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JAMES "JIM" BRIGHAM

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS March 11, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

II. TOPICS

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| B. Bigelow | A. | Discuss request to install two dinosaur-themed sculptures promoting the Dr. John "Jack" Kaye Cretaceous Park at no cost to the city. |
| J. Daughtry | B. | Discuss permit request submitted by Frances Glenn, on behalf of Columbus-Lowndes Convention & Visitors Bureau, to host "Tales from the Crypt" to be held on April 8, 10, 15 and 17, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at Friendship Cemetery. |
| J. Daughtry | C. | Discuss permit request submitted by Cynthia Mutch, on behalf of Frank P. Phillips Memorial YMCA, to host "Healthy Kids Day Fun Run/Walk" to be held on April 25, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. |
| J. Daughtry | D. | Discuss permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, to host the "Market Street Festival" to be held on May 2, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in downtown Columbus and sell beer during the festival. |
| G. Lewis | E. | Discuss the approval of one (1) Columbus Recreation Employee to attend the Mobile Parks and Recreation Science, Technology Recreation, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STREAM) Program on March 21, 2026. Only cost to the city is the use of a city vehicle and gas. |
| K. Stafford | F. | Discuss Landfill |
| G. Irby | G. | Discuss bid recommendations for the demolition of 1113 5th Street South, 915 16th Street North and 1610 8th Avenue North. |
| G. Irby | H. | Discuss the purchase of 14 properties from the State of Mississippi to utilize the Community Project Funding Grant. |
| C. Gilman | I. | Discuss applying for the FY25 Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Initiative |
| C. Gilman | J. | Discuss applying for the FY26 Mississippi Office of Homeland Security (MOHS) Grant Program for use by the Forensic Laboratory and IT department |
| S. Wilder | K. | Discuss request to approve submission of a Mississippi Trail Grant for the Master Gardner's Butterfly Garden. |
| R. Bonner | L. | Discuss recommendation for Fulgham Tree Preservation to conduct a tree inventory at Friendship Cemetery. |
| R. Greene | M. | Discuss Trash and Furniture Pick Up |
| J. Turnage | N. | Discuss <i>Resolution</i> declaring certain municipal property as Surplus and authorizing the sale of said property pursuant to Mississippi Code 21-17-1 (2)(a). |
| J. Garrett | O. | Discuss Hall of Fame Sports Sponsorship |
| J. Garrett | P. | Discuss Facilities Usage/Donations |

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel Matter (1)

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March 9, 2026

Mayor Stephen Jones
and Members of the City Council
City of Columbus
P. O. Box 1408
Columbus, MS 39703-1408

RE: FUNDING THROUGH THE MAIN STREET IMPLEMENTATION GRANT TO INSTALL
TWO SCULPTURES PROMOTING THE DR. JOHN "JACK" KAYE CRETACEOUS PARK

Dear Mayor and Council:

Main Street Columbus recently received a \$20,000 Science Discovery on Main Street Implementation Grant to support the development and promotion of the Dr. John "Jack" Kaye Cretaceous Park. As part of this initiative, we have budgeted for dinosaur-themed sculptures to be placed throughout the downtown area, each accompanied by signage that promotes the fossil park and recognizes the grant funding. We would like to request approval to install two of these items:

Fossil Bone Bench – Catfish Alley

We propose installing a fossil bone–style bench in one of the flower bed areas along Catfish Alley (4th Street South). The bench would be surrounded and landscaped with gravel to create an attractive feature while also providing additional seating for visitors. This location currently experiences frequent pedestrian traffic that often results in flowers being unintentionally trampled, so the bench would serve both a decorative and practical purpose.

Small T-Rex Sculpture – City Hall Area

We would also like to install a small T-Rex sculpture near City Hall, either at the corner of Main Street and 6th Street or in the grassy area in front of the Mayor's conference room. This sculpture would serve as a fun and engaging feature for residents and visitors while helping to draw attention to the fossil park.

Both installations would include signage recognizing the grant funding and promoting the Dr. John "Jack" Kaye Cretaceous Park.

Main Street Columbus would appreciate your approval to move forward with these installations prior to placing the order. We are excited about the opportunities the fossil park brings to our community and believe these features will help build awareness and enthusiasm for this unique local attraction.

Funds for the above projects will come from the grant, thus there will be no cost to the City of Columbus.

Thank you so much for your support and please let me know if you need additional information.

Barbara Bigelow
Executive Director
Main Street Columbus, Inc.
P. O. Box 1062
Columbus, MS 39703
662.328.6305

CITY OF COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

PERMIT

City Ordinance 28 – Streets and Sidewalks, Article V. Assemblies, Parades and Processions; Sec. 28-72. Permit Required: *It shall be unlawful for any person to organize or hold or participate in any parade, meeting, assembly or procession of persons and/or vehicles on the streets or sidewalks within the city unless such activity shall have first been authorized by a written permit.*

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

DATE OF PERMIT REQUEST: 3/2/2020

APPLICANT:

NAME/ORGANIZATION: Columbus-Laudes Convention & Visitors Bureau

LOCAL/PERMANENT ADDRESS: P.O. Box 189 117 3rd St. S.
COLUMBUS MS 39103 39101

REPRESENTATIVE:

NAME: Frances Glenn TITLE: Tourism Director

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 189 PHONE: (662) 329-1191
COLUMBUS MS 39101 PHONE: (662) 549-4800

ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

NAME OF ACTIVITY: Tales from the Crypt

DATE OF ACTIVITY: 4/8, 10, 15, 17 ☐ PARADE ☐ MEETING ☒ ASSEMBLY

EXACT TIME OF ACTIVITY: BEGINNING 6:00 ☐ AM ☒ PM ENDING: 10:00 ☐ AM ☒ PM

PURPOSE: Candle-lit dramatic tours in Friendship Cemetery
performed by students of MS School for Mathematics
& Science.

LOCATION OR ROUTE OF ACTIVITY: Friendship Cemetery
1500 block of 4th St. S.

MAP ATTACHED: ☒ YES ☐ NO

PERSON, GROUP, ASSOCIATION OR BODY TO BE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE PERMIT TO DO SUCH ACTIVITY:

MS School for Mathematics & Science

NUMBER OF PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE: 1000 attend over 4 performances
100 students AGE OF ANY MINORS: 16-18

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MINORS: Charles Varborough

APPROVAL

APPROVED BY:

NAME & TITLE

DATE: 2/3/20



Tales from the Crypt
April 8, 10, 15, & 17, 2026



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Please type or print information and return permit to CPD as soon as possible to allow ample time for review & approval. All permits must be approved at City Council Meetings which are the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in each month. Thank you.

TODAY'S DATE: 3/3/26

APPLICANT:

NAME/ORGANIZATION: Frank P. Phillips Memorial YMCA
LOCAL/PERMANENT ADDRESS: 602 2nd Avenue North
Columbus MS 39701

REPRESENTATIVE:

NAME: Cynthia Mutch TITLE: newb. & Mark, Director
ADDRESS: same PHONE: 662-328-7696
PHONE: _____

ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

NAME OF ACTIVITY: Healthy Kids Day Fun Run/Walk
DATE OF ACTIVITY: 4/25/26 ☒ PARADE ☐ MEETING ☐ ASSEMBLY
EXACT TIME OF ACTIVITY: BEGINNING 9:30 ☒ AM ☐ PM ENDING: 1 PM ☐ AM ☒ PM
PURPOSE: fun run / walk

LOCATION OR ROUTE OF ACTIVITY: map and description attached
We need the block of 2nd Avenue North in
front of YMCA blocked off as well. MAP ATTACHED: ☒ YES ☐ NO

PERSON, GROUP, ASSOCIATION OR BODY TO BE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE PERMIT TO DO SUCH ACTIVITY:
Frank P. Phillips Memorial YMCA
NUMBER OF PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE: 200 app. AGE OF ANY MINORS: 2-17
NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MINORS: parents of minors

APPROVAL

APPROVED BY: [Signature] DATE: 2/3/26
NAME & TITLE



YMCA Fun Run/Walk Route

1.03 miles

April 25, 2026

Start time: 9:30 am

Start: in front of YMCA building (block off entire block in front of Y)

Head west, toward Zachary's

Go through intersection, and down the hill

Turn right at Munson&Bros.

Go straight

Take first left

Follow the road around to parking lot on left

Enter parking lot, turn around

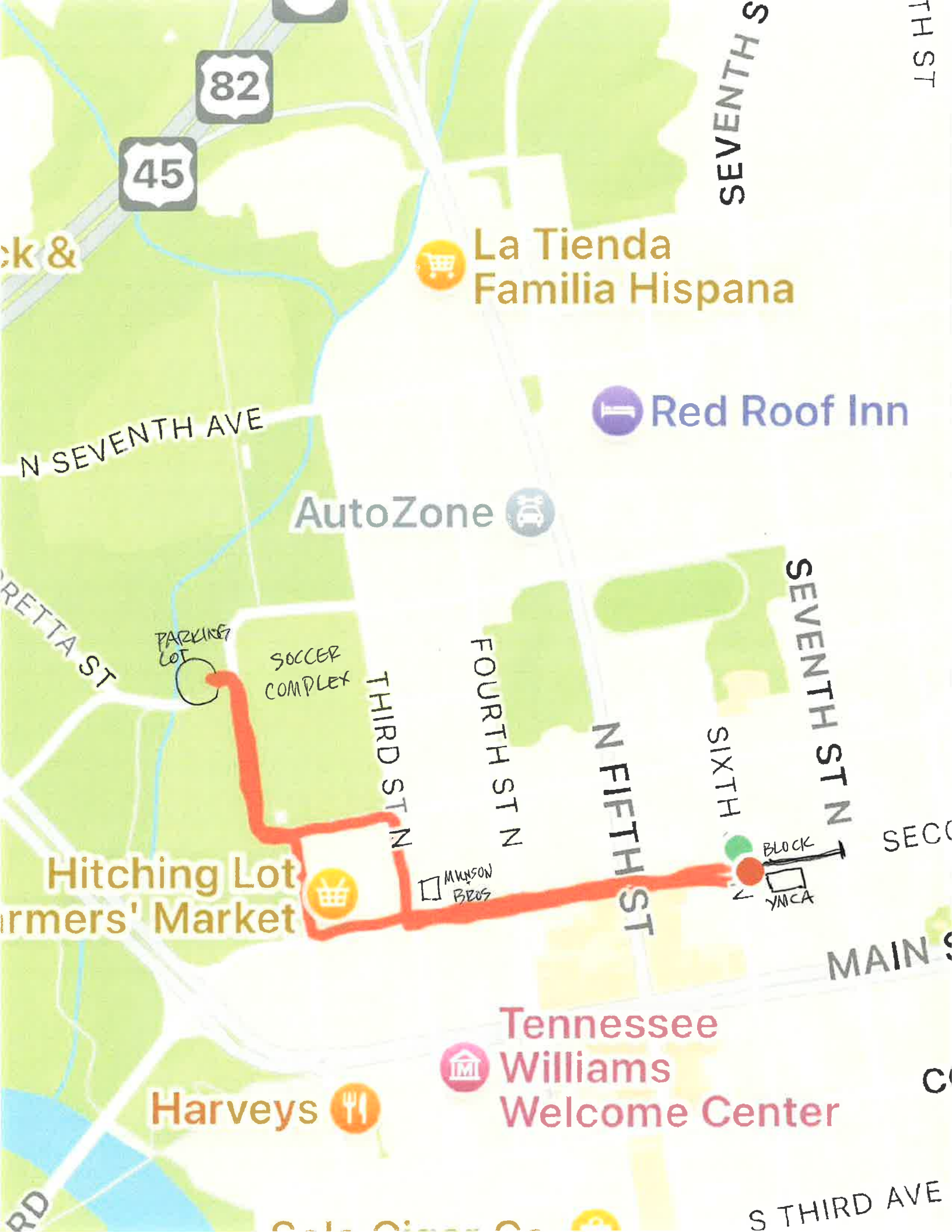
Turn right out of parking lot

Follow road around to first right

Turn right and go to intersection at Quirkey Antiques

Turn left

Go straight back to YMCA



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SEVENTH S

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La Tienda
Familia Hispana



Red Roof Inn

N SEVENTH AVE

AutoZone



RETTE ST



SOCCER
COMPLEX

THIRD ST N

FOURTH ST N

N FIFTH ST

SIXTH

SEVENTH ST N

Hitching Lot
Farmers' Market



MANSON
BROS



SECO

MAIN S

Tennessee
Williams
Welcome Center

Harveys



RD

S THIRD AVE



175^{YEAR}
ANNIVERSARY



HEALTHY KIDS DAY®

Free To The Public!

