CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2024-403 – approving a public service agreement to fund the Homeless Management Information System

MEETING DATE
December 16, 2024

REVIEWED BY
Director of Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services – Troy Bolander, Director of Finance – Leslie Haase, City Attorney – Peter Edwards, Assistant City Manager – Tony Robyn City Manager – Nick Edwards

SUMMARY
The following agreement is between the City of Joplin and The Joplin Homeless Coalition for 2024 Community Development Block Grant funds.

BACKGROUND
The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) database tracks the total number, special conditions, needs and demographics of the homeless. This database is an important tool to address the issue of homelessness and meet the needs of the City homeless. This database is also critical in demonstrating need in the process of leveraging non-City funds for the organizations who work for the prevention and the assistance of homelessness. The attached agreement is a renewal of funding for the Joplin Homeless Coalition to continue to manage the Homeless Management Information System. The funds will be used to offset licensing expenses as well as expenses related to the collection and reporting of data.

HMIS Participation has increased in the last program year in accordance with the Homelessness Strategic Plan. Most notably, Souls Harbor has been receiving training in the HMIS system, a critical point of contact with the population.

FUNDING SOURCE
This Council Bill provides Seventeen Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents ($17,000.00) from Community Development Block Grant B24MC290008.

RECOMMENDATION
These activities have received prior approval from the Council as part of the 2024 Action Plan.

Staff recommends approval of the agreement, so the Homeless Coalition can continue with HMIS database management under the CDBG program.

ATTACHMENTS
CB 2024-403 Ordinance
2024 Homeless Coalition Agreement