CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2025-607– Modular Vehicle Barrier System Grant Purchase

MEETING DATE
February 18, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPT
Police Department

ATTACHMENTS
A. Council Bill 2025-607, **B**. LETPA Subaward Agreement, **C**. AST Sole Source Letter, **D**. AST product Proposal, **E.** AST Barrier System Brochure.

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 funding from the Missouri Department of Public Safety State Homeland Security Program for the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LEPTA) grant in the amount of $179,209.00 to purchase a Fully Loaded Trailer Package including 72 Units with a potential coverage of 10 lanes of traffic.

BACKGROUND
In September of 2024, we submitted a grant proposal to the Missouri Department of Public Safety State Homeland Security Program for the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) grant funding opportunity. The grant proposal sought full funding for the purchase of an MVB3X modular barrier system, which includes the following items:

- 72 individual MVB3X units
- 32 barrier pivot systems
- 2 fixed slide wheels
- 6 rotating slide wheels
- 4 storage/shipping boxes
- 4 sets of 10 ICS sequential flares (rechargeable)
- 4 banners to cover 8 x MVB3X
- Custom trailer for storage and transportation
- Shipping to Joplin

The proposed cost for this barrier system was $179,209.00. We submitted the grant in September of 2024 and we received notice that our grant was approved for full funding in November of 2024. The grant was marked "underway" on February 5th, 2025, and we received approval from the Missouri Department of Public Safety for the sole source vendor on February 5th, 2025. The only caveat for the grant award is that we agree to deploy these to Kansas City for the World Cup in June of 2026- July 2026.

This barrier system will be ideal for vehicle denial capabilities for events and situations such as third Thursday events, parades, 4th of July celebrations, or any other time we need to ensure heightened security for an area of a roadway.

FUNDING SOURCE

This item includes a budget amendment for the grant revenue and expenditure.

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.