CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2021-452 – approving a Program Services Contract between the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and the City of Joplin.

MEETING DATE
September 7, 2021

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT
Health Department

ATTACHMENTS
CB2021-452 Ordinance and the DHSS Program Services Contract

REVIEWED BY
Dept. Head: Ryan Talken; Director of Finance: Leslie Haase; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; City Manager: Nicholas Edwards.

SUMMARY
This Council Bill authorizes a Program Services Contract between the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and the City of Joplin providing funding to assist with local efforts surrounding case investigation, epidemiology, communications, contact tracing response and coordination and reporting activities related to COVID-19.

BACKGROUND
Disease case investigation and isolation of ill individuals, in concert with quarantine of exposed individuals is a standard method of communicable disease control used by public health professionals. COVID-19 has caused significant demands upon the health department to be able to meet the demands for investigation and isolation of positive COVID-19 cases, as well as the subsequent quarantine of contacts to cases. The health department has used both repurposed department staff and has employed the services of temporary staff specifically purposed for COVID-19 response. This grant provides funding to the City of Joplin to continue the activities associated with the ongoing efforts associated with the COVID-19 response.

The period for this agreement is March 16, 2020, through March 15, 2022, and the total anticipated reimbursement from this agreement is up to $78,805.00. No local match is required for participation in this contract.

FUNDING SOURCE
The source of funding is the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services contract.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends approval of this Council Bill No. 2021-452, on an emergency basis due to the funding period of the grant and to prevent the delay of approval of the contract for invoicing purposes.