City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: January 19, 2016

Item: CDBG-DR Sub-Recipient Agreement with Ozark Center
Originating Department: Planning & Community Development

Attachments: 1) Council Bill No. 2016-400
2) CDBG-DR Sub-Recipient Agreement

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Recommended Action: Approval of Council Bill No. 2016-400

INTRODUCTION:
The following Council Bill is for an agreement between the City of Joplin and Ozark Center to pay for salaries and benefits for staff to provide in-patient and out-patient mental health services to children and adults in the City of Joplin who suffer from conditions related to the May 2011 tornado. City Council previously approved this activity in the Round 2 Community Development Block Grant Program – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Amendment 9 (Partial Action Plan #5) on September 8, 2015.

DISCUSSION:
Ozark Center's main goal of the services provided is to improve the health of the communities served by providing contemporary, innovative, trauma-informed, quality healthcare solutions. The proposed mental health services will increase the access to trauma-informed care.

At least 51% of services will be provided to both uninsured and under-insured LMI individuals to help combat conditions related to trauma as a result of the tornado, some of which include post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety disorders, depression, and substance abuse. The services to be provided include 24 hour crisis services, individual, group and family therapy, residential care, inpatient/outpatient psychiatric services, substance abuse/addiction, support groups, and in-home support.

The agreement provides for reimbursement of costs in an amount not to exceed $110,000.00 that will be incurred to hire a combination of new employees for a portion of full time salaries and benefits for Therapists, Psychology Interns, and Community Support/Outreach employees.

RECOMMENDATION:
City Staff recommends the approval of this Council Bill 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 the preservation of public health, so Ozark Center may provide services to increase access to care which increases patient functional status, allowing them to be healthy citizens, productive employees, and functional community members.