CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

ITEM
Council Bill 2022-543 – Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Missouri Southern State University (MSSU) for an ARPA contribution

MEETING DATE
December 19, 2022

ORIGINATING DEPT
Finance

ATTACHMENTS
CB 2022-543 Ordinance; Exhibit "A" Memorandum of Understanding; MSSU Description of Health Science Innovation Center; Unfunded Community High Project Priority List

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

SUMMARY
This Council Bill approves a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Missouri Southern State University (MSSU) for an ARPA contribution.

BACKGROUND
The City of Joplin received an allocation of $13,779,739.00 of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) as a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). In order to develop a spending plan for the City's ARPA allotment, the City Council, along with City staff, prioritized an unfunded community project list.

Missouri Southern State University (MSSU) received SLFRF funds from the State of Missouri to build a new $30 million Health Science Innovation Center provided they raise 50% of the cost of construction. Included in the high priority portion of the unfunded community project list is a request for $1.5 million to help fund the matching portion of this visionary project.

This MOU sets forth the commitment by the City to contribute $1.5 million of the nearly $13.8 million City ARPA allocation for the construction of this facility, if MSSU raises the remaining needed funds by June 30, 2024.

FUNDING SOURCE
The funding source is the City's ARPA allocation.

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends approval of this council bill on first reading.