially declared disaster events - whether the result of flooding, tornado, pandemic, or other disasters - bring with them opportunities for cities and counties to receive funding for projects that may not otherwise have a funding stream available. The Economic Development Administration (EDA), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) are all examples of funding that typically becomes available after disasters occur. These funding sources can help our communities and our region recover from disasters and be more resilient as we respond to future disaster events.

In FY21, Mid-MO RPC worked with our cities, counties, and other partners on several projects that were able to secure disaster related funding.

Looking ahead into 2022 we will continue to work with our cities and counties to pursue funding associated with the pandemic and other disaster events.

EDA Disaster Funding (DR-4451 2019)

Ranken Technical College new Central Missouri campus - \$4.5 million

Redevelopment of former Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) - \$1.5 million

EDA Revolving Loan Fund (CARES Act)

\$1.5 million to create a revolving loan fund to assist small businesses and entrepreneurs access capital

CDBG Mitigation Funding (DR-4317 2017)

\$500,000 for stormwater improvements in Sturgeon

EDA Supplemental Funding (CARES Act)

Allowed Mid-MO RPC to contract out several projects to benefit the region:

- \$40,000 - Entrepreneurship coach (Jointly funded with the City of Columbia)
- \$40,000 - Downtown revitalization planning in Fayette
- \$11,000 - Community calendar in Cooper County
- \$30,000 - Buy local campaign in Moniteau County
- \$42,000 - Zoning code redevelopment in Fulton



Transportation

Transportation planning is among the core activities of Mid-MO RPC, which we are able to provide through our planning partnership with MoDOT.

As part of our planning partnership with MoDOT, Mid-MO RPC is responsible for maintaining an updated Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), coordinating and facilitating regional transportation discussions through our Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), annually reviewing and prioritizing transportation projects on the state system in our region, and providing technical assistance to our member local governments.

Transportation related technical assistance often includes project development and grant writing activities that help address transportation needs in the region. It also involves Mid-MO RPC completing local transportation plans or transportation elements of local comprehensive plans.

Mid-MO RPC's annual update to our Regional Transportation Needs List begins

with meetings in each of our six counties where city and county officials meet to discuss the transportation needs of their individual jurisdictions. Participants are asked to identify high, medium, and low priority road and bridge projects and multimodal projects — rail, port, airport, pedestrian, transit — in their county. They also identify their top three road and bridge projects for prioritization at the regional level.

This information is then shared with Mid-MO RPC's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) which is made up of representatives from each of our six counties. TAC discusses the local needs identified through the county-level meetings and recommends a final list of transportation priorities based on regional need. These projects are then shared with MoDOT Central District with the ultimate goal of having projects move into MoDOT's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) — MoDOT's plan of what projects it will undertake over the next five years.

Regional Transportation Needs List

The Mid-MO Regional Transportation Needs List includes more than sixty road and bridge projects and thirty multimodal projects.

Our Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) identified the following projects as our top regional road and bridge needs this year.

Project	Description
I-70	Rebuild and expand I-70
US 50 Corridor	Expansion of the existing corridor to a four-lane highway from California to Sedalia
I-70 / US-63 Interchange	Improvement of I-70 / US 63 interchange to reduce traffic on the connector
I-70 / US 54	Improvements to I-70 / US 54 Interchange (possible diverging diamond)
MO River Bridge (Jefferson City)	Extend 3 lanes from Missouri River bridge to Hwy 63 interchange
US 50 / US 63 (Rex Whitton Expressway)	Reduction or elimination of traffic lights in Jefferson City and addition of 3rd lane between Monroe and Broadway.

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

The Mid-MO Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) is responsible for prioritizing applications in our region for MoDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). This funding can be used for sidewalk improvements in communities. Competitive projects often involve improving sidewalk access to schools and/or commercial districts in a community.

TAC recommendations are used as part of funding determinations at the MoDOT Central District level. This year TAC prioritized a sidewalk project in Fulton along Bus 54 as our top regional priority, and the application was ultimately awarded a \$233,872 TAP grant by MoDOT. The project will improve sidewalk access to a local elementary school and commercial businesses along Bus 54.



Region F - RHSOC

Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee

Mid-MO Regional Planning Commission is responsible for assisting the Region F Regional Homeland Security Advisory Committee (RHSOC), with both planning and procurement activities as part of Missouri's regionalization of homeland security framework.

