The original construction of the Joplin Athletic Complex was funded by stormwater and parks sales tax money in 2008.

Today the annual cost to operate the Complex is approximately $600,000.

This new program will make use of sales tax money to fund a portion of the annual operations of the complex for 10 years.
Conversion of the natural turf grass to synthetic turf has multiple benefits ranging from improved playability, improved drainage, and a significant reduction in operational costs associated with fuel, labor, and mowing.

The project is to install new synthetic turf in the infields of all four softball diamonds in the Gene Bassman Softball Complex.