CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2024-607– Annual approval of MODOT Grants (4).

MEETING DATE
February 20, 2024

ORIGINATING DEPT
Police Department

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill 2024-607, MODOT grant paperwork for City Council Signature for **1.** DWI Officers **2.** DWI Enforcement Overtime **3.** Hazardous Moving Violation Enforcement Overtime **4**. Pedestrian Safety Education/Enforcement.

REVIEWED BY
Dept. Head: Police Chief Richard Pearson; Director of Finance: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nicholas Edwards.

SUMMARY
This Council Bill approves grant funding from MODOT for 50% of salaries, fringe benefits and overtime costs for two full time DWI officers, , and one replacement DWI Fulltime Unit Vehicle in the amount of $146,058; overtime costs and fringe benefit costs for DWI Enforcement details and Youth Alcohol Enforcement details in the amount of $31,500; overtime costs and fringe benefit costs for Hazardous Moving Violation Enforcement in the amount of $42,000; and overtime costs and fringe benefit costs for pedestrian safety education and enforcement details in the amount of $7,700.

BACKGROUND
The Joplin Police Department's DWI Unit consistently leads the State in DWI arrests when compared to other DWI units that are funded under the same grant. Currently we have two officers assigned fulltime to the DWI Enforcement Unit. The first grant will pay for a replacement vehicle for one of these two positions. The second grant will be utilized to cover overtime costs and fringe benefits for DWI enforcement details for officers not assigned to the unit. The third grant will be utilized to cover overtime costs and fringe benefits for Hazardous Moving Violation details. These details are used to focus enforcement efforts on Hazardous Moving Violations that occur within the city limits of Joplin. The efforts are focused in high crash locations and they have been instrumental in keeping our crash numbers down each year. We have realized a 5.16% reduction in crashes from 2022 to 2023. The fourth grant will be utilized to cover overtime costs and fringe benefits for pedestrian safety education and enforcement details. Thus far in 2024 we have had two fatality crashes involving pedestrians.

FUNDING SOURCE
Missouri Department of Transportation.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends adoption of this Council Bill on an Emergency basis; being an ordinance dealing generally with payment of current city government expenses, to be an emergency within the meaning of Section 2.12(3) of the HOME RULE CHARTER of the City of Joplin, Missouri, and as such, this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.