CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2025-613–Grant Award of up to $500,000 for Enhancing De-Escalation and Crisis Response Training for Law Enforcement – Support for Law Enforcement Agencies.

MEETING DATE
June 16, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPT
Police Department

ATTACHMENTS
Council Bill 2025-613, 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 Safer Outcomes: Enhancing De-Escalation and Crisis Response Training for Law Enforcement – Support for Law Enforcement Agencies** grant opportunity. The grant application process requires city council approval before the application is submitted. The award amount is up to $500,000. We will not know what the final amount is until we are awarded the grant. There are no matching funds required.

BACKGROUND
Funding Opportunity: O-COPS-2025-172387
Closing Date: June 24, 2025 (Must submit application by this date)
Source: Community Oriented Policing Services/DOJ

Provides funding to law enforcement agencies to promote safe outcomes during police encounters with persons in crisis. Grant program will cover crisis response training, de-escalation training and an interdisciplinary response to team to assist individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.
Awards will be made to law enforcement agencies seeking to implement training and related supports. Training is supported for law enforcement officers, support personnel employed by law enforcement agencies, campus public safety officers, and mental health professionals working on a crisis intervention team.

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.