CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2025-612– $150,000 for FY25 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Implementation Projects.

MEETING DATE
June 16, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPT
Police Department

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill 2025-612, PDF Document of Grant Opportunity

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 application for the **FY25 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Implementation Projects** grant opportunity**.** The grant application process requires city council approval before the application is submitted. The award amount is up to $150,000. We will not know the exact amount until the grant is awarded. There are no matching funds required.

BACKGROUND
Funding Opportunity: O-COPS-2025-172386
Closing Date: June 24, 2025 (Must submit grant application by this date)
Source: Community Oriented Policing Services/DOJ

The Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) program will fund the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for law enforcement officers and their families through the implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, stress reduction, clinical support, and other promising practices for wellness programs.

FUNDING SOURCE
Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services.

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.