City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: January 5, 2015

Item: Council Bill No. 2015-400
Originating Department: PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Attachments: 1) Sub-recipient Agreement
2) Council Bill No 2015-400

Department Head: Troy Bolander	Date:
Finance Director: Leslie Haase	Date:
City Attorney: Peter Edwards	Date:
City Manager: Samuel Anselm	Date:

INTRODUCTION:

The following is an agreement between the City of Joplin and the Economic Security Corporation Southwest Area for 2014 HOME Housing Rehabilitation funds.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Joplin helped create a (Home Partnership Investment Program) HOME consortium with Jasper County and other communities in the County to bring more federal housing dollars to the area. The purpose of the consortium is to address housing needs in the area by bringing owner-occupied homes up to code, construct new affordable housing, acquire/rehabilitate homes, and provide homeownership assistance.

The attached agreement is a continuation of the City's relationship with the Economic Security Corporation (ESC) to rehabilitate owner occupied homes within the region. This program will provide $136,183.50 in 2014 HOME funds for the rehabilitation of homes owned by low-to-moderate income families or individuals. The maximum assistance available will be $25,000 per house with additional costs allowed for project management administration provided by ESC. The allocation should provide adequate funding for approximately six (6) rehabilitation projects.

RECOMMENDATION:

These activities have received prior approval from the Council as part of the 2014 Action Plan. Staff recommends approval of the agreement on an emergency basis, meaning of Section 2.12(1) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Joplin, Missouri, in that said ordinance deals with a public health and safety issues, so ESC can continue with housing rehabilitation projects under the HOME program.