Fun Run/Walk 9:30am

Jumpers

Health Checks

Healthy Snacks

Family Line Dancing 11:00 am

Face Painting

Healthy Ice Pops



APRIL 25
9am-1pm

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DATE OF PERMIT REQUEST: 2/20/2026

APPLICANT:

NAME/ORGANIZATION: Main Street Columbus

LOCAL/PERMANENT ADDRESS: 107 5th Street North
Columbus, MS 39701

REPRESENTATIVE:

NAME: Barbara Bigelow TITLE: Executive Director

ADDRESS: 107 5th Street North PHONE: 662-328-6305
Columbus, MS 39701 PHONE: 662-574-0916

ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

NAME OF ACTIVITY: Market Street Festival

DATE OF ACTIVITY: May 2, 2026 ☐ PARADE ☐ MEETING ☐ ASSEMBLY

EXACT TIME OF ACTIVITY: BEGINNING 9:00 ☒ AM ☐ PM ENDING: 5:00 ☐ AM ☒ PM

PURPOSE: Community Festival

LOCATION OR ROUTE OF ACTIVITY: Downtown Columbus

MAP ATTACHED: ☒ YES ☐ NO

PERSON, GROUP, ASSOCIATION OR BODY TO BE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE PERMIT TO DO SUCH ACTIVITY:

Main Street Staff, Volunteers, Vendors, Entertainers, Attendees

NUMBER OF PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE: _____ AGE OF ANY MINORS: N/A

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MINORS: Legal Guardians

APPROVAL

APPROVED BY: _____

NAME & TITLE

DATE: 3/2/26

2026 Market Street Festival



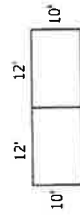
Not To Scale

Food Booths



27 Booths

Arts & Crafts
Vendors



157 Booths



February 20, 2026

Mayor Stephen Jones and City Council
City of Columbus
P.O. Box 1408
Columbus, MS 39703

RE: City Council Meeting - Consent Agenda Item

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Market Street Festival will celebrate its 30th year in 2026 and we would like to thank you for your continued support. In order to be in compliance with the city code (Sec 4-31), we are requesting approval from the City Council to continue with plans for the festival.

I am requesting to be placed on the Consent Agenda of the next City Council meeting for the festival to be held in downtown Columbus on Saturday, May 2, 2026, with the following approval:

1. Approval of the use of city streets, with appropriate street closures, on May 2, 2026.
2. Beer sales during the Saturday festival in downtown Columbus, 9 am - 5 pm, on May 2, 2026.

Thank you for your support of both Main Street Columbus and the Market Street Festival.

Sincerely,


Barbara Bigelow
Executive Director

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Attachments:

City of Columbus Permit
Festival Map



SCIENCE • TECHNOLOGY • RECREATION • ENGINEERING • ARTS • MATHEMATICS

MARCH: SHIPS & BUOYANCY

Saturday, March 21 • 9 AM - Noon

Dotch Community Center



Set Sail on a Floating Adventure! Dive into the fascinating world of ships and buoyancy as you explore how vessels float, stay balanced, and navigate the waters. Get hands-on experimenting with water, weight, and design—and unlock the secrets that keep ships afloat and sailing strong!

All STREAM events are FREE for students ages 5-13.

Pre-register today!

Limited spots are available.



March 10, 2026

City of Columbus
Honorable Mayor Stephen Jones
P. O. Box 1408
Columbus, MS 39701

**RE: LANDFILL TOPOGRAPHY, AERIAL, AND CAPACITY ASSESSMENT
COLUMBUS CLASS 1 RUBBISH FACILITY**

Dear Mayor Jones:

Neel-Schaffer, Inc. (NSI) is pleased to offer professional services as defined in Exhibit A, Scope of Services, for the above referenced project. NSI proposes to perform these services for a not-to-exceed fee of \$5,000.

All services, hourly rates, and General Terms and Conditions shall be performed in accordance with our Master Agreement dated July 1, 2025. NSI will bill you monthly based on the amount of work completed.

This Letter Agreement, consisting of one page; Exhibit A, consisting of one page; and our Master Agreement, consisting of seven pages, represent the entire agreement between the City of Columbus and Neel-Schaffer, Inc. This Letter Agreement and the exhibits may only be modified or amended by a duly executed written document. If the terms of this Agreement are acceptable, please execute the original and return a copy to us.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide services to you and look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

NEEL-SCHAFER, INC.



Kevin Stafford, P.E.
North Mississippi Regional Manager

ACCEPTED: CITY OF COLUMBUS

SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: _____ **DATE:** _____



EXHIBIT A SCOPE OF SERVICES

1. Provide a topographical survey of the permitted rubbish site using aerial drone technology to establish existing conditions.
2. Provide final topographical survey (FTS) drawing as Existing Conditions for rubbish site.
3. Provide general aerial photography of the facility.
4. Use FTS drawing to determine if and how much waste may be out of permitted airspace, including locating permitted waste limits on CAD drawing. This assessment will also allow us to determine the actual capacity left as of the date of this assessment.
5. Report findings to the City.

This Scope does not include evaluating and providing solutions for any non-compliance issues found as a result of this assessment.



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RE: Blight Elimination Program

The City advertised requesting bids for the demolition of three properties on February 26 and March 5, 2026. We received bids from Nicholes Dirt Construction, G6 Construction & Land Clearing; Tate Construction, LLC; JMorgan Company, LLC, KVL Contracting; and Dee Jones Construction. The properties are 1113 5th Street South, 915 16th Street North and 1610 8th Avenue North.

The bids were opened on March 9, 2026 in the Human Resources Office at 9:00 A.M. The opening was attended by James Brigham, CFO; Patricia Mitchell, Human Resources Officer; George Irby, Interim Planner; and Loria Porter, Planning & Community Development Secretary. Please find attached copies of the bids and bid tabulation sheets for each property.

I would like to recommend that contracts be awarded as follows:

1. G6 Construction — 1113 5th Street South in the amount of \$5,800.00
2. G6 Construction — 915 16th Street North in the amount of \$4,500.00; and
3. JMorgan Company, LLC — 1610 8th Avenue North in the amount of \$6,415.00

If you have any questions, please contact me at (662) 364-1898.

Thanks in advance for your consideration

Sincerely,

George H. Irby

George H. Irby, Interim Director
Office of Planning and Development

LP/lp

Attachments

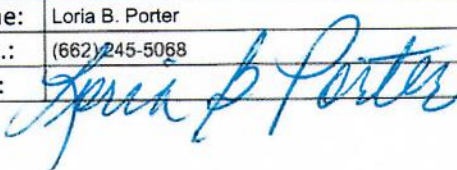
BID TABULATION SHEET

This form must be completed in its entirety. Keep it with your records until the contract has been awarded. Once the contract has been officially awarded, check mark which company was awarded the contract for the project and submit to MHC through the MITAS system.

Contracting Public Authority:	City of Columbus
Property ID No.:	PPIN 14899
Property Full Address:	1610 8th Avenue North
Bid Date:	03/09/2026
Estimate:	

Contract Description: ☒ Demolition ☐ Asbestos ☐ Other: _____

List of the Bidding Contractors	Total Bid Amount	Awarded
Nicholes Dirt Construction	\$ 6,800.00	☐
G6 Construction & Land Clearing	\$ 6,800.00	☐
Tate Construction, LLC	\$ 10,223.80	☐
JP Morgan Company	\$ 6,415.00	☒
K-Co Contracting	\$ 16,403.00	☐
Dee Jones Construction	\$ 10,750.00	☐
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Submitted by:			
Print Name:	Loria B. Porter	Title:	Secretary
Phone No.:	(662) 245-5068	Email:	lporter@columbusms.gov
Signature:			Date:
			3/9/26

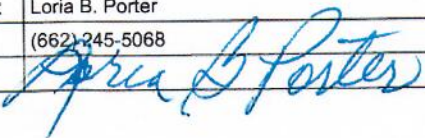
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Contracting Public Authority:	City of Columbus
Property ID No.:	PPIN 14685
Property Full Address:	915 16th Street North
Bid Date:	03/09/2026
Estimate:	

Contract Description: ☒ Demolition ☐ Asbestos ☐ Other: _____

List of the Bidding Contractors	Total Bid Amount	Awarded
Nicholes Dirt Construction	\$ 9,000.00	☐
G6 Construction & Land Clearing	\$ 4,500.00	☒
Tate Construction, LLC	\$ 6,792.98	☐
JP Morgan Company	\$ 6,415.00	☐
K-Co Contracting	\$ 13,403.50	☐
Dee Jones Construction	\$ 10,250.00	☐
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Submitted by:			
Print Name:	Loria B. Porter	Title:	Secretary
Phone No.:	(662) 245-5068	Email:	lporter@columbusms.gov
Signature:			Date:
			3/9/26

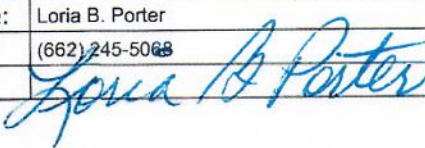
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Contracting Public Authority:	City of Columbus
Property ID No.:	PPIN 17209
Property Full Address:	1113 5th Street South
Bid Date:	03/09/2026
Estimate:	

Contract Description: ☒ Demolition ☐ Asbestos ☐ Other: _____

List of the Bidding Contractors	Total Bid Amount	Awarded
Nicholes Dirt Construction	\$ 6,900.00	☐
G6 Construction & Land Clearing	\$ 5,800.00	☒
Tate Construction, LLC	\$ 6,911.30	☐
JP Morgan Company	\$ 6,415.00	☐
K-Co Contracting	\$ 13,403.50	☐
Dee Jones Construction		☐
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Submitted by:			
Print Name:	Loria B. Porter	Title:	Secretary
Phone No.:	(662) 245-5068	Email:	lporter@columbusms.gov
Signature:			Date:
			3/9/26

CITY OF COLUMBUS 2023 BLIGHT ELIMINATION PROGRAM

BID PACKAGE for March 9, 2026

DATE SUBMITTED: 3-9-2026

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL BID
PROPERTY ADDRESSES	PRE-DEMO PERMIT FEES	DEMOLITION OF RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE	DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURE	REMOVAL OF DEBRIS	REMOVAL OF MATERIALS/ REFUSE	DEPOSIT OF BACKFILL MATERIALS	COMPACTION OF BACKFILL MATERIALS	GRADING OF DEMOLITION SITE	SEEDING OF SITE	
A. 1113 5 th Street South										6900.00
B. 915 16 th Street North										9000.00
C. 1610 8 th Avenue North										6800.00

Bid prices should include all labor and materials necessary to demolish structures (including lot clean up and removal of all debris, to deposit and compact backfill materials, and to seed the sites (items listed above)).

Contractors may bid on one or all properties.

Bid packages may be returned to 523 Main Street, or by emailing lporter@columbusms.gov. The bid opening deadline is March 9, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

Demolition contractor must be bonded and licensed by the State of Mississippi.

Small and disadvantaged businesses are welcome to bid.

The City of Columbus reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities there in.

The successful bidder shall be allowed to define the Contract Time but shall not exceed 21 days.

The City reserves the right to award this bid based on available grant funding and the bid package that maximizes funding expenditure.

This bid is submitted by: Anthony Nicholas (signature) Title: President Company Name: Nicholas Dirt Construction
 Company Address: 574 Lacy Rd City, State, Zip Code: 39702 Phone Number: 662-574-1137
Columbus MS. Rep. of Nicholas Dirt Construction BO Jarrett

CITY OF COLUMBUS

2023 BLIGHT ELIMINATION PROGRAM

BID PACKAGE for March 9, 2026

DATE SUBMITTED

March 05, 2026

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A. 1113 5 th Street South	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,800
B. 915 16 th Street North	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,500
C. 1610 8 th Avenue North	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,800

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This bid is submitted by Thantell H. Brandon (signature) Title: Owner Company Name: Go Dirt Construction & Land Clearing, LLC
 Company Address: 83 Bo Drive City, State, Zip Code: Columbus, MS 39702 Phone Number: (662) 386-4734

CITY OF COLUMBUS

2023 BLIGHT ELIMINATION PROGRAM

BID PACKAGE for March 9, 2026

DATE SUBMITTED

3/5/26

PROPERTY ADDRESSES	1 PRE-DENO PERMIT FEES	2 DEMOLITION OF RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE	3 DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURE	4 REMOVAL OF DEBRIS	5 REMOVAL OF MATERIALS/ REFUSE	6 DEPOSIT OF BACKFILL MATERIALS	7 COMPACTION OF BACKFILL MATERIALS	8 GRADING OF DEMOLITION SITE	9 SEEDING OF SITE	TOTAL BID
A. 1113 5 th Street South	50.00	1,655.00	-	1,340.00	1,438.00	800.00	400.00	750.00	478.30	8,911.30
B. 915 16 th Street North	50.00	1,640.00	-	1,325.00	1,400.00	800.00	400.00	725.00	452.98	8,792.98
C. 1610 8 th Avenue North	50.00	3,220.00	-	1,740.00	1,800.00	1,050.00	575.00	1,200.00	588.80	10,223.80

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Contractors may bid on one or all properties.

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Demolition contractor must be bonded and licensed by the State of Mississippi.

Small and disadvantaged businesses are welcome to bid.

The City of Columbus reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities there in.

The successful bidder shall be allowed to define the Contract Time but shall not exceed 21 days.

The City reserves the right to award this bid based on available grant funding and the bid package that maximizes funding expenditure.

