CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Resolution 2023-003 – authorizing the filing of an application in pursuit of a Wastewater Regionalization Incentive Grant with the City of Diamond as administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)

MEETING DATE
March 6, 2023

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT
Public Works/Engineering

ATTACHMENTS
Resolution 2023-003; Sample Resolution from MDNR; Exhibit Map

REVIEWED BY
Director of Public Works – Daniel Johnson; Director of Finance: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; Assistant City Manager – Tony Robyn; City Manager: Nicholas Edwards.

SUMMARY
This Resolution authorizes City staff to file an application for a Wastewater Regionalization Incentive Grant with the City of Diamond as administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).

BACKGROUND
Every year the MDNR accepts applications for Clean Water State Revolving Fund Regionalization Incentive grants. The primary focus of the grant is on incentivizing projects that would not be completed without this funding, and reducing the number of small facilities that are currently under or likely to come under enforcement action with the MDNR. This funding opportunity is intended to provide municipalities with an incentive to construct connections for small, struggling facilities who currently discharge effluent to Missouri waterways. The entities responsible for these small facilities often lack the financial and technical resources to upgrade their wastewater treatment facilities to meet more stringent limits and operate their facilities appropriately. These facilities typically serve such a small number of connections that the cost to comply with permit conditions is a significant financial challenge for the users.

The MDNR's Wastewater Regionalization Incentive Grant covers 100 percent of all eligible costs, including planning, designing, and constructing an approved sewer connection. The City of Joplin is not obligating itself to fund such a connection with Diamond, should the MDNR not award the grant. With this resolution, Council is authorizing City staff to file an application for the grant.

FUNDING SOURCE
N/A

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2023-003 authorizing the filing of an application in pursuit of Wastewater Regionalization Incentive Grant as administered by the MDNR.