CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2025-606– Annual approval of MODOT Grants (3).

MEETING DATE
February 18, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPT
Police Department

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill 2025-606, MODOT grant paperwork for City Council Signature for **1.** DWI Officers **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 and training for two full time DWI officers, in the amount of $85,600; overtime costs and fringe benefit costs for DWI Enforcement details and Youth Alcohol Enforcement details, and operating equipment in the amount of $37,220; and overtime costs and fringe benefit costs for Hazardous Moving Violation Enforcement, and operating equipment and training in the amount of $44,650.

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 a recent promotion. 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 down each year. We have seen a slight increase in total crashes from 2023 to 2024. There were sixteen additional crashes which amounted to an increase of just over 1%.

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.