This bid is submitted by: 

(signature) Title: Owner

Company Name: Tate Construction, LLC

Company Address: P.O. Box 2956

City, State, Zip Code: Columbus, MS 39704

Phone Number: 662-570-9464

CITY OF COLUMBUS

2023 BLIGHT ELIMINATION PROGRAM

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A.	1113 5 th Street South	\$1,057.00	\$1,057.00	\$1,057.00	\$1,057.00	\$705.00	\$529.00	\$459.00	\$423.00	\$6,415.00
B.	915 16 th Street North	\$71.00	\$1,057.00	\$1,057.00	\$1,057.00	\$705.00	\$529.00	\$459.00	\$423.00	\$6,415.00
C.	1610 8 th Avenue North	\$71.00	\$1,057.00	\$1,057.00	\$1,057.00	\$705.00	\$529.00	\$459.00	\$423.00	\$6,415.00

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This bid is submitted by:

JMorgan Company, LLC

Owner

Company Name:

P. O. Box 9533

(signature) Title:

Columbus, MS 39705

Phone Number:

662-364-2656

CITY OF COLUMBUS

2023 BLIGHT ELIMINATION PROGRAM

BID PACKAGE for March 9, 2026

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DATE SUBMITTED

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A.	1113 5 th Street South	500.00	4,500.00	1,000.00	4,000.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	403.50	13,403.50
B.	915 16 th Street North	500.00	5,000.00	500.00	4,000.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	403.50	13,403.50
C.	1610 8 th Avenue North	500.00	7,500.00	0.00	5,000.00	500.00	1,500.00	500.00	403.00	16,403.00

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This bid is submitted by: Jon Kilpatrick (signature) Title: Owner Company Name: KVL Contracting

Company Address: 133 7th Court NE City, State, Zip Code: Vernon, AL 35592 Phone Number: 205-901-5632

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C.	1610 8 th Avenue North	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 300,000.00		\$ 250,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	—	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 10,750.00

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This bid is submitted by: William D. Jones (signature) Title: Owner Company Name: Dee Jones Construction
 Company Address: 1717 Ridge Rd. City, State, Zip Code: Columbus MS 39705 Phone Number: 662-251-7952

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March 9, 2026

Mayor Stephen Jones
and Members of the City Council
City of Columbus
P. O. Box 1408
Columbus, MS 39703-1408

RE: FY 2023 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING GRANT
Columbus Blight Program
B-23-CP-MS-0917

Dear Mayor and Council:

I am requesting approval to discuss purchasing the following properties from the State of MS for the above-referenced program.

Property Address

1918 15 th Avenue North	Lot 2, Block 2, 17 th Street North
Lot Pt 8, 17 th Street North	Lot 1, Block 6, 17 th Street North
277 Byrnes Circle\	98 Luxapalila Drive
725 19 th Street North	707 18 th Street North
Lot 20, Block 2, 18 th Street North	Pt Lot 7 Duplex-Industrial St. Block 11
133 Maple Street	2125 7 th Avenue North
817 10 th Avenue South	North of Bell (Lot `5,m Warren Addn Blk 1)

Sincerely

George H. Irby
George H. Irby
Interim Planner

GHI/lp

BJA FY25 Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration Initiative

Anticipated Total Amount To Be Awarded Under This
Funding Opportunity: \$3,000,000

Anticipated Award Ceiling: Category 1: Up to
\$300,000, Category 2: Up to \$700,000

Anticipated Period of Performance Duration:
Category 1: 24 months, Category 2: 36 months

Funding Opportunity Number: O-BJA-2025-172482

Deadline to submit SF-424 in Grants.gov: **March 30, 2026 11:59 PM Eastern Time**

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: **April 6, 2026 8:59 PM Eastern Time**



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Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice

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BASIC INFORMATION

The [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ), [Office of Justice Programs](#) (OJP), [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA) is accepting applications for funding in response to this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO).

Agency Name	U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance
NOFO Title	BJA FY25 Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration
Announcement Type	Initial
Funding Opportunity Number	O-BJA-2025-172482
Assistance Listing Number	16.738

Executive Summary

This funding opportunity seeks to address firearm-related crime through the establishment and expansion of Crime Gun Intelligence Centers (CGICs). This initiative is a partnership with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to assist local law enforcement in utilizing intelligence and technology, swiftly identifying crime guns and their sources, and effectively prosecuting perpetrators. Please see the [Eligible Applicants](#) section for the eligibility criteria.

- **Category 1: Expansion of an Existing CGIC (Anticipated Award Amount: \$300,000)**
Category 1 supports local law enforcement agencies with established CGICs to enhance their operational effectiveness. Successful applicants will demonstrate a strong track record of using ballistic evidence to solve violent crimes—including documented National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) inputs, leads generated, firearms recovered, and arrests made that directly improved public safety in their communities.
- **Category 2: Implementation of a New CGIC (Anticipated Award Amount: \$700,000)**
Category 2 supports law enforcement agencies establishing CGICs for the first time to strengthen their ability to combat violent firearms crimes. Successful applicants will demonstrate a clear strategy for partnering with ATF to create a comprehensive system for collecting, analyzing, and acting on ballistic evidence and firearms intelligence.

OJP is committed to advancing work that furthers DOJ's mission to uphold the rule of law, to keep our country safe, and to protect civil rights. OJP provides federal leadership, funding, and other critical resources to directly support law enforcement, combat violent crime, protect American children, provide services to American crime victims, and address public safety challenges, including human trafficking and the opioid crisis.

Key Dates and Times

Funding Opportunity Release Date	February 19, 2026
Pre-Application Webinar	Details about a webinar for this NOFO will be provided at a later date. Please be sure to check BJA's Upcoming Events for further information.
SAM.gov Registration/Renewal	Recommend beginning process by Feb 19 2026, and no later than March 16, 2026
Step 1: Grants.gov Application Deadline	11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on March 30, 2026
Step 2: JustGrants Application Deadline	8:59 p.m. Eastern Time on April 6, 2026

Funding Details

Anticipated Total Amount To Be Awarded Under This Funding Opportunity
\$3,000,000

- **C-BJA-2025-00089-PROD Category 1: Expansion of an Existing CGIC**
 - **Anticipated Number of Awards:** 3
 - **Anticipated Award Ceiling:** Up to \$300,000
Note: Applicants may propose a budget that is less than the anticipated award ceiling amount. The budget should be reasonable to conduct the proposed project and be within the applicant's capacity to manage.
 - **Anticipated Period of Performance Start Date:** October 1, 2025
 - **Anticipated Period of Performance Duration:** 24 months
- **C-BJA-2025-00090-PROD Category 2: Implementation of a New CGIC**
 - **Anticipated Number of Awards:** 3
 - **Anticipated Award Ceiling:** Up to \$700,000
Note: Applicants may propose a budget that is less than the anticipated award ceiling amount. The budget should be reasonable to conduct the proposed project and be within the applicant's capacity to manage.
 - **Anticipated Period of Performance Start Date:** October 1, 2025
 - **Anticipated Period of Performance Duration:** 36 months

Availability of Funds

This funding opportunity, and awards under this funding opportunity, are subject to the availability of funding and any changes or additional requirements that may be imposed by the agency or by law. In addition, nothing in this NOFO is intended to, nor does it, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the

United States or its departments, agencies, entities, officers, employees, agents, or any other person.

Statutory Authority

Pub. L. No. 90-351, Title I, Sec. 506(b) (codified at 34 U.S.C. § 10157(b)). The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program authorization provides that up to 5 percent of the funds available to carry out subpart 1 of Title I, Part E of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 may be granted, among other reasons, for one or more of the purposes specified in 34 U.S.C. § 10152 upon a determination that it is necessary “to combat, address, or otherwise respond to precipitous or extraordinary increases in crime, or in a type or types of crime.” 34 U.S.C. § 10157(b)(1).

Agency Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this funding opportunity:

OJP Response Center

Phone: 800-851-3420 or 202-353-5556 (TTY for hearing-impaired callers only)

Email: OJP.ResponseCenter@usdoj.gov

Hours of operation: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) Monday–Friday

For assistance with **SAM.gov** (registration/renewal):

SAM.gov Help Desk

Phone: 866-606-8220

Web: [SAM.gov Help Desk \(Federal Service Desk\)](#)

Hours of operation: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET Monday–Friday

For assistance with **Grants.gov** (registration, submission of the Application for Federal Assistance SF-424):

Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline

Phone: 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035

Email: support@grants.gov

Web: [Grants.gov Customer Support](#)

Hours of operation: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays

For assistance with **JustGrants** (registration, submission of full application):

JustGrants Service Desk

Phone: 833-872-5175

Email: JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov

Hours of operation: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET Monday–Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET on Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays.

For procedures related to unforeseen technical issues beyond the control of the applicant that impact submission by the deadlines, see [Experiencing Technical Issues Preventing Submission of an Application \(Technical Waivers\)](#).

Resources for Applying

Pre-Application Webinar:

Details about a webinar for this NOFO will be provided at a later date. Please be sure to check BJA's [Upcoming Events](#) for further information.

[OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#): Referred to as the “Application Resource Guide” throughout the NOFO, this resource provides guidance to help applicants for OJP funding prepare and submit their applications.

[JustGrants Application Submission Training Webpage](#): Offers helpful information and resources on the grant application process.

Note: If this NOFO requires something different from any guidance provided in the [Application Resource Guide](#), the difference will be noted in this NOFO and the applicant should follow the guidance in this NOFO.



ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants

The types of entities that are eligible to apply for this funding opportunity are listed below:

- **Government Entities**
 - State governments
 - County governments
 - City or township governments
 - Special district governments
 - Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized)
 - Native American Tribal governments (other than federally recognized)
- **Other**
 - Other units of local government
 - State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies, including prosecutors' offices

State Government Entities: For the purposes of this NOFO, “state” means any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Other Units of Local Government: For the purposes of this notice of funding opportunity, other units of local government include towns, boroughs, parishes, villages, or other general purpose political subdivisions of a state.

Additional Applicant Eligibility Factors

Certification Required (state or local government applicants): In order to request a federal grant award under this program, an applicant that is a state or local government entity must submit a certification (using only the template provided in Appendix 1 entitled “[Certification by the Chief Executive Officer \(or senior official\) of the Applicant Government](#).” Tribal government entities and educational organizations (e.g., public or state-controlled institutions of higher education) are not required to submit this certification. This certification is a basic minimum requirement of this funding opportunity, such that applications from applicants that are required to submit it and fail to do so, will be denied.

Also, such applicants should anticipate that awards to state or local government entities under this NOFO will include an award condition addressing compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373.

Limit on Number of Applications

An applicant may only submit one application in response to this NOFO. Applicant can apply to only one category of the NOFO.

An entity may be proposed as a subrecipient in more than one application.

Applications under which two or more entities (project partners) would carry out the federal award will be considered. However, only one entity may be the applicant for the NOFO; any others must be proposed as subrecipients. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on subawards.

Cost Sharing/Match Requirement

This NOFO does **not** require cost sharing/match.



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

General Purpose of the Funding

In collaboration with ATF, the Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration Initiative supports law enforcement agencies in the establishment and expansion of CGICs to address firearm-related crime. CGICs are an interagency collaboration focused on the timely collection, management, and analysis of crime gun evidence, such as shell casings and semiautomatic handguns, using ATF's National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) and Electronic Tracing System (eTrace).

Eligible applicants may apply under one of the following categories:

Category 1: Expansion of an existing CGIC

Category 1 supports local law enforcement agencies with established CGICs to enhance their operational effectiveness. Successful applicants will demonstrate a strong track record of using ballistic evidence to solve violent crimes—including documented NIBIN inputs, leads generated, firearms recovered, and arrests made that directly improved public safety in their communities.

Category 2: Implementation of a new CGIC

Category 2 supports law enforcement agencies establishing CGICs for the first time to strengthen their ability to combat violent firearms crimes. Successful applicants will demonstrate a clear strategy for partnering with ATF to create a comprehensive system for collecting, analyzing, and acting on ballistic evidence and firearms intelligence.

Applicants of either category could propose a regional approach, by including surrounding jurisdictions as subgrantees or by providing them NIBIN access. The regional approach is strongly recommended for smaller rural jurisdictions to help demonstrate the need, and for larger jurisdictions as a justification for expansion.

Applicants must clearly state to which category they are applying and may not apply under both.

Applicants should refer to [Application Contents, Submission Requirements, and Deadlines: Budget Detail Form](#) for information on allowable and unallowable costs that may inform the development of their project design.

Agency Funding Priorities

In order to advance public safety and help meet its mission, OJP will provide priority consideration to applicants that propose (as applicable within the scope of this funding opportunity) projects designed to advance the goals listed below. Applicants seeking priority consideration should specify in the proposal narrative (and in the budget detail form, if applicable) which of the following goal(s) the project is intended to advance and how it will do so:

- (a) Directly supporting law enforcement operations (including immigration law enforcement operations);
- (b) Combatting violent crime;
- (c) Supporting services to American citizens;

- (d) Protecting American children;
- (e) Supporting American victims of trafficking and sexual assault; and
- (f) State/local law enforcement efforts that are coordinated with federal law enforcement efforts (including immigration law enforcement efforts)—at minimum as shown by—

(1) compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, which provides that state and local government entities may not prohibit, or in any way restrict, any government entity or official from sending to, receiving from, maintaining, or exchanging information regarding citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual with components of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security or any other federal, state or local government entity; and

(2) having in place a statute, ordinance, rule, regulation, policy, or practice that is designed to ensure both— (A) that agents of the United States acting under color of federal law in fact are given access to any pertinent correctional facility for the purpose of permitting such agents to meet with individuals who are (or are believed by such agents to be) aliens and to inquire as to such individuals' right to be or remain in the United States; and (B) that, when any such facility receives from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security a formal written request authorized by the Immigration and Nationality Act that seeks advance notice of the scheduled release date and time for a particular alien in such facility, then such facility in fact will honor such request and (as early as practicable) provide the requested notice to such Department.

Note: Addressing these priority areas is one of many factors that OJP considers in making funding decisions. Receiving priority consideration for one or more priority areas does not guarantee a funding award.

Unallowable Uses of Funds

The following are certain unallowable costs and certain activities that are out of the program scope and will not be funded.

