

**CITY OF JOPLIN  
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM:**

Council Bill 2023-404 – approving a public service agreement between The City of Joplin and Ozark Center to fund the Homelessness and Health Services in response to Covid-19.

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:**

Planning, Development, and Neighborhood Services

**MEETING DATE:**

April 17, 2023

**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 Ozark Center for Cares Act Community Development Block Grant funds.

**BACKGROUND:**

Ozark Center is the largest behavioral healthcare provider for the community. Transportation needs for homeless and behavioral health programs have only increased and current agency provided transportation is insufficient to reduce exposure to Covid-19. Ozark Center has applied for funds to adapt services in response to Covid-19 by adding to limited transportation resources to stop the spread of infection. This will allow transportation to be dedicated to actively infected clients and less occupied vehicles to prevent Covid related illness.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

This Council Bill provides Eighty Thousand Four Hundred Eleven Dollars and Zero Nine Cents (\$80,411.00) from CARES Act Community Development Block Grant B20MW290008.

**RECOMMENDATION**

These activities have received prior approval from the Council as part of the Third Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Action Plan.

Staff recommends approval of the agreement on an emergency basis, so Ozark Center may procure applied for vehicles necessary to provide Covid response homelessness and health services under the CDBG-CV program.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A - Public Services Agreement  
Public Service Grant Application(s)  
CB 2023-404 Ordinance