City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: February 2, 2015

Item: CDBG-DR Sub-Recipient Agreement with Crosslines Churches of the Joplin Area, Inc.
Originating Department: Planning & Community Development

Attachments: 1) Council Bill No. 2015-401
2) CDBG-DR Sub-Recipient Agreement

Planning and Community Development Director: Troy Bolander	Date:
Finance Department: Leslie Haase	Date:
City Attorney: Peter Edwards	Date:
City Manager: Samuel Anselm	Date:

Recommended Action: Approval of Council Bill No. 2015-401

INTRODUCTION:

The following Council Bill is for an agreement between the City of Joplin and Crosslines Churches of the Joplin Area, Inc. (Crosslines) to provide funding for the rehabilitation of a larger facility to accommodate the expanded services Crosslines is providing as a result additional needs since May, 2011. City Council previously approved this activity in the Round 2 Community Development Block Grant Program – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Partial Action Plan on October 20, 2014.

DISCUSSION:

Crosslines is a community of cross-denominational volunteers whose main mission is to supply emergency food, clothing, hygiene items, baby supplies and basic household necessities. Additionally Crosslines provides assistance with rental and utility obligations in crisis situations.

In September, 2011, The Salvation Army of Joplin closed their Food Pantry and stopped distributing Government Food Commodities so they could focus on tornado case management. Crosslines is now the only entity in the Joplin area that distributes Government Food Commodities. This has resulted in the need for larger food pantry space to adequately serve those in need. Crosslines has also seen an increased need for the other services they provide since May, 2011.

The agreement provides for reimbursement of costs in an amount not to exceed $474,560.00 that will be incurred in the rehabilitation and retrofitting of a building at 320 School Avenue in accordance with HUD CDBG-DR and City of Joplin requirements.

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 public health and safety issues, so Crosslines may complete the retrofit of a facility to accommodate for the emergency services for those in need.