1. Out of program scope is any program or activity, at any tier that, directly or indirectly, violates (or promotes or facilitates the violation of) federal immigration law (including 8 U.S.C. § 1373) or impedes or hinders the enforcement of federal immigration law—including by failing to comply with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, give access to DHS agents, or honor DHS requests and provide requested notice to DHS agents.
2. Out of program scope is any program or activity, at any tier that violates any applicable Federal civil rights or nondiscrimination law. This includes violations that – (1) indirectly violate the law, including by promoting or facilitating violations; or (2) unlawfully favor individuals in any race or protected group, including on a majority or minority, or privileged or unprivileged, basis, within a given area, population, or sector.
3. As specified in the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#), in Chapter 3.13 “Unallowable Costs” (“Legal Services for Aliens”), any obligations of funds, at any tier, under this award to provide (or to support the provision of) legal services to any removable alien or any alien otherwise unlawfully present in the United States shall be unallowable costs for purposes any award made under this notice, but the foregoing shall not be understood to apply— (1) to legal services to obtain protection orders for victims of crime; or (2) to

immigration-related legal services that may be expressly authorized or required by any law, or any judicial ruling, governing or applicable to the award.

Program Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Timely identification, arrest, and prosecution of armed violent offenders.

Objective 1: Develop leads through NIBIN.

Objective 2: Test fire and trace all crime guns apprehended.

Objective 3: Increase clearance rates for non-fatal shooting and homicide cases.

Objective 4: Decrease the number of shootings in a community.

How Awards Will Contribute to Program Goals/Objectives

Award recipients will utilize crime gun intelligence (CGI) to improve their investigations of gun crimes, enabling them to increase their examination of gun ballistics within 24 to 48 hours to determine the solvability of cases to prioritize and increase their clearance rates for violent gun offenses.

Expected Outcomes: Deliverables and Performance Measures

To achieve the goals and objectives of this funding opportunity, OJP has identified expected deliverables that must be produced by a recipient. OJP has also identified performance measures (pieces of data) that will indicate how a recipient is achieving the performance goals and objectives previously identified. Recipients will need to collect and report this performance measure data to OJP.

OJP will measure success by reviewing a recipient's submission of performance reports and data and the extent to which project implementation reflects progress toward the goals and objectives of this NOFO.

Deliverables

Award recipients will be expected to develop and submit the deliverables listed below in the course of implementing their proposed project.

- A final report that documents the process, outcomes, evaluation findings, and lessons learned. For example, if applicants choose to use funds to evaluate the effectiveness of their CGIC include major findings on the use of CGI and improvements to the solvability of gun cases.
- A completed application for ATF's CGIC Certification. All successful applicants that receive awards must apply for CGIC certification from ATF's Firearms Operation Division to demonstrate the dedication and understanding of the effective use for CGI in a violent crime reduction strategy. Additional information on ATF's certification can be found at <https://crimegunintelcenters.org/atf/>.

Performance Measures

OJP will require each award recipient to submit regular performance reports that communicate progress toward achieving the goals and objectives identified in [Program Goals and Objectives](#). Applicants can visit [OJP's performance measurement page](#) at ojp.gov/performance for more information on performance measurement activities.

A list of performance measure questions for this funding opportunity can be found at [Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration Initiative](#).

Funding Instrument

OJP expects to make awards under this funding opportunity as grants. See the “[Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements](#)” section of the [Application Resource Guide](#) for a brief discussion of important statutes, regulations, and award conditions.



APPLICATION CONTENTS, SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS, AND DEADLINES

This NOFO contains all the information needed to apply for this funding opportunity. The application for this funding opportunity is submitted through web-based forms and attachments in Grants.gov and JustGrants through the steps that follow.

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and SAM.gov Registration

To submit an application, an applicant must have an active registration in the [System for Award Management \(SAM.gov\)](#). SAM.gov assigns entities a unique entity identifier (UEI) that is required for the entity to apply for federal funding. Applicants will enter their UEI with their application. Award recipients must then maintain an active UEI for the duration of their award's period of performance.

First-time Registration: Entities registering in SAM.gov for the first time will submit information about their entity type and structure, financial information (such as dates of the fiscal year, banking information, and executive compensation), entity points of contact, and other information. The information is reviewed and verified by SAM.gov, and then a UEI is issued. This process may take several weeks, so entities considering applying for funding should begin the registration process as soon as possible.

Renewing an Existing Registration: Entities must renew their SAM.gov registration every 12 months to keep it active. If an entity does not renew their SAM.gov registration, it will expire. An expired registration can delay or prevent the submission of an application for funding in Grants.gov and JustGrants.

Applicants are encouraged to start the SAM.gov registration or renewal process **at least 30 days prior to the application's Grants.gov deadline**. Applicants who fail to begin the registration or renewal process at least 10 business days prior to the Grants.gov deadline may not be able to complete the process in time and will not be considered for a technical waiver that allows for late submission.

Submission Instructions: Summary

Applications must be submitted to DOJ electronically through a two-step process that begins in Grants.gov and is completed in JustGrants. See [Basic Information: Key Dates and Times](#) for the Grants.gov and JustGrants application deadlines.

- **Step 1:** The applicant must submit the required [Application for Federal Assistance SF-424](#) by the Grants.gov deadline.
- **Step 2:** The applicant must submit the full application, including attachments, through JustGrants by the deadline (see [JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov](#)).

Submission Step 1: Grants.gov Submission of SF-424

Access/Registration

If the applicant does not already have a Grants.gov account, they will need to register for this opportunity in Grants.gov. Applicants should follow the Grants.gov [Quick Start Guide for Applicants](#) to register, create a workspace, assign roles, submit an application, and troubleshoot issues.

Submission of the SF-424

Applicants will begin the application process in Grants.gov with the submission of the SF-424, which collects the applicant's name, address, and UEI; the funding opportunity number; and proposed project title, among other information. The SF-424 must be signed by the Grants.gov Authorized Organizational Representative for the applicant.

See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on completing the SF-424.

Section 8F – Applicant Point of Contact: Please include the name and contact information of the individual **who will complete the application in JustGrants**. JustGrants will use this information (*i.e.*, email address) to assign the application to this user in JustGrants.

Section 19 – Intergovernmental Review: This funding opportunity **is** subject to [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 12372](#) (Intergovernmental Review). States that participate in the Intergovernmental Review process have an opportunity to review the applicant's submission. An applicant may find the names and addresses of state Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) for Intergovernmental Review at the following website: <https://www.ojp.gov/IntergovernmentalReviewSPOCList.pdf>. If the applicant's state appears on the SPOC list, the applicant must contact its SPOC to find out about, and comply with, the state's process under E.O. 12372. On the SF-424, an applicant whose state appears on the SPOC list must make the appropriate selection in response to question 19 once the applicant has complied with its state E.O. 12372 process. An applicant whose state does not appear on the SPOC list should answer question 19 by selecting, "Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the state for review."

An applicant should submit the SF-424 as early as possible and recommended not later than 48 hours before the Grants.gov deadline. If an applicant fails to submit the SF-424 in Grants.gov by the deadline, they will be unable to submit their application in JustGrants.

Once the first part of the application has been successfully submitted in Grants.gov, the Grants.gov Workspace status will change from "In Progress" to "Submitted." Applicants will also receive a series of four Grants.gov email notifications. Refer to the [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#) for additional details.

If an applicant needs to update information in the SF-424 after it is submitted in Grants.gov, they can update the information as part of their JustGrants submission (see [Application Contents, Submission Requirements, and Deadlines: Standard Applicant Information](#)). They do not need to submit an update in Grants.gov.

Submission Step 2: JustGrants Submission of Full Application Access/Registration

For first-time JustGrants applicants, once the application is received from Grants.gov, DOJ will send an email (from DIAMD-NoReply@usdoj.gov) to the email address listed in Section 8F of the SF-424 with instructions on how to create a JustGrants account. This email should arrive within 24 hours after confirmation from Grants.gov of the SF-424 submission.

Creating and setting up a JustGrants account consists of three steps:

1. Follow the instructions in the email to first confirm who will be the Entity Administrator (the person who manages which staff can access JustGrants on behalf of the applicant).
2. Log in to JustGrants and confirm the information in the Entity Profile.

3. Invite other individuals who will serve as the Application Submitter and the Authorized Representative for the applicant to register for JustGrants.

These steps should be completed in JustGrants as early as possible and recommended not later than 48 hours before the JustGrants deadline. Once registered in JustGrants, the Application Submitter will receive a link in an email to complete the rest of the application in JustGrants. Applicants can find additional information on JustGrants registration in the [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#).

Preparing for Submission

Some of the required sections of the application will be entered directly into JustGrants, and other sections will require documents to be uploaded and attached. Therefore, applicants should allow enough time before the JustGrants deadline to prepare, enter, and upload all the requirements of the application.

Applicants may save their application in the system and add to or change the application as needed prior to hitting the “Submit” button at the end of the application in JustGrants. After the application deadline, no changes or additions can be made to the application. **OJP recommends that applicants submit the complete application package in JustGrants at least 48 hours prior to the JustGrants deadline.**

For additional information, including file name and type requirements, see the “How To Apply” section in the [Application Resource Guide](#).

Standard Applicant Information

The Standard Applicant Information section of the JustGrants application is pre-populated with the SF-424 data submitted in Grants.gov. The applicant will need to review the Standard Applicant Information in JustGrants and can make whatever edits are needed. Within this section, the applicant will need to add ZIP codes for areas affected by the project; confirm their Authorized Representative; and confirm the organization’s unique entity identifier, legal name, and address.

Proposal Abstract

A proposal abstract (no more than 2,000 characters) summarizing the proposed project must be completed in the JustGrants web-based form. The text from abstracts will be made publicly available on the OJP.gov and USASpending.gov websites if the project is awarded, so this section of the application should not contain any personally identifiable information (e.g., the name of the project director).

The abstract should be in paragraph form without bullets or tables and written in the third person (e.g., they, the community, their, themselves, rather than I or we). The abstract should include the following information:

- The name of the applicant’s proposed project and which category they are applying under.
- The purpose of the proposed project (i.e., what the project will do and why it is necessary).
- Where the project will take place (i.e., the service area, if applicable).
- Who will be served by the project (i.e., who will be helped or have their needs addressed by the project).

- What activities will be carried out to complete the project.
- The subrecipient(s)/partner organizations or entities, if known.
- Deliverables and expected outcomes (i.e., what the project will achieve).

See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for an [example](#) of a proposal abstract.

Data Requested With Application

Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including Applicant Disclosure of High-Risk Status)

The Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire helps OJP assess what financial management and internal control systems the applicant has in place, whether these systems would be sufficient to maintain a funding award, and the associated potential risks of an applicant as part of the pre-award risk assessment process. Every OJP applicant (other than an individual applying in their personal capacity, not representing an applicant organization) is required to complete the web-based form in JustGrants. See the [Application Resource Guide: Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire \(including Applicant Disclosure of High-Risk Status\)](#) for additional guidance on how to complete the questionnaire.

Agency Funding Priorities Inventory

Applicants seeking priority consideration under the [Agency Funding Priorities](#) section should answer the inventory questions in their entirety in the web-based form in JustGrants.

Proposal Narrative

An applicant may only submit one application in response to this NOFO. An entity may be proposed as a subrecipient in more than one application.

Format of the Proposal Narrative: The Proposal Narrative will be submitted as an attachment in JustGrants. The attached document should be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point size font; have no less than 1-inch margins; have numbered pages; and should not exceed 15 pages. If the Proposal Narrative does not comply with these restrictions, OJP may consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decisions. Tables, charts, and graphs can be included in the narrative using a legible font smaller than 12-point size and will count toward the page limit.

Sections of the Proposal Narrative: The Proposal Narrative must include the four sections listed below. If the applicant seeks priority consideration, the Proposal Narrative must state which priority goal(s) the applicant's project will advance and describe how (see section, Agency Funding Priorities under Program Description).

1. Description of the Need: What critical issue or problem is the applicant proposing to address with this project? For both Categories 1 and 2, the applicant must clearly identify how the funding will directly address a precipitous or extraordinary increase in violent firearm-related crime in its jurisdiction. This could be for the applicant's entire jurisdiction or for a specific area in the jurisdiction. Specifically, the applicant must provide:

- Their respective violent crime rate based on their population.
- The number of non-fatal shootings for the past two years.
- The number of homicides resulting from illegal firearms for the past two years.

- The population of the jurisdiction.
- Period of time during which firearm-related crime increased.
- The number of total firearm violence in the target locality or region.
- A brief explanation of the need, gap, or issue to be addressed by the proposed project.
- Supporting information, data, or evidence to demonstrate the need's existence, size, and impact on the target population and community.
- How the need relates to the purpose of the NOFO.

