City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: September 6, 2016

Item: Council Bill 2016-371
Originating Department: Planning & Community Development

Attachments: 1) 2014 New Construction Agreement
2) 2015 New Construction Agreement
3) Council Bill No 2016-371

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INTRODUCTION
The following agreements are between the City of Joplin and Economic Security Corporation of Southwest Area (ESC) for use of 2014 and 2015 HOME Funds.

DISCUSSION:
The City of Joplin helped create a (Home Partnership Investment Program) HOME consortium with Jasper County and other communities in the County to bring more federal housing dollars to the area. The purpose of the consortium is to address housing needs in the area by bringing owner-occupied homes up to code, constructing new affordable housing, acquiring and rehabilitating homes, and providing homeownership assistance.

These agreements are with ESC to act as owner and developer of a property for new construction of two single family homes within the region. This program will provide funding for the following projects:

- $90,000 of FY 2014 HOME funds and $24,879.25 of FY2013 HOME funds for the construction of a home to be sold to a low-moderate income family.
- $90,000 of FY2015 HOME funds for the construction of a second home to be sold to low-moderate income family.

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends approval of the agreement with ESC to continue the new construction portion of the HOME Program on an Emergency basis. These activities have received prior approval from the Council as part of the 2014 and 2015 Action Plan(s).