RHSOCs are multi-discipline oversight committees established across the state and are utilized as part of a governance structure and process to facilitate local, community level engagement in grant funding priorities and other homeland security related decisions.

Region F RHSOC is comprised of sixteen disciplines: 911, Agriculture, City or County Public Works, County Commissioner, County Health, County Sheriff, Director of Emergency Management, Education, Emergency Medical Service, Fire Agencies, Geographic Information System (GIS), Homeland Security Response Team, Municipal Government, Police Agencies, Private Industry/Public Utility, and Volunteer Sector.

Mid-MO RPC assists Region F RHSOC through the planning process that identifies threats and risks to the region as well as regional capability gaps.

Local units of government have the opportunity to then apply for funding to purchase equipment and supplies that will help address these gaps through State Homeland Security Program regionalization grants. RHSOC scores and prioritizes applications for funding, and Mid-MO RPC is the entity responsible for procuring all of the equipment and supplies for the awarded projects in Region F.

Region F RHSOC traditionally supports the Mobile Emergency Operations Center (MEOC), Cole County Homeland Security Response Team (HSRT), and Boone County Incident Support Team (IST). Multiple mobile generators, mobile messaging signs, and MOSWIN radios purchases around the region have also been supported by Region F RHSOC.

RHSOC FY20 Projects

Mid-MO RPC is responsible for all procurement activities associated with projects awarded State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) regionalization funding in Region F.

In Mid-MO RPC's FY21, Region F RHSOC scored applications for FY20 SHSP regionalization funding. Below is the complete list of projects awarded FY20 funding in Region F.

Project	Amount
Cole County Homeland Security Response Team	\$76,670
Cole County Mobile Emergency Operations Center	\$11,000
Boone County Incident Support Team (IST) Trailer Sustainment	\$4,668
Boone County Incident Support Team (IST) Trailer Supplies	\$11,497
Boone County Light Tower	\$14,000
Camden County Light Tower	\$14,000
Generator load testing for Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Camden, Cole, Cooper, Gasconade, Moniteau, Montgomery, and Osage counties	\$10,300
Electronic message board batteries for Camden, Cooper, Howard, Montgomery, and Osage counties	\$6,995
Osage County Badging	\$7,920
Cooper County Badging	\$2,931
Cole County Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	\$2,697
Camden County Generator Cables	\$2,225



Hazard Mitigation

An important component of our planning and technical assistance services is assisting our local governments prepare for and mitigate the impact of future disaster events.

Mid-MO RPC is responsible for maintaining and updating county-wide hazard mitigation plans in each of our six counties. The counties, municipal governments, school districts, and other stakeholders in each county are asked to participate in the planning process.

Hazard mitigation plans assess each jurisdiction's mitigation capabilities, analyze the risk associated with a variety of natural hazards that may impact an area, and identify action items that each jurisdiction may undertake to mitigate the impact of these disaster events.

Natural hazards discussed and analyzed during the hazard mitigation planning process include flooding, flash flooding, tornados, severe winter weather, drought, earthquakes, sinkholes, levee and dam failures, and more.

Hazard mitigation plans are required for any jurisdiction seeking FEMA hazard mitigation funding to address issues that may mitigate the impact of natural disasters. Tornado safe rooms, flood buyouts, stormwater improvements, warning sirens, generators, and undergrounding of power lines are all examples of projects that may be funded with hazard mitigation funding.

In FY21, Mid-MO RPC worked with the local governments, school districts, and other stakeholders in Cole County to update the Cole County/Jefferson City Hazard Mitigation Plan which has now been officially approved by FEMA. The county and each city, village, and public school district in Cole County participated in the planning process and has adopted the plan.

Looking ahead into FY22, Mid-MO RPC will be completing hazard mitigation plan updates in Cooper, Howard, Moniteau, and Callaway counties.

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Funding

FEMA hazard mitigation funding may be used to address action items identified in the hazard mitigation planning process and can be divided into three different funding categories: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC), and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA).

HMGP and BRIC funding may be used on a variety of projects, such as, tornado safe rooms, stormwater improvements, warning sirens, generators, undergrounding of utility lines, and more. HMGP is a post-disaster grant program, which means that it is only available after a county has been included as part of a federally declared disaster. BRIC and FMA funding are both non-disaster annually allocated programs. FMA funding may be used for projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings insured by the National Flood Insurance Program.