For Category 1: Expansion of an Existing CGIC, the applicant should also include:

- A description of the existing CGIC business process that is aligned with [ATF's minimum operating standards](#).
- The number of casings inputted into NIBIN in a timely manner.
- The number of acquisitions.
- The number of NIBIN leads.
- The number of recovered firearms tests fired.
- The number of firearms submitted to eTrace.
- The number of arrests based on intelligence from a NIBIN lead.
- The number of convictions based on intelligence from a NIBIN lead.
- The need for the additional resources to improve or expand their CGIC, which could include:
 - Additional personnel such as, but not limited to, investigators, analysts, firearm examiners, prosecutors, law clerks, and lab personnel.
 - Additional resources to support surrounding jurisdictions and their utilization of CGI to expand using the regional approach.
 - Equipment and technology such as but not limited to microscopes, license plate readers, Cellebrite, bullet detection systems, NIBIN, acquisition machines, tools needed for DNA testing, and analytic software or tools.
 - Training needs for the CGIC team.
 - Implementation of ATF's [NIBIN Enforcement Support System \(NESS\)](#) plus record management system (NESS+ RMS). NESS is a web-based investigative tool that overlays NIBIN data with local law enforcement shooting and crime gun recovery information on one platform. ATF provides free NESS access to law enforcement agency personnel, and NESS+ RMS allows local law enforcement to automatically transfer record management system (RMS) data to NESS.
 - Integration with eTrace DIRECT. eTrace is a web-based application used to trace the origin of firearms used in crimes. The system is key in generating investigative leads to help solve violent crimes across the country. By leveraging the new eTrace DIRECT service, law enforcement agencies can fully automate the electronic exchange (submission and retrieval) of firearm trace-related data between an existing RMS and ATF's National Tracing Center Division.

For Category 2: Implementation of a New CGIC, the applicant should also include:

- A plan describing how they will work with ATF to collaborate on the immediate collection, management, and analysis of crime gun evidence such as shell casings and test fires of unlawfully used firearms that have been recovered. If selected, the applicant will be

required to develop a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with ATF outlining the development of a new CGIC.

- A description of how this collaboration will use both ATF's eTrace, run by the National Tracing Center, and NIBIN, and, if applicable for the site, the NIBIN National Correlation and Training Center (NNCTC); and how they will develop strategies working with their partner agencies to identify the trafficking of crime guns, straw purchasers, and corrupt federal firearm licensees.
- A plan to establish collaborative meetings with local, state, and federal partners to review intelligence and information on recent shootings and NIBIN leads.

2. Project Goals and Objectives: How will the proposed project address the need identified and address the purpose of the NOFO? Please include:

- Project goals (goals are broad, visionary statements on what the applicant hopes to accomplish) that reflect how the CGIC business model will be implemented and/or improved as well as how partners will be engaged in the process.
- Project objectives (objectives are specific outcomes the applicant plans to achieve through project activities) that detail measurable outcomes, such as increased clearance rates and efficient collection and processing of evidence.
- How the applicant's goals and objectives relate to the goals and objectives of the NOFO, specifically as they relate to the principles and practices of CGICs.

3. Project Design and Implementation: How will the applicant implement project activities that meet the goals and objectives? Please include:

- What activities the applicant will conduct to achieve the proposed goals and objectives. Award recipients will be expected to implement the CGIC business model by:
 - Consistently collecting all ballistic evidence (shell casings and crime guns) regardless of the severity of the crime being investigated.
 - Utilizing NIBIN and eTrace in a timely manner.
 - Establishing a dedicated investigative team that coordinates efforts.
 - Using forensic technology to drive investigations and prosecutions.
 - Working with prosecutors to review evidence to determine whether state or federal prosecution should be pursued.
 - Tracking outcomes of CGIC related cases.
 - Providing feedback to the officers on successful outcomes that were a result of their collection of gun ballistic evidence.
 - Holding meetings that include ATF, local and tribal police, local crime laboratories, probation and parole, prosecuting attorneys, U.S. Attorneys' Offices (USAOs), intelligence research specialists, crime analysts, community groups, and academic organizations.
 - Creating a mechanism to share CGI among partner agencies.
- How the applicant will deliver or complete those activities.
- When the activities will take place.
- Who in the applicant's organization will staff the activities, including key staff.
- Who will participate in and benefit from the activity.
- What deliverables, reports, and other items will be produced as part of the project.

- If the applicant plans to use subrecipients to help conduct the project, please name them (if they are known) or describe how the applicant will identify them. Please describe their role in conducting project activities.

4. Capabilities and Competencies: What administrative and technical capacity and expertise does the applicant bring to successfully complete this project? Please include:

- A short description of the applicant's capacity to deliver the proposed project and meet the requirements of the award, including collecting and reporting the required performance measure data. Who will be responsible for this task, and how will the applicant collect the data? Refer to [Program Description: Performance Measures](#) for additional details on performance measures for this funding opportunity.
- A description of projects or activities the applicant organization has conducted, or is currently conducting, that demonstrate the applicant's ability to undertake the proposed project activities.
- A summary of relevant experience of team members with key responsibilities for implementing the project.

Project Evaluations: An applicant that proposes to use award funds to conduct project evaluations must follow the guidance in the "[Note on Project Evaluations](#)" section in the [Application Resource Guide](#).

Budget and Associated Documentation: Budget Detail Form

The applicant will complete the JustGrants budget detail form. The form collects the individual costs under each cost category needed to implement the proposed project. Applicants should ensure that the name/description of each cost is clear and provide the detailed calculation (e.g., cost per unit and number of units) for the total cost. Applicants should enter additional narrative, as needed, to fully describe the cost calculations and connection to the project goals and objectives (including, if applicable, describing connections to OJP priority goals).

Budget proposals should include the funding needed to implement the proposed activities. In preparing their budget proposals, applicants should consider what types of costs are allowable, if awarded funding. Costs are allowable when they are reasonable, allocable to, and necessary for the performance of the project funded under the federal award and when they comply with the funding statute and agency requirements, including the conditions of the award and the cost principles set out in [2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E](#) and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#).

Costs Associated With a Conference/Meeting/Training: An applicant that proposes to use award funds for activities related to a conference, meeting, training, or similar event should review the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on prior approval, planning, and reporting costs for a conference/meeting/training.

Costs Associated With Language Assistance and Access: If an applicant proposes a program or activity that would deliver services or benefits to individuals, the costs of taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to those services or benefits for individuals with limited English proficiency may be allowable in specific grant programs. Costs to provide reasonable accommodation and facilitate language access for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may also be allowable in specific grant programs. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on costs associated with language assistance.

For additional information about how to prepare a budget for federal funding, see the [Application Resource Guide](#) section on “[Budget Preparation and Submission Information](#)” and the technical steps to complete the budget form in JustGrants in the [Complete the Application in JustGrants: Budget](#) training.

Budget and Associated Documentation: Budget/Financial Attachments

Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable): An applicant with a current, federally approved indirect cost rate agreement should upload it as an attachment in JustGrants.

Indirect costs are costs of an organization that are not readily assignable to a particular project but are necessary for the operation of the organization and the performance of the project. Examples of costs usually treated as indirect include those incurred for operation and maintenance of offices or workspaces and salaries of administrative or support staff. The requirements for the development and submission of indirect cost proposals and cost allocation plans are listed in Appendices III–VII of 2 C.F.R. Part 200. A non-federal applicant should follow the guidelines applicable to its type of organization. See the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) and the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on indirect cost rate agreements.

Consultant Rate (if applicable): OJP has established maximum rates for consultants; see the “Listing of Costs Requiring Prior Approval” section of the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) for more information. If an applicant proposes a rate for a consultant on their project that is higher than the established maximum rate and receives an award, then the award recipient must submit a document requesting approval for the rate and cannot incur costs at the higher rate without prior OJP approval. The award recipient must provide justification for why the proposed rate is higher than the established maximum rate, such as why the rate is reasonable and consistent with that paid for similar services in the marketplace.

Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards Over \$250,000; Waiver (if applicable):

If an applicant proposes to hire employees with federal award funds, for any award of more than \$250,000, the recipient may not use federal funds to pay total cash compensation (salary plus cash bonuses) to any employee of the recipient at a rate that exceeds 110 percent of the maximum annual salary payable to a member of the federal government’s Senior Executive Service (SES) at an agency with a Certified SES Performance Appraisal System for that year. Applicants may request a waiver from this requirement by submitting the appropriate form. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the “Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation for Awards over \$250,000; Waiver.”

Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation (if applicable): An applicant that is a nonprofit organization may be required to make certain disclosures relating to the processes it uses to determine the compensation of its officers, directors, trustees, and key employees. If applicable, the applicant will upload a description of the process used to determine executive compensation as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information.

Additional Application Components

The applicant will attach the additional requested documentation in JustGrants.

- **Curriculum Vitae or Resumes:** Provide resumes of key personnel who will work on the proposed project or a description of the experience and skills of key personnel necessary to implement the project.
- **Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable):** An application in response to this NOFO may require inclusion of Tribal authorizing documentation as an attachment. If applicable, the applicant will upload the tribal authorizing documentation as an attachment in JustGrants. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on Tribal authorizing resolutions.
- **Letter of Support ATF Field Division (Required):** A letter of support from your local ATF Field Division verifying the partnership; this is required if you are applying for either category 1 or 2. If you are proposing to purchase a NIBIN machine or utilize the grant funds to implement NESS+ RMS or eTrace DIRECT, the letter of support should reference ATF's support for those projects and highlight the ongoing collaboration of crime gun intelligence (tracing and NIBIN) and/or the local ATF field office partnership with your agency. For a NIBIN machine or NESS+ RMS, the letter should also include coordination with and concurrence from ATF's Firearms Operation Division. Contact information for your local ATF Field Division can be found on ATF's website at <https://www.atf.gov/contact/locations/local-atf-offices>.
- **Additional Letters of Support:** A letter of support is from an entity or individual that knows the applicant's work. The letter tends to speak to the applicant's capacity to implement their proposed project for the benefit of the community. It differs from an MOU in that the entity is not committing staff, services, or supplies to help the applicant implement the project. Applicants should include, for each named supporting entity, a signed letter of support that outlines the supporting entity's reasons for supporting the project.

Each letter of support may include descriptions of the following:

- Relationship between the applicant entity and the supporting entity.
- Need for and benefits that would be gained from the project.
- Applicant's capacity to complete the proposed project.

Letters of support should be signed and submitted as one separate attachment to the application in JustGrants.

Disclosures and Assurances

The applicant will address the following disclosures and assurances.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities: JustGrants will prompt each applicant to indicate if it is required to complete and submit a lobbying disclosure under 31 U.S.C. § 1352.

The applicant is required by law to complete and submit a lobbying disclosure form (Standard Form/SF-LLL) if it has paid or will pay any person to lobby in connection with the award for which it is applying AND this application is for an award in excess of \$100,000. This disclosure requirement is not applicable to such payments by an Indian Tribe, tribal organization, or any other Indian organization that are permitted by other federal law.

Lobbying means (for this requirement) influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress. See 31 U.S.C. § 1352; 28 C.F.R. part 69. Note: Most applicants do not engage in activities that trigger this disclosure requirement.

An applicant that is not required by law (31 U.S.C. § 1352) to complete and submit a lobbying disclosure, should enter “No.” By doing so, the applicant is affirmatively asserting (under applicable penalties) that it has nothing to disclose under 31 U.S.C. § 1352 with regard to the application for the award at issue.

Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items: To ensure funding coordination across grantmaking agencies, and to avoid unnecessary or inappropriate duplication of grant funding, the applicant must disclose if it has any pending applications for federal funding, including pending applications for subawards of federal funds, for the same project and the same budget items included in this proposal. Complete the JustGrants Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items form. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

DOJ Certified Standard Assurances: Review and accept the DOJ Certified Standard Assurances in JustGrants. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

DOJ Certifications: Review the DOJ document [Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Coordination with Affected Agencies](#). An applicant must review and sign the certification document in JustGrants. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for more information.

Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High-Risk Grantees (if applicable): If applicable, submit the DOJ High-Risk Disclosure and Justification as an attachment in JustGrants. A DOJ high-risk recipient is an award recipient that has received a DOJ high-risk designation based on a documented history of unsatisfactory performance, financial instability, management system or other internal control deficiencies, noncompliance with award terms and conditions on prior awards, or that is otherwise not responsible. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Submission Dates & Times

Refer to [Basic Information: Key Dates and Times](#) for the submission dates and times.

Applicants should submit their applications as early as possible and recommended not later than 48 hours before the deadlines. To be considered timely, the full application must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline. Applicants will use the Certify and Submit feature in JustGrants to confirm that all required application components have been entered, which includes identifying the Authorized Representative for the applicant. Once the application is submitted, the Application Submitter, Authorized Representative, and Entity Administrator receive a confirmation email.

An applicant will receive emails after successfully submitting application components in Grants.gov and JustGrants and should retain all emails and other confirmations received from the SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants systems.

Experiencing Technical Issues Preventing Submission of an Application (Technical Waivers)

If an applicant misses a deadline due to unforeseen technical issues with SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants, the applicant may request a waiver to submit an application after the deadline. OJP will only consider requests to submit an application via alternative methods or after the deadline when the applicant can document that there is a technical issue with a government system that was beyond their control and that prevents submission of the application via the standard process prior to the deadlines. Issues resulting from circumstances within the applicant's control, such as failure to begin the SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants registration and application process in sufficient time, will not be considered.

Requests and documentation must be sent to the OJP Response Center at OJP.ResponseCenter@usdoj.gov. Applicants should follow these steps if they experience a technical issue:

- 1. Contact the relevant help desk to report the issue and receive a tracking number.**

See [Basic Information: Contact Information](#) for the phone numbers, email addresses, and operating hours of the SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants help desks. Reports of technical issues to the help desk must occur **before** the application deadline.

If an applicant calls the help desk and experiences a long wait time, they can also email the help desk to obtain a tracking number. Tracking numbers are generated automatically when an applicant emails the applicable service desk, and for this reason, long call wait times for support do not relieve the applicant of the responsibility of getting a tracking number.

