# CITY OF JOPLIN
# COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

**ITEM**
Council Bill 2023-515 – Approving a contract for an extension with Guidehouse to continue to provide grant related assistance

**MEETING DATE**
August 21, 2023

**ORIGINATING DEPT**
Finance

**ATTACHMENTS**
CB 2023-515 Ordinance; Exhibit "A" Guidehouse Agreement

**REVIEWED BY**
Department Head: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nick Edwards

**SUMMARY**
This Council Bill approves a contract for an extension with Guidehouse to provide grant related assistance on behalf of the City.

**BACKGROUND**
In June of 2022 following a bid process, the City hired Guidehouse to maximize the City's ARPA allocation and apply for State ARPA grants, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) grants, Infrastructure and Investment Act (IIJA) grants, as well as other grant opportunities identified on behalf of the City. Guidehouse was also hired to ultimately help the City formulate a final spending plan for the City's ARPA allocation, as well as give regular updates to the City Council and the public on the grant applications. The original contract was for a one-year period in the amount of $375,000.00.

While the applications for the State ARPA funds are complete along with the City's ARPA Spending Plan, the BIL and IIJA grant opportunities have been slower to develop and will continue to be released in the upcoming months. In order to continue to apply for these grant opportunities, an extension of the contract is required. The contract will go through December 31, 2024 in the not to exceed amount of $375,000.00, the same as the original contract. The City will have the ability to stop this work at any point during the contract.

Under this contract, Guidehouse has been successful in bringing nearly $29 million in grant dollars to the City of Joplin, which will save our local taxpayers from funding these projects while also bringing the resources for this community to achieve transformational projects with an estimated cost of $60.3 million that will have a long-lasting impact well into the future.

**FUNDING SOURCE**
This item also includes a general fund budget amendment for the cost of this contract.

**RECOMMENDATION**
Staff recommends approval of this council bill on an emergency basis in order to continue the Guidehouse contract.