Jurisdictions seeking HMGP, BRIC, or FMA funding all go through a similar process. After FEMA releases their Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), local jurisdictions must submit a Notice of Interest (NOI) to SEMA which includes the basic elements of the proposed project including scope of work, cost estimate, and source of matching funds. SEMA will then review submitted NOIs and select projects to submit full applications.

Mid-MO RPC has experience with this process and is available to work with communities interested in pursuing FEMA hazard mitigation funding.



CDBG Mitigation Funding

The Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) announced earlier this year a new funding opportunity through its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program focusing on hazard mitigation projects. This new CDBG mitigation funding was made available to low-to-moderate income communities that were impacted by the flooding disaster event that occurred in 2017 (DR-4317).

Eligible projects for CDBG mitigation funding included stormwater improvements, generator purchases, warning sirens, and more.

Mid-MO RPC assisted Sturgeon with securing \$500,000 for stormwater improvements utilizing CDBG mitigation funding. We anticipate another CDBG mitigation funding round in early 2022.

Technical Assistance Projects 2020-2021

Mid-MO RPC places a strong emphasis on providing technical assistance services to the communities in our region. We strive to continually show value to our member communities.

Provided is a map and corresponding descriptions of some of the projects that Mid-MO RPC staff worked on in fiscal year 2021.





1. Ranken Technical College

Mid-MO RPC worked with a strong leadership team in Southern Boone County and Ranken Technical College to secure a \$4.5 million grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to construct a new Ranken Tech. workforce training center in Ashland that will serve Mid-Missouri.



2. Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) Redevelopment

Mid-MO RPC assisted Jefferson City with securing a \$1.5 million grant from EDA that will fund infrastructure improvements which will promote development at the former Missouri State Penitentiary site. This was a special EDA funding allocation tied to the 2019 disaster declaration.



3. Callaway County Regional Sewer District Feasibility Study

Mid-MO RPC was awarded a \$95,000 watershed planning grant through DNR which was used to hire an engineering firm to assist the Callaway County Regional Sewer District complete a regionalization wastewater study in the area around the Route J exit off of Interstate 70.



4. CDBG Mitigation Grant - Sturgeon

Sturgeon was able to secure \$495,000 from the new CDBG Mitigation funding category for stormwater improvements with the assistance of Mid-MO RPC. CDBG Mitigation funding is designed to assist communities mitigate the impacts of natural disasters. This funding becomes available after presidential disaster declarations.



5. Demolition of Dangerous Structures - Armstrong and Sturgeon

Armstrong and Sturgeon have both secured CDBG grants to demolish dangerous buildings with the assistance of Mid-MO RPC. Armstrong was awarded \$125,000 to demolish seven structures and Sturgeon was awarded \$128,643 to demolish nine structures.



6. Wastewater Projects - Bunceton, Fayette, and Russellville

Bunceton, Fayette, and Russellville have all been awarded \$500,000 in CDBG grant funding to make improvements to their wastewater systems. Mid-MO RPC assisted each community with their CDBG application and is serving as grant administrator on each project.



7. Road and Stormwater Projects - Blackwater and Russellville

Blackwater and Russellville have both secured CDBG grant funding for road and stormwater improvements. Mid-MO RPC worked with each community to develop competitive projects, assisted with the application, and is serving as grant administrator on each project.



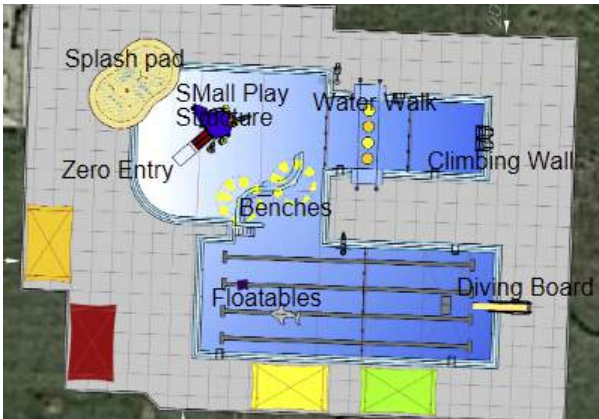
8. USDA Rural Business Development Grant - Co-Mo Electric Cooperative

Mid-MO RPC assisted Co-Mo Electric Cooperative with securing a USDA grant that allowed Co-Mo to complete preliminary engineering work on two sites in Cooper and Moniteau counties as well as create cutting-edge immersive virtual technology to market these sites.