2. If an applicant has technical issues with SAM.gov or Grants.gov, the applicant must contact the OJP Response Center at OJP.ResponseCenter@usdoj.gov within 24 hours of the Grants.gov deadline to request approval to submit after the deadline. The applicant's request will need to include:

- A description of the technical difficulties experienced (provide screenshots if applicable).
- A timeline of the applicant's submission efforts (e.g., date and time the error occurred, date and time of actions taken to resolve the issue and resubmit, and date and time support representatives responded).
- An attachment of the complete grant application and all the required documentation and materials (this serves as a "manual" submission of the application).
- The applicant's unique entity identifier (UEI).
- Any SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants Service Desk tracking/ticket numbers documenting the technical issue.

3. If an applicant has technical issues with JustGrants that prevent application submission by the deadline, the applicant must contact the OJP Response Center at OJP.ResponseCenter@usdoj.gov within 24 hours of the JustGrants deadline to request approval to submit after the deadline. See step 2 for the list of information the applicant must provide as part of its request.

As a reminder: the waiver request will not be considered unless it includes documentation of attempts to receive technical assistance to resolve the issue prior to the application deadline. OJP will review each waiver request and the required supporting documentation and notify the applicant whether the request for late submission has been approved or denied. An applicant that does not provide documentation of a technical issue (including all information previously listed), or that does not submit a waiver request within the required time period, will be denied.

For more details on the waiver process, OJP encourages applicants to review the "Experiencing Technical Issues" section in the [Application Resource Guide](#).



APPLICATION REVIEW

Responsiveness (Basic Minimum Requirements) Review

OJP screens applications to ensure they meet the basic minimum requirements (BMR) prior to conducting the merit review. Following are the basic minimum requirements for this funding opportunity. If OJP determines that an application does not include these elements, it will not proceed to merit review and will not receive any further consideration.

- The application is submitted by an eligible applicant.
- The requested award amount does not exceed the award ceiling.
- The application is responsive to the scope of the NOFO.
- The following application elements are included:
 - SF-424 (Grants.gov)
 - Proposal Narrative (JustGrants)
 - Budget detail form, which includes the budget items, their calculations, and explanation (JustGrants)
 - Letter of support from ATF
 - *Applicant state or local government entities only:* Certification by the Chief Executive Officer (or senior official) of the Applicant Government (using Appendix 1 template).

Applicants whose application fails to meet the BMR are provided notice (including an appropriate point of contact for questions) within a few weeks after the submission due date.

Merit Review Criteria

Peer Review Criteria

Applications that meet the basic minimum requirements will be evaluated for technical merit by peer reviewers based on how the proposed project/program addresses the following criteria:

- **Statement of the Problem/Description of the Issue (25%):** What critical issue or problem the applicant is proposing to address with this project.
- **Project Goals and Objectives (15%):** How the proposed project will address the identified need and the purpose of the funding opportunity.
- **Project Design and Implementation (25%):** The strength of how the applicant will implement activities, including the soundness of the project design and how the activities align to the stated goals and objectives.
- **Capabilities and Competencies (15%):** The applicant's administrative and technical capacity to successfully complete this project.
- **Budget (20%):** Completeness and cost effectiveness.

Programmatic and Financial Review Criteria

After the peer review, applications undergo additional programmatic and financial reviews. OJP staff may reach out to applicants during the programmatic or financial review if a submitted form is incomplete or needs to be updated. Note that OJP staff are not authorized to provide information on peer review scores or comment on programmatic, risk, or budget/financial reviews while the merit review is in progress.

In addition to BMR and peer review criteria, other important considerations for OJP include geographic coverage (including, but not limited to, remote and geographically isolated communities, such as Alaska Native villages), strategic priorities (including, but not limited to, the priority areas already mentioned, if applicable), available funding, past performance, and the extent to which the budget detail form accurately explains project costs that are reasonable, necessary, and otherwise allowable under federal law and applicable federal cost principles. If cost sharing/match is not required for this opportunity, applicants will not receive higher consideration by proposing a voluntary match contribution in their budget.

Risk Review

Pursuant to the Part 200 Uniform Requirements, before award decisions are made, OJP also reviews information related to applicant risk. OJP assesses whether an applicant with one or more prior federal awards has a satisfactory record of performance, integrity, and business ethics, including by (among other things) checking whether the applicant is listed in SAM.gov as excluded from receiving a federal award.

Depending on the severity and nature of the risk factors, the risk assessment may result in the removal of an applicant from consideration or selection for award, or it may result in additional post-award conditions and oversight for an awarded applicant.

In addition, if OJP anticipates that an award will exceed \$250,000 in federal funds, OJP also must review and consider any information about the applicant that appears in the non-public segment of the integrity and performance system accessible through SAM.gov.

Important Note on Responsibility/Qualification Data (formerly FAPIIS): An applicant may review and comment on any information about its organization that currently appears in SAM.gov and was entered by a federal awarding agency. OJP will consider such comments by the applicant, in addition to the other information in SAM.gov, in its assessment of the risk posed by the applicant.

Selection Process

All final award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, unless a statute explicitly authorizes award decisions by another official or there is written delegation of authority to another official. This official may consider not only peer review ratings and program office recommendations, but also other factors as indicated in the “Application Review” section to make final award decisions. For additional information on the application review process, see the [Application Resource Guide](#).



AWARD NOTICES

Federal Award Notices

For successful applicants, JustGrants will send a system-generated email to the Application Submitter, Authorized Representative, and Entity Administrator with information on accessing their official award package in JustGrants. The award package will include key information (such as funding amount and period of performance) as well as award conditions that must be followed. The Authorized Representative for the entity should accept or decline the award within 45 days of the notification. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on award notifications and instructions.

Applicants not selected for an award will receive notification after all award recipients have been notified. OJP also provides unsuccessful applicants with a summary of peer reviewer comments.

Future Funding Opportunities

OJP may, in certain cases, provide additional funding in future years to awards made under this funding opportunity through continuation awards. When making continuation award decisions, OJP will consider, among other factors, OJP's strategic priorities, a recipient's overall management of the award, and the progress of the work funded under the award.

Applications submitted under this FY 2025 funding opportunity may be funded in future fiscal years, dependent on, among other considerations, the merit of the applications and the availability of appropriations.



POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

Reporting

All award recipients under this funding opportunity will be required to submit the following reports and data:

- Quarterly financial reports.
- Semi-annual performance reports.
- Final financial and performance reports.
- If applicable, an annual audit report in accordance with the Part 200 Uniform Requirements or specific award conditions.

See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on specific post-award reporting requirements, including performance measure data and the method for submitting reports in OJP's online systems. Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if reports are delinquent, and in appropriate cases, OJP may require additional reports.

Performance Measure Reporting

Award recipients are required to submit performance measure data and performance reports in JustGrants on a semi-annual basis. Applicants selected for an award will receive further guidance on post-award reporting processes.

Program- and Award-Specific Award Conditions

OJP includes various conditions on its awards. These may include program-specific conditions, which typically apply to all recipients of a funding opportunity, and award-specific conditions, which are included to address recipient-specific issues (e.g., programmatic or financial risk). Recipients may view all conditions, and actions required to satisfy those conditions, in the award package in JustGrants.

Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements

If selected for funding, in addition to implementing the funded project consistent with the OJP-approved application, the recipient must comply with all award conditions and all applicable requirements of federal statutes and regulations, including the applicable requirements referred to in the assurances and certifications executed in connection with award acceptance. For additional information on these legal requirements, see the “Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements” section in the [Application Resource Guide](#).

Civil Rights Compliance

If a successful applicant accepts funding from OJP—as a recipient of OJP funding—that award recipient must comply with certain federal civil rights laws that prohibit the award recipient from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or disability in how it delivers its program's services or benefits and in its employment practices. The civil rights laws that may be applicable to the award include, but are not limited to, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the nondiscrimination provisions of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. These and other federal civil rights laws are discussed in greater detail on OJP's [Legal Overview—FY 2025 Awards](#) webpage under the

“Civil Rights Requirements” section. Additional resources are available from the [OJP Office for Civil Rights](#).

Compliance with Federal civil rights and nondiscrimination laws is material to the government’s decision to make any award and payment under this program, including for purposes of the False Claims Act, and each recipient will be required to certify (in its acceptance of the conditions of the award) that it does not operate any programs (including any such programs having components relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion) that violate any applicable Federal civil rights or nondiscrimination laws.

See OJP’s [Partnerships with Faith-Based and Other Neighborhood Organizations webpage](#) for specific information for faith-based organizations applying under this NOFO.

Financial Management and System of Internal Controls

Award recipients and subrecipients (including recipients or subrecipients that are pass-through entities) must, as described in the Part 200 Uniform Requirements set out at 2 C.F.R. 200.303, comply with standards for financial and program management. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Information Technology Security Clauses

An application in response to this NOFO may require inclusion of information related to information technology security. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for more information.

Other Reporting Requirements

Applicants and recipients are required to notify OJP if you know that you or any of your organization’s principals for the award transaction are presently excluded or disqualified (*i.e.*, debarred or suspended) or otherwise meet any of the criteria in 2 C.F.R. 180.335. Recipients must comply with requirements in 2 C.F.R. Part 180, as implemented by DOJ in 2 C.F.R. Part 2867, which, among other things, require recipients to check certain information sources and, in some cases, notify the federal awarding agency prior to the agency awarding federal funds via contracts or subawards.

If a recipient’s award includes a federal share of more than \$500,000 over the period of performance of the award, then the award (per 2 C.F.R. 200.113) will include a condition that may require the recipient to report and maintain certain information (relating to certain criminal, civil, and administrative proceedings) in SAM.gov. See [the Reporting Requirements page](#) for more information.



OTHER INFORMATION

Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities

OJP may conduct or support an evaluation of the projects and activities funded under this NOFO. For additional information on what should be included in the application, see the [Application Resource Guide](#) section “Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities.”

Freedom of Information and Privacy Act

See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for important information on the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 552 and 552a).

Applicants are advised not to include any unnecessary personally identifiable information, sensitive law enforcement information, or confidential financial information with the application.

Provide Feedback to OJP

See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for information on how to provide feedback to OJP.



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

BJA FY25 Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration

This application checklist has been created as an aid in developing an application. For more information, reference the “[OJP Application Submission Steps](#)” in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) and the [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#).

SAM.gov Registration/Renewal

- Confirm that your entity’s registration in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) is active through the NOFO period. Submit a new or renewal registration in SAM.gov, if needed (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).

Grants.gov Registration

- Acquire an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) and a Grants.gov username and password (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).
- Acquire AOR confirmation from the E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).

Grants.gov Opportunity Search

- Search for the funding opportunity in Grants.gov using the opportunity number, assistance listing number, or keyword(s).
- Select the correct Competition ID O-BJA-2025-172482
 - C-BJA-2025-00089-PROD Category 1: Expansion of an Existing CGIC
 - C-BJA-2025-00090-PROD Category 2: Implementation of a New CGIC
- Access the funding opportunity and application package (see Step 7 under “[OJP Application Submission Steps](#)” in the [Application Resource Guide](#)).
- Sign up for Grants.gov email notifications (optional) (see [Application Resource Guide](#)).

Funding Opportunity Review and Project Planning

- Review all sections of the NOFO.
- Confirm your entity is eligible to receive funding (see [Eligibility: Eligible Applicants](#)).
- Confirm your proposed budget is within the allowable limits (see [Basic Information: Funding Details](#)), includes only allowable costs (see [Application Contents, Submission Requirements, and Deadlines: Budget Detail Form](#)), and includes cost sharing if applicable (see [Eligibility: Cost Sharing/Match Requirement](#)).
- Review the performance measures for this funding opportunity and confirm you will be prepared to collect and report on this data (see [Program Description: Performance Measures](#)).
- Review the “[Legal Overview—FY 2025 Awards](#)” in the [OJP Funding Resource Center](#) and confirm you are prepared to follow the requirements.
- Read OJP policy and guidance on conference approval, planning, and reporting under “Listing of Costs Requiring Prior Approval” in the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) or see the [Application Resource Guide](#).

Submission Step 1: Grants.gov

After registering with SAM.gov, submit the SF-424 in Grants.gov.

- Complete and submit the SF-424 by the deadline.
- Confirm Section 8F of the SF-424 lists the name and contact information of the individual **who will complete the application in JustGrants**.
- Submit documents for Intergovernmental Review (if applicable).
- Confirm that, within 48 hours of your submission in Grants.gov, you receive four (4) Grants.gov email notifications:
 - A submission receipt
 - A validation receipt
 - A grantor agency retrieval receipt
 - An agency tracking number assignment
- If no Grants.gov receipt and validation email is received, or if error notifications are received, contact the OJP Response Center at OJP.ResponseCenter@usdoj.gov, the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, or support@grants.gov regarding technical difficulties (see the [Application Resource Guide](#) section on “[Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues](#)”).
- Confirm that, within 24 hours after receipt of confirmation emails from Grants.gov, the individual listed in Section 8F of the SF-424 receives an email from JustGrants with login instructions.

Submission Step 2: JustGrants

- Complete the following information:
 - Entity and User Verification (first-time applicants)
 - Standard Applicant Information
 - Proposal Abstract
 - Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (see [Application Resource Guide](#))
 - Agency Funding Priorities Inventory
- Upload the Proposal Narrative.*
- Complete the budget detail form.*
- Upload other budget/financial attachments, as applicable.
- Upload additional application components, as applicable.
 - Upload the letter of support from ATF*
 - *Applicant state or local government entities only:* Upload properly-executed *Certification by the Chief Executive Officer (or senior official) of the Applicant Government*, using only the certification template provided in the specified Appendix to this NOFO.*
- Complete the required disclosures and assurances:
 - Disclosure of Lobbying Activities and submission of SF-LLL, if prompted by the system
 - Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items
 - DOJ Certified Standard Assurances
 - Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High-Risk Grantees
- Complete the required DOJ Certification on Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Coordination with Affected Agencies.

