# CITY OF JOPLIN
# COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

**ITEM**
Council Bill 2026-604– Annual approval of MODOT Grants (3).

**MEETING DATE**
March 2, 2026

**ORIGINATING DEPT**
Police Department

**ATTACHMENTS**
Council Bill 2026-604, MODOT grant paperwork for City Council Signature for **1.** DWI Unit **2.** DWI Enforcement Overtime **3.** Hazardous Moving Violation Enforcement Overtime.

**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 and training in the amount of $162,000; overtime costs and fringe benefit costs for DWI Enforcement details and Youth Alcohol Enforcement details, and operating equipment in the amount of $35,840; and overtime costs and fringe benefit costs for Hazardous Moving Violation Enforcement, and operating equipment and training in the amount of $44,700. The deadline for the Grant application is March 1, 2026, however MODOT has allowed an extension for approval by council at the March 2 meeting.

**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 one officer assigned full-time to the DWI Enforcement Unit, with one full-time position open due to staffing issues. The first grant will pay for 50% of salaries, fringe benefits and training for these two positions. The second grant will be utilized to cover overtime costs and fringe benefits, and operating equipment for DWI enforcement details for officers not assigned to the unit. The third grant will be utilized to cover overtime costs and fringe benefits, operating equipment and training 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 on high crash locations, and they have been instrumental in keeping our crash numbers low each year. We have seen a 4.5% increase in total crashes from 2024 to 2025. Fatality crashes decreased from 13 in 2024 to 7 in 2025, with no reported pedestrian fatality crashes in 2025.

**FUNDING SOURCE**
These grants are included in the FY2026 General Fund Budget.

**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.