

## **CITY OF JOPLIN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

### **ITEM**

Council Bill 2020-451 – approving a Program Services Contract between the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and the City of Joplin.

### **MEETING DATE**

September 8, 2020

### **ORIGINATING DEPT**

Health Department

### **ATTACHMENTS**

CB2020-451 Ordinance and the DHSS Program Services Contract.

### **REVIEWED BY**

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### **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, 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 demands for investigation and isolation of positive COVID-19 cases, as well as the subsequent quarantine of contacts of the cases. In early response to COVID-19 cases, the health department repurposed department staff to be able to conduct these disease control activities. These staff are unable to keep up with the increasing demand for case work, thus necessitating the need to hire additional temporary staff to assist with these activities. The health department has begun hiring these temporary staff and the city is preparing to request CARES Act funding reimbursements from both Jasper and Newton Counties for the cost of these staff and necessary supplies, equipment, etc. This grant provides funding directly to the city health department for COVID-19 response.

The period for this agreement is August 1, 2020 through March 31, 2022 and the total anticipated reimbursement from this agreement is \$71,150. 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 adoption of this Council Bill on an emergency basis due to funding period of the grant.