

Priority Area:

Address Homelessness

Goal/Objective:

Address transient issues in neighborhoods and overall homelessness problem of Joplin residents.

Strategy - Participate in ongoing dialogue with Homeless Service Providers in community to develop and encourage long-term homelessness solutions for Joplin residents.**Action Steps:**

- a. Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services Dept. to participate in monthly Homeless Coalition meetings to provide opportunity for dialogue and planning.
- b. By being an active participant in the coalition staff can support homeless initiatives that are both collaborative and accountable in their implementation.
- c. City staff to encourage effective initiatives to address homeless issues of Joplin residents.

Resources Required:

1. Staff time of PDNS Dept. to participate in Homeless Coalition and other homeless initiative meetings.

Total Plan Cost:

Total Additional FTE: Existing staff time.

One-Time Costs: \$0.00

Staffing Annual Costs: \$0.00

Program Annual Costs: \$0.00

Desired Benefit/Outcome:

- Establish regular dialogue with Homeless Service Providers.
- Encourage development and operation of effective programs to address homelessness issues of Joplin residents.

“Joplin could definitely do better in helping connect homeless citizens with resources, such as mental health and substance use counseling and treatment.” – Listening Tour Respondent