****Note: Items designated with an asterisk must be submitted for an application to meet the basic minimum requirements review. If OJP determines that an application does not include the designated items, it will neither proceed to peer review nor receive further consideration.***

JustGrants Review, Certification, and Application Submission

- Address any validation errors displayed on screen after attempted submission, then return to the “Certify and Submit” screen to submit the application.
- Note the confirmation message at the top of the page. Users will also receive a notification in the “bell” alerts confirming submission.
- If you do not receive an application submission confirmation email or validation from JustGrants, or if you receive an error notification, please contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov. See the [Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Appendix 1

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Certification by the Chief Executive Officer (or senior official) of the Applicant Government

On behalf of the applicant named below, and in support of its application, I certify under penalty of perjury to the Office of Justice Programs ("OJP"), U.S. Department of Justice ("USDOJ"), that all of the following are true and correct:

- (1) I am the chief executive officer of the State or local government ("the jurisdiction") of which the applicant entity named below is a part (or a senior official of the jurisdiction, with the legal authority to bind the same), I have received appropriate legal advice as to this certification, and I have the authority to make this certification on my own behalf as chief executive officer (or senior official) and on behalf of the jurisdiction and the applicant entity. I understand that OJP will rely upon this certification as a material representation in any decision to make an award to the applicant entity.
- (2) I have carefully reviewed (or have received pertinent legal advice concerning) 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373(a) & (b) and 1644, including the prohibitions on certain actions by State and local government entities, agencies, and officials regarding information on citizenship and immigration status.
- (3) I (and the applicant entity) understand that, for purposes of this certification, the term "program or activity" means what it means under title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (*see* 42 U.S.C. § 2000d-4a), and that terms used in this certification that are defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1101 mean what they mean under that section 1101, except that the term "State" also shall include American Samoa (*cf.* 42 U.S.C. § 901(a)(2)).
- (4) I (and the applicant entity) assure that the applicant entity (and its officials and other personnel) will comply with 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373 and 1644 in any "program or activity" receiving federal financial assistance under any award made by OJP pursuant to this application. I further certify that any subrecipient (at any tier) of such federal financial assistance (and its officials and other personnel) will also comply with 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373 and 1644.

I acknowledge that a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement (or concealment or omission of a material fact) in this certification, or in the application that it supports, may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 34 U.S.C. § 10271 or under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 or 1621, and may subject me and the applicant entity to civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729–3730 and §§ 3801–3812). I also acknowledge that OJP awards, including certifications provided in connection with such awards, are subject to review by USDOJ, including by OJP and by the USDOJ Office of the Inspector General.

Signature of Chief Executive Officer (or senior official) of the Applicant Government

Date of Certification

Printed Name of Chief Executive Officer (or senior official)

Title of Chief Executive Officer (or senior official)

Name of Applicant Government Entity



**Mississippi Office of Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)
FY26 HSGP Notice of Funding Announcement
February 13, 2026**

Purpose:

The purpose of this announcement is to provide guidance for submitting grant applications for the upcoming FY26 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). All applications must demonstrate clear alignment with the national priority funding investments outlined below.

Program Eligibility and Participation:

To be eligible for FY26 priority grant funding, applicants must address at least one of the national priority areas available to sub-grantees, which include:

- Enhancing the protection of soft targets and crowded places
- Supporting Homeland Security Task Forces and fusion centers
- Enhancing and integrating cybersecurity resiliency
- Enhancing election security
- Border Crisis Response and Enforcement Support

*At the time of this release, the FY26 National Priority Areas (NPAs) have not been confirmed.

Applicants must also demonstrate how their proposed projects align with the terrorism preparedness framework, including efforts to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism. All application materials must be completed in full to be considered for review.

Projects that address one or more of the national priority areas will receive primary consideration during the evaluation process. Project requests outside the federal priority areas may still be reviewed; however, they will be considered secondary to those that directly support the identified national priorities.

Application Release:

The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security (MOHS) will release the FY26 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) application on **Monday, March 2, 2026**. The application and accompanying funding guidance document will be available on the MOHS website at: <https://www.homelandsecurity.ms.gov/>

The FY26 HSGP application will be accessible only through an electronic link provided on the website beginning **March 2, 2026**. All submissions must be completed and submitted through that link.

Grant Writing Workshops:

MOHS will host two (2) virtual grant writing workshops to answer questions regarding the grant and provide updates on funding, national priority areas, and other information related to the FY26 grant year. Sessions will be held on:

- March 11, 2026 — 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- March 25, 2026 — 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Registration is currently open at: <https://mohsgrants.jotform.com/260295928887073>

Instructions and Deadlines:

All applications and required documentation must be submitted electronically through the designated website link no later than **Friday, April 3, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.** For Applications to be considered complete:

- All fields within the application must be fully filled out
- All required information must be submitted
- The application must include an electronic signature

MOHS requests that all jurisdictions prioritize funding requests that address capability targets and gaps identified through a formal needs assessment. Due to limited funding, projects that focus on high-priority capability gaps and align with both national and state priorities are most likely to receive funding. Applicants are strongly encouraged to use grant funds to maintain or sustain existing capabilities before proposing new initiatives.

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered for funding. Late submissions may only be reviewed if additional or reallocated funding becomes available. Submission of an application does not guarantee an award.

FEMA Federal Grant Information:

Additional federal grant guidance and program information can be found at:
<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security>

FY26 National Priority Funding:

DHS/FEMA has identified five (5) national priority areas that must be addressed by allocating a designated percentage of funding to each, totaling thirty (30) percent of all federal HSGP funds. In addition to meeting these federal requirements, MOHS will continue to invest in state-identified priority areas to strengthen overall preparedness and capability development.

National priorities are subject to change upon release of the FEMA FY26 Notice of Funding Opportunity.

1. Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places: Soft targets and crowded places—such as parks, shopping centers, transportation hubs, and event venues—remain attractive targets for terrorists due to their accessibility and large gatherings. These locations often lack robust security measures, increasing their vulnerability.

Mitigation efforts require strong collaboration between public and private sector partners to enhance security at facilities such as transportation centers, restaurants, polling places, and similar venues. Personnel who may respond to incidents at these sites should receive training in key operational systems, such as the Incident Command System (ICS), to ensure effective and coordinated incident management.

2. Supporting Homeland Security Task Forces and Fusion Centers: This priority aligns with Executive Order 14159, Protecting the American People Against Invasion, which calls for the establishment of Homeland Security Task Forces (HSTFs) nationwide. These multi-agency teams—comprised of federal and local law enforcement partners—are responsible for disrupting and dismantling transnational criminal organizations, targeting cross-border human smuggling and trafficking networks (particularly those involving children), and supporting lawful immigration enforcement.

3. Enhancing and Integrating Cybersecurity Resiliency: In today's interconnected environment, increased connectivity brings heightened risk, including opportunities for adversaries and terrorists to exploit cyber vulnerabilities and disrupt critical systems. While not mandatory, applicants are strongly encouraged to submit proposals for ongoing or high-priority cybersecurity projects. DHS/FEMA will evaluate these investments based on anticipated impact and effectiveness.

Cybersecurity projects should enhance the security and resilience of critical infrastructure and strengthen core capabilities that support the prevention of, preparation for, protection against, and response to acts of terrorism.

4. Enhancing Election Security: The United States' election infrastructure is vital to national stability. Any incapacitation or destruction of this infrastructure would have severe consequences. Securing election systems, ensuring their continued operation amid threats or harassment, advancing the safety of election officials, and protecting against foreign interference are national security priorities.

Because threats to election systems evolve constantly, defending them requires ongoing vigilance, innovation, and adaptation.

5. Border Crisis Response and Enforcement Support: State and local law enforcement agencies play a critical role in safeguarding national security and public safety. Pursuant to Executive Order 14159, Protecting the American People Against Invasion, it is the policy of the United States to enforce immigration laws against all inadmissible and removable individuals—particularly those who pose a threat to public safety or national security. This includes the efficient and lawful execution of immigration enforcement activities, supported by appropriate incentives and enhanced detention capabilities.

Questions:

For questions related to the grant application, guidelines, or technical assistance, please contact: mohsgrants@dps.ms.gov

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GEORGE IRBY

March 11, 2026

TO: COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL

FROM: SUSAN WILDER
GRANT WRITER/ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A MISSISSIPPI RECREATIONAL
TRAILS GRANT THROUGH THE CITY OF COLUMBUS FOR THE MASTER
GARDENER'S BUTTERFLY GARDEN

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Master Gardeners contacted me a few months ago asking if I would be allowed to write a grant to pay for the paving of the trail to the Butterfly Garden and to add two to four benches along the trail to make it handicapped accessible. The Mayor also asked me to look for funding for this project.

The Mississippi Recreational Trails Grant is open with a deadline of April 2, 2026. There is a 20% match requirement that the Master Gardeners have agreed to pay.

I am requesting permission to apply for this grant through the City of Columbus for this project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Susan Wilder
Grant Writer/Administrator



Announcement

Funding Opportunity - Recreational Trails Program

Is open and accepting applications

Close Date: April 2, 2026

It is with pleasure the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks - Outdoor Recreation Grants Division (ORG) opens the Recreational Trails Program 2026 Funding Cycle.

Recreational Trails Program

The program provides 80/20 matching grants for public recreational trails. The program funds non-motorized and motorized trails of diverse and single use.

For the current RTP funding cycle, projects that provide for non-motorized uses, the minimum grant award will be \$8,000 and the maximum grant award will be \$120,000. The grant award for motorized use projects may exceed the \$120,000 limit, depending on available funds and motorized projects submitted. Applications submitted are for award in October, 2026.

The RTP packages include general program information and the application. Please read the general program information before making an application for funds. The application shall be received in this office no later than 4:00 pm, Thursday, April 2, 2026.

With this announcement, I encourage any city, county, state and/or federal agency, college/university or recreation district with recreational trail needs to apply for funding assistance. Nonprofit conservation organizations (existing for 5 years or more) may also apply for Recreational Trails Program funds.

The RTP Applications and Guidelines may be downloaded from the MDWFP website: <https://www.mdwfp.com/parks-destinations/outdoor-recreational-grants/>

If you have any questions, please contact the Outdoor Recreation Grants Division by email terry.mcdill@wfp.ms.gov or phone number (601) 432-2227.

Terry McDill
Outdoor Recreation Grants

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AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
GEORGE IRBY

DATE: March 11, 2026

TO: Columbus City Council

FROM: Susan Wilder
Grant Writer/Administrator

SUBJECT: Selecting Contractor for Tree Inventory as part of the Mississippi Forestry Commission Grant.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Mississippi Forestry Commission grant is paying for a tree inventory in the historical section of Friendship Cemetery. The purpose of this inventory is to assess the number of trees in that section, their size, and their health, and to gain advice on which, if any, of the trees need to be removed to prevent damage to the historical markers in the cemetery.

When we were applying for the grant, Alex Ballard referred me to Fulgham Tree Preservation for a quote. Their estimate was \$9,500.00 covering everything we need in a tree inventory. I contacted Armstrong Forestry for a quote, spoke by text with them several times, however, they did not submit a quote. I contacted Green Timber Forestry, who said they do not serve our area. I also contacted Forest South about a quote and never received a response.

Finally, I contacted Ag Tech Dynamics and explained everything we needed in a tree inventory and the purpose of protecting the historic section of the cemetery. They sent a quote of \$2,500.00 to only fly the property with a drone, take aerial pictures, and create a map. They will not do anything to assess the health and viability of the trees.

I am asking the City Council to approve hiring Fulgham Tree Preservation to conduct the tree inventory for us. I contacted Alex Ballard about the trouble I have had in trying to get more quotes, and he said he assumed we were going to hire Fulgham.

Thank you for everything you do every day!

