City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: August 15, 2016

Item: CDBG-DR Sub-Recipient Agreement with Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation
Originating Department: Planning & Community Development

Attachments: 1) Council Bill No. 2016-408
2) CDBG-DR Sub-Recipient Agreement

Planning and Community Development Director: Troy Bolander	Date:
Finance Department: Leslie Haase	Date:
City Attorney: Peter Edwards	Date:
City Manager: Samuel Anselm	Date:

Recommended Action: Approval of Council Bill No. 2016-408

INTRODUCTION:

The following Council Bill is for an agreement between the City of Joplin and The Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation to provide funding to purchase and install furniture, fixtures, and equipment as a part of the Advanced Training and Technology Center (ATTC) - Phase II- the final phase. This equipment is required for the development and execution of the proposed training programs/classes for ATTC Phase I which was previously approved by City Council on July 20, 2016 for the purchase and renovation of a building to serve as an Advanced Training and Technology Center. City Council previously approved these activities 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 16 (Partial Action Plan #7) on May 16, 2016.

DISCUSSION:

The Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation in conjunction with Crowder College need to purchase and install furniture, fixtures and equipment required to develop and execute the proposed training programs/classes as a part of the Advanced Training and Technology Center- Phase II. The Center will provide the following classes/programs which are tentatively scheduled to start in Spring 2017:
- Advanced Welding Training Program
- Advanced Manufacturing Training Program
- Advanced Drafting/CAD & Computer Network Training
- Equipment requirement for Computer Infrastructure classes
- Equipment required for a Commercial Kitchen

The Joplin community continues to recover from the devastating 2011 tornado. A critical component of the recovery is employing the unemployed and upgrading the skill sets of the

underemployed. The proposed Advanced Training and Technology Center (Phase II) will help fill gaps in the City of Joplin's workforce by providing better-skilled workers to existing and new companies, and enable local residents, particularly those with low/moderate incomes (LMI) to advance their skills and, consequently, their standard of living.

The agreement provides for reimbursement of costs in an amount not to exceed $2,470,000 that will be incurred for the purchase and installation of the furniture, fixtures, and equipment required for the development and execution of the proposed training programs/classes as a part of the Advanced Training and Technology Center (Phase I). The execution of this agreement is contingent on the approval of the Partial Action Plan #7- Amendment # 16 that was submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for their approval in May, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Staff recommends this Council Bill be placed on First Reading.