City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: March 21, 2016

Item: CDBG-DR Sub-Recipient Agreement with Joplin Schools
Originating Department: Planning & Community Development

Attachments: 1) Council Bill No. 2016-404
2) CDBG-DR Sub-Recipient Agreement

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Recommended Action: Approval of Council Bill No. 2016-404

INTRODUCTION:

The following Council Bill is for an agreement between the City of Joplin and Joplin Schools to provide funding assistance for the design and construction of a facility to serve as an Early Childhood Center. City Council previously approved this activity as part of the Capital Plan adopted July 7, 2015, and in the Round 2 Community Development Block Grant Program – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Amendment 11 (Partial Action Plan #6) on January 15, 2016.

DISCUSSION:

The approximately 40,000 square feet Center will provide half-day educational preschool services for children ages three through five. Joplin Schools will use the Developmental Tasks for Kindergarten Readiness-II, (DTKR II) to also identify children at-risk and eligible for Title 1 services planned within the center. In addition, to help accommodate working parents, child care services will be offered to children enrolled in the Early Childhood program. The Early Childhood Education Program is currently still operating out of FEMA trailers. Additionally, Joplin Schools documented that a number of child care slots have not been replaced since the tornado. The Center will provide at least 51% of the services to low-to-moderate (LMI) income families.

The total estimated cost for design, construction and project oversight is $10,000,000. The State of Missouri has committed $5,000,000 of the State CDBG-DR funds to complete the Center. A press conference was held by the Governor on February 12, 2016 at the McKinley Elementary School to announce their financial commitment.

This agreement provides for reimbursement of costs in an amount not to exceed $4,750,000.00 that will be incurred to provide funding assistance for the design, construction and project oversight of the Early Childhood Center. The City of Joplin will retain $250,000 of the allocated CDBG-DR project budget for costs associated with the Administration/Activity Delivery required for execution of the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Staff recommends the approval of this Council Bill on an emergency basis, meaning of Section 2.12(1) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Joplin, Missouri, in that said ordinance deals with the preservation of public health, so Joplin Schools may provide services to increase access to quality Early Childhood Education.