9. DNR Historic Courthouse Preservation Planning Grant - Moniteau County

Mid-MO RPC worked with the Moniteau County Commission to secure a DNR Historic Courthouse Preservation Planning Program grant. The grant is an important step in planning for future courthouse improvements in a way that complies with historic preservation standards.



10. DNR Outdoor Recreation Grants - California

Mid-MO RPC assisted California complete an application for a \$500,000 outdoor recreation grant that will help fund a new aquatic center outside of the existing California city pool. The new facility will include an outdoor zero-entry pool, splash pad, play structure, and more.



11. Comprehensive Plans - Centertown and Russellville

Mid-MO RPC worked with Centertown and Russellville to complete comprehensive plans for their communities. Comprehensive plans are important tools for planning and zoning enforcement and increase competitiveness for a variety of grant applications.



12. Water Tower Project - Centertown

Centertown was able to secure \$625,000 in CDBG grant funding with the assistance of Mid-MO RPC. The CDBG grant will be combined with local funds and a DNR grant which will allow Centertown to construct a new water tower. Mid-MO RPC is also serving as CDBG grant administrator on the project.



Missouri Association of COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT

The Missouri Association of Councils of Local Governments (MACOG) is the statewide organization of Missouri's nineteen regional planning commissions (RPCs) and councils of governments (COGs).

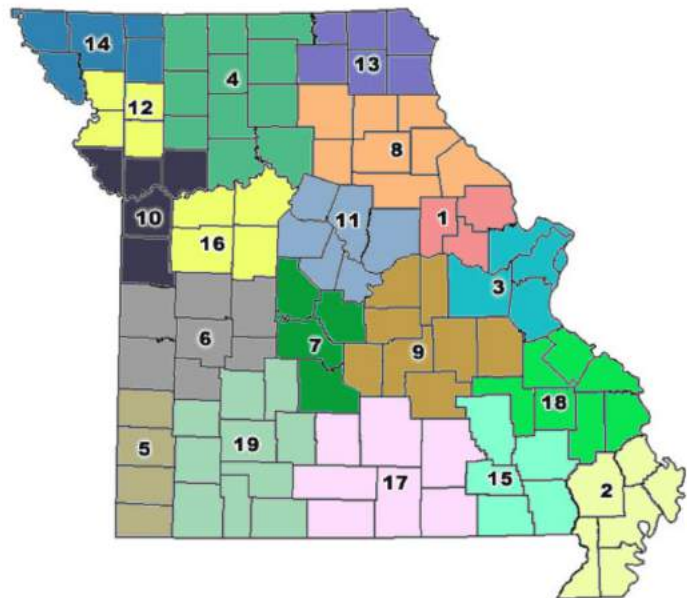
This statewide network allows RPCs and COGs in Missouri to coordinate on statewide planning and technical assistance initiatives including the MoDOT planning framework, the regionalization of homeland security through RHSOCs, FEMA hazard mitigation planning, and more. MACOG has also been involved in statewide efforts to combat and recover from COVID-19. As part of this effort, MACOG will be an

integral partner with the state moving forward in 2022 with a broadband planning effort that will provide important broadband planning studies for eight multi-county clusters in the most broadband challenged areas of the state.

MACOG also serves as a professional development resource for RPCs and COGs. RPC and COG Executive Directors from across the state meet monthly to hear from state and federal agencies and discuss programs and funding opportunities that may benefit local governments. It also serves as a forum for the sharing of best practices among RPCs and COGs.

Missouri Regional Planning Commissions and Councils of Government

- 1.Boonslick Regional Planning Commission
- 2.Bootheel Regional Planning Commission and Economic Development Commission
- 3.East-West Gateway Council of Local Governments
- 4.Green Hills Regional Planning Commission
- 5.Harry S Truman Coordinating Council
- 6.Kaysinger Basin Regional Planning Commission
- 7.Lake of the Ozarks Council of Local Governments
- 8.Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments
- 9.Meramec Regional Planning Commission
- 10.Mid-America Regional Council
- 11.Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission
- 12.Mo-Kan Regional Council
- 13.Northeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission
- 14.Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments
- 15.Ozark Foothills Regional Planning Commission
- 16.Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission
- 17.South Central Ozark Council of Governments
- 18.Southeast Missouri Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission
- 19.Southwest Missouri Council of Governments





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