CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Resolution 2024-008 – Approval for the support of the intent to apply for a $500,000.00 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant and committing to the matching portion of the project

MEETING DATE
June 3, 2024

ORIGINATING DEPT
Finance

ATTACHMENTS
Resolution 2024-008

REVIEWED BY
Department Head: Leslie Haase; Planning, Community Development and Neighborhood Improvement Director: Troy Bolander; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nick Edwards

SUMMARY
This Resolution grants approval for the support of the City's intent to apply for a $500,000.00 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant and committing to the matching portion of the project in the amount of $25,000.00.

BACKGROUND
HUD is seeking projects to be funded using Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant funds. The Choice Neighborhoods program leverages significant public and private dollars to support locally driven strategies that address struggling neighborhoods with distressed public or HUD-assisted housing through a comprehensive approach to neighborhood transformation. Local leaders, residents, and stakeholders, such as public housing authorities, cities, schools, police, business owners, nonprofits, and private developers, come together to create and implement a plan that revitalizes distressed HUD housing and addresses the challenges in the surrounding neighborhood. The program helps communities transform neighborhoods by revitalizing severely distressed public and/or assisted housing and catalyzing critical improvements in the neighborhood, including vacant property, housing, businesses, services and schools. The City is partnering with the Housing Authority on this grant application for a planning grant for the neighborhood that includes Murphy Manor. The grant application is due by June 7, 2024. This is a planning grant, which is step one of this opportunity. If the City is successful with this grant, the City will be eligible to apply for the implementation grant. In prior years, the maximum award for an implementation grant was $50,000,000.00. The maximum planning grant award is $500,000.00 and requires a 5% match. With this resolution, Council is committing to HUD that upon grant award, the City will complete the plan and provide the matching funds.

FUNDING SOURCE
The Community Planning Fund will provide the grant match for this project, if awarded.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends approval of this resolution.