CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM:
Council Bill 2024-279 – Approving a Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Joplin and Economic Security Corporation (ESC)

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:
Planning, Development, and Neighborhood Services

MEETING DATE;
August 5, 2024

REVIEWED BY;
Director of Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services- Troy Bolander, Director of Finance-Leslie Haase, City Attorney- Peter Edwards, Assistant City Manager-Tony Robyn, City Manager-Nick Edwards.

SUMMARY;
This council bill approves the Subrecipient Agreement authorizing Economic Security Corporation to administer the Joplin Homeowners Rehabilitation Program (JHRP), a program that was approved by Council Resolution 2023-005.

BACKGROUND;
The federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) for the purpose of responding to the impact of COVID-19 and the affects felt within communities, residents, and businesses across the nation. The funding aims to provide local governments with the resources to respond to the public health emergency and its economic impacts within four allowable use categories.

The Department of Treasury awarded the State of Missouri a $2.5 billion share of federal funding after which time the Missouri General Assembly appropriated $100 million of the State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED) for community development and revitalization. The DED then established the ARPA Community Revitalization Grant Program, a competitive program that requires a 50% funding match. The City of Joplin applied to and was awarded $3.5 million with the $3.5 million match provided through the City's local ARPA award.

The Seven Million funding stream is supplying three housing projects that will advance neighborhood revitalization in three distinct ways. Joplin Homeowner's Assistance, Joplin Homeowners Rehabilitation and a Demolition Program.

Two Million dollars was allocated to the Joplin Homeowners Rehabilitation Program and Economic Security Corporation has agreed to Administer the program under the federal guidelines of the ARPA grant.

FUNDING SOURCE

This Council Bill includes a budget amendment from general fund use tax proceeds for ESC's fee.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of this council bill for the administration of the Joplin Homeowners Rehabilitation Program with Economic Security Corporation (ESC).

ATTACHMENTS

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Subrecipient Agreement with Economic Security Corporation