City of Joplin **City Council Agenda Item**

REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE: January 5, 2015

ITEM: Council Bill No. 2015-450 approving a lease agreement between the City of Joplin (City) and Aids Project of the Ozarks, Inc. (APO), providing for lease of office space at the Joplin Health Department for APO staff providing services for Joplin area residents.

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Health Department
ATTACHMENTS: Council Bill No. 2015-450

HEALTH DIRECTOR:	Dan Pekarek	**DATE:**
INTERIM CITY MANAGER:	Sam Anselm	**DATE:**
CITY ATTORNEY:	Peter C. Edwards	**DATE:**
FINANCE DIRECTOR:	Leslie Haase	**DATE:**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends approval of this Council Bill.

SUMMARY:

APO is a non-profit organization based in Springfield, MO that provides various case management and testing services for individuals at risk of or living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) or Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS). The organization has for several years provided these services in Joplin while operating out of minimal office space provided to them at no charge at the Joplin Health Dept. This arrangement has been advantageous for both entities as well as for clients as many of the clients served live in or near Joplin and the co-location of offices allows for better coordination between health dept. and APO staff in the handling of cases.

Recently APO approached the City requesting the use of additional office space in order to house additional staff due to increasing case load in the Joplin area. At that point discussions ensued about the appropriateness of the City charging rent for the office space used. This agreement establishes a formal lease agreement for the space utilized by APO and sets a monthly rent amount as calculated by the City Finance Dept.

Staff recommends approval of this council bill on first reading.