City of **JOPLIN** City Council Agenda Item

Requested Council Meeting Date: September 19, 2016

Item: Council Bill 2016-375
Originating Department: Planning & Community Development

Attachments: 1) 2015 New Housing Rehabilitation Agreement
2) 2016 New Housing Rehabilitation Agreement
2) Council Bill No 2016-375

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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 2015 and 2016 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.

The attached agreement is a continuation of the City's relationship with the Economic Security Corporation of Southwest Missouri to rehabilitate owner occupied homes within the region. This program will provide funding for the following projects:

- $75,000 of FY2015 HOME funds for the rehabilitation of three homes whose owners are low-moderate income residents.
- $82,500 of FY2016 HOME funds for the rehabilitation of three additional homes whose owners are low-moderate income residents.

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 2015 and 2016 Action Plan(s).