Sincerely,



Susan Wilder
Grant Writer/Administrator



Fulham Tree Preservation
P.O. Box 3187
Tupelo, MS 38803
662-269-2414

Proposal

Salesperson:

David Fulham
6622555127

david@fulhamsinc.com

Job Name: City of Columbus Tree Inventory 2026
Bid Date: 11/10/2025 12:00:00 AM
Client Name: City of Columbus
Billing Address: Ms. Susan Wilder
PO Box 1408
Columbus, MS 39703

Worksite: PO Box 1408
Columbus, MS 39703
Work Site Contact:
Mobile: 662.570.3440

#	Item	Description	Qty	Cost
1	Selected plants	LiDAR Fulham Tree Preservation, led by a team of experienced arborists and engineers and certified pilots, introduces cutting-edge LiDAR solutions that redefine data acquisition. Our LiDAR services provide accurate 3D point cloud representations acquired through drone flyovers, enabling precise spatial analysis and insights for diverse applications. Our scope includes data collection using a DJI Matrice 350 drone and the Greenvalley LiAir X3-H, with resulting point clouds serving as a foundation for tailored deliverables including detailed planimetrics, survey grade topographical maps, and many others. Timely data return is a priority, and our collaborative approach ensures seamless alignment with client objectives.	1	\$5,000.00
3	Selected plants	Professional Services Post data processing	1	\$1,500.00

Site Assessment

#	Item	Description	Qty	Cost
2	Selected plants	Tree Inventory Fulham Tree Preservation will provide a survey of the protected trees, to include at a minimum species, physical measurement, and an evaluation of their condition over the entire area. This will be delivered through an ArcGIS dashboard after the inventory's completion. Any other needed deliverables can be extracted from the map, such as number of trees per species, average size, etc.	1	\$3,000.00



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Salesperson:

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Subtotal:	\$9,500.00
Tax:	\$0.00
Total:	\$9,500.00

Signature

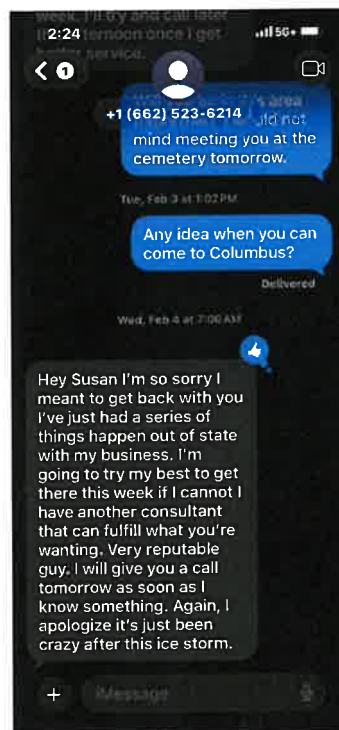
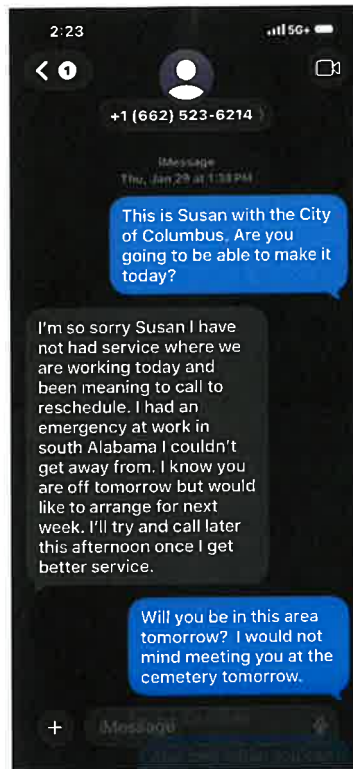
Date

Payment terms:

We accept payments by check, cash and credit cards (Mastercard/Visa, American Express, and Discover). Cardx is our credit card processor and they charge a 3.5% fee to process credit card payments. Please make payments within 30 days of receiving the service invoice. Invoices are past due after 30 days and we charge a 1.5% interest charge per month on past due balances.

Disclaimer: Trees can be managed, but they cannot be controlled. To live near a tree is to accept some degree of risk. The only way to eliminate all risks is to eliminate all trees. Arborists and urban foresters are tree specialists who use their education, knowledge, training and experience to examine trees, recommend measures to enhance the beauty and health of trees, and attempt to reduce the risk of living near trees. Fulgham's Inc and its arborists do not certify the safety or health of any tree for any period of time. Clients may choose to accept or disregard the opinions of the arborist or seek additional advice. Arborists cannot detect every condition that could possibly lead to the structural failure of a tree. Trees are living organisms that may fail in ways we do not fully understand. Conditions are often hidden within trees and below ground. Arborists cannot guarantee that a tree will be healthy or safe, or fail for that matter, under all circumstances, or for a given period of time. Construction activities are hazardous to trees and cause many short and long-term injuries, which can cause trees to die or fail. Even when every tree is inspected, inspections involve sampling; therefore, some areas of decay or weakness may be missed. Weather, winds and the magnitude and direction of storms are not predictable, and some failures may still occur despite the best application of high professional standards. Likewise, remedial treatments, like any medicine, cannot be guaranteed. Treatments, pruning and removal of trees may involve considerations beyond the scope of the arborist's services such as property boundaries, property ownership, sight lines, disputes between neighbors, landlord-tenant matters, etc. Arborists cannot take such issues into account unless complete and accurate information is given to the arborist. The person hiring the arborist accepts full responsibility for authorizing the recommended treatment or remedial measures.

COMMUNICATION WITH CHAD ARMSTRONG
ARMSTRONG FORESTRY
ABOUT A TREE INVENTORY QUOTE



RE: Contact Form Submission: greentimberforestry.com

From Karl Ploeckelman <karl@greentimberforestry.com>

Date Thu 2/26/2026 12:14 PM

To Susan Wilder <susan.wilder@columbusms.org>; Justin Miller <justin@greentimberforestry.com>; Rexx Janowiak <rex@greentimberforestry.com>; Todd Miller <todd@greentimberforestry.com>

[You don't often get email from karl@greentimberforestry.com. Learn why this is important at <https://aka.ms/LearnAboutSenderIdentification>]

Hello Susan, thanks for reaching out to explore this with us here at Green Timber

Unfortunately, Green Timber does not provide these kinds of services in your area. I recommend you use the Association of Consulting Forester's "Find a forester" tool online to help find consulting foresters closer to you that may be able to assist. That tool can be found here: <https://www.acf-foresters.org/find-a-forester#/>

The online tool lets you search by your zip code, and then foresters are listed in order of closest location to your zip code.

Good luck!

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Karl J. Ploeckelman

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-----Original Message-----

From: Green Timber <noreply@greentimberforestry.com>

Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2026 12:11 PM

To: Justin Miller <justin@greentimberforestry.com>; Karl Ploeckelman <karl@greentimberforestry.com>; Rexx Janowiak <rex@greentimberforestry.com>; Todd Miller <todd@greentimberforestry.com>

Subject: Contact Form Submission: greentimberforestry.com

Contact form submission from greentimberforestry.com

Submitted on Thu, 02/26/2026 - 12:11

Submitted values are:

Name*: Susan Wilder

Email*: susan.wilder@columbusms.gov

Phone: 662-329-5132

State: Mississippi

acreage: 35-50 acres

Message*:

I need a quote for a tree inventory at Friendship Cemetery in Columbus, MS.

The cemetery is located on 4th Street South. The cemetery is on the National Register of Historic Places.

We want the inventory to assess the size and health of the trees in the cemetery.

Tree Inventory at Friendship Cemetery

From Susan Wilder <susan.wilder@columbusms.org>

Date Tue 3/3/2026 2:31 PM

To ryanramsey@forestsouth.com <ryanramsey@forestsouth.com>

Good afternoon! I need a quote for a tree inventory at Friendship Cemetery in Columbus. Friendship Cemetery is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has a number of very large and very old trees, especially magnolias. We need the inventory done on approximately 40 acres. Can you please contact me about a quote? Thanks!

Susan Wilder
Grant Writer/Administrator
City of Columbus
P.O. Box 1408
Columbus, MS 39703
662-329-5132
Cell - 662-570-3440
susan.wilder@columbusms.gov



Tree Inventory at Friendship Cemetery

From Susan Wilder <susan.wilder@columbusms.org>

Date Tue 3/3/2026 2:21 PM

To drustevens@agtechdynamics.com <drustevens@agtechdynamics.com>

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Tree Inventory at Friendship Cemetery

From Susan Wilder <susan.wilder@columbusms.org>

Date Wed 3/4/2026 3:19 PM

To matt@greengrovesllc.com <matt@greengrovesllc.com>

Thanks for talking with me Matt! I need a quote for a tree inventory on approximately 40 acres in Friendship Cemetery on the very south end of 4th Street South. The cemetery is on the National Register for Historic Places. In the section where we need the tree inventory done there are a lot of very large and very old magnolias. We want a tree inventory on all trees, but we especially need to assess the health of the large old trees with advice on whether or not any of them need to come down. We have had one fall completely and several large limbs have fallen on historic markers in the Confederate section. We need to protect the markers in the historic section.

We want to incorporate the LIDAR or whatever it is called so that we can see the trees mapped online.

Thank you so much!!! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Re: Tree Inventory at Friendship Cemetery

From Drury Stevens <drustevens@agtechdynamics.com>

Date Mon 3/9/2026 8:44 AM

To Susan Wilder <susan.wilder@columbusms.org>

Morning Susan,

Looked at your property over satellite. Here is the plan if interested.

I will fly the property with a drone, take aerial pictures, plug it into my software and create a map using quadrants. Each quadrant of the map will have plant species and a count. I will also walk the property myself to get an on-the-ground count for cross-referencing.

This will cost 2500\$ as it will most likely take 2-3 days

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Drury Stevens

Owner

Application Specialist | AGTech Dynamics

(601) 572-7311

DruStevens@AGTechDynamics.com

<https://www.agtechdynamics.com/>

On Mon, Mar 9, 2026 at 7:02 AM Susan Wilder <susan.wilder@columbusms.org> wrote:
I didn't get the quote. Thanks!

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CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PROPERTY AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID PROPERTY PURSUANT TO MISSISSIPPI CODE §21-17-1(2)(a)

Upon motion of Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____, the following resolution was offered for adoption:

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, Mississippi, owns certain real property located within the municipal limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that the following described property is not needed for municipal purposes and should be declared surplus; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi Code Annotated §21-17-1(2)(a) authorizes municipalities to sell surplus real property after declaring the property surplus by resolution and publishing notice of the proposed sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, as follows:

SECTION 1 – DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

The following real property owned by the City of Columbus is hereby declared to be surplus property not needed for municipal purposes:

Property A

Williams Add'n, Square 5, Lot 13, Section 15, Township 18S, Range 18W
PPIN #16365
2306 5th Ave S., Columbus, MS
Parcel Number: 61W120018900

Property B

5th Ave. Lot 14, Block 5, Section 15, Township 18S, Range 18W
PPIN 16364
Parcel Number: 61W120018800
Location: Adjacent to Property A

SECTION 2 – AUTHORIZATION OF SALE

The Mayor and City Council authorize the sale of the above-described property to the highest and best bidder for cash in accordance with Mississippi Code §21-17-1(2)(a).

SECTION 3 – ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City Clerk is authorized and directed to publish a Notice of Sale of Surplus Municipal Property in the form of the Notice attached to this Resolution in a newspaper having

general circulation within the City of Columbus as required Section 21-17-1(2)(a) with said publications being published on March 19, March 26 and April 2, 2026.

SECTION 4 – RECEIPT OF BIDS

Sealed bids shall be received by the City Clerk of the City of Columbus until 2:00 p.m. on April 6, 2026, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

SECTION 5 – MINIMUM BID

The minimum acceptable bid for each property shall be \$1,000.00. Any bid below the minimum shall be rejected.

SECTION 6 – REVERSION OF TITLE UNLESS DEVELOPED

The City's deeds of conveyance shall have a provision requiring the purchaser of each lot to construct a single family dwelling with the beginning of construction to be commenced within six (6) months after closing and shall finally complete construction within eighteen (18) months. However, if a single purchaser acquires both lots said purchaser shall commence construction of the second lot within twelve (12) months and shall finally complete construction within twenty-four (24) months after closing. If the purchaser fails or refuses to timely undertake and complete construction, the title to both parcels shall revert to the City of Columbus.

SECTION 7 – RIGHT TO REJECT

The Mayor and City Council reserve the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

SECTION 8 – EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS

The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute any deed or other document necessary to convey the property to the successful bidder.

SECTION 9 – RESERVATION OF MINERAL RIGHTS

The City's deeds of conveyance shall reserve any and all mineral rights as well as the rights of ingress and egress to remove same.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this the ____ day of _____, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member	Vote (Yea/Nay)
Stewart	
Smith	
Greene	
Harris	
Jefferson	

Spears	
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Mayor
City of Columbus, Mississippi

ATTEST:

James "Jim" Brigham, City Clerk
City of Columbus, Mississippi

**NOTICE OF SALE OF SURPLUS MUNICIPAL PROPERTY
PURSUANT TO MISSISSIPPI CODE §21-17-1(2)(a)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus, Mississippi, have declared certain real property owned by the municipality to be surplus property not needed for municipal purposes, pursuant to resolution duly adopted and entered upon the official minutes of the governing authority.

The City of Columbus will receive sealed bids for the purchase by the highest bidder of the following described real property:

Property A:

Property Description: Williams Add'n, Square 5, Lot 13, Section 15, Township 18S, Range 18W, PPIN #16365 2306 5th Ave S Columbus, MS,
Parcel Number: 61W120018900
Location: 2306 5th Ave. S.

Property B:

Property Description: 5th Ave. Lot 14, Block 5, Section 15, Township 18S, Range 18W
Parcel Number: 61W120018800
Location: Adjacent to Property A

Sealed bids for the purchase of the above-described property will be received by the Municipal Clerk of the City of Columbus, Mississippi at 523 Main Street, Columbus, MS by personal delivery to the said clerk at the said address or by mail to the attention to the municipal clerk at P.O. Box 1408, Columbus, MS 39703-1408 until 2:00 o'clock p.m. on April 6, 2025, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The property will be sold to the highest and best bidder for cash payable to, the City of Columbus. The governing authorities reserve the right to reject any and all bids and shall reject bids that are not at or above the minimum bid.

The Minimum Bid for Property A is \$1,000.00

The Minimum Bid for Property B is \$1,000.00

Additional information regarding the property may be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk, James "Jim" Brigham, during normal business hours.

The City's deeds of conveyance shall have a provision requiring the purchaser of each lot to construct a single family dwelling with the beginning of construction to be commenced within six (6) months after closing and shall finally complete construction within eighteen (18) months. However, if a single purchaser acquires both lots said purchaser shall commence construction of the second lot within twelve (12) months and shall finally complete construction within twenty-four (24) months after closing. If the purchaser fails or refuses to timely undertake and complete construction, the title to both parcels shall revert to the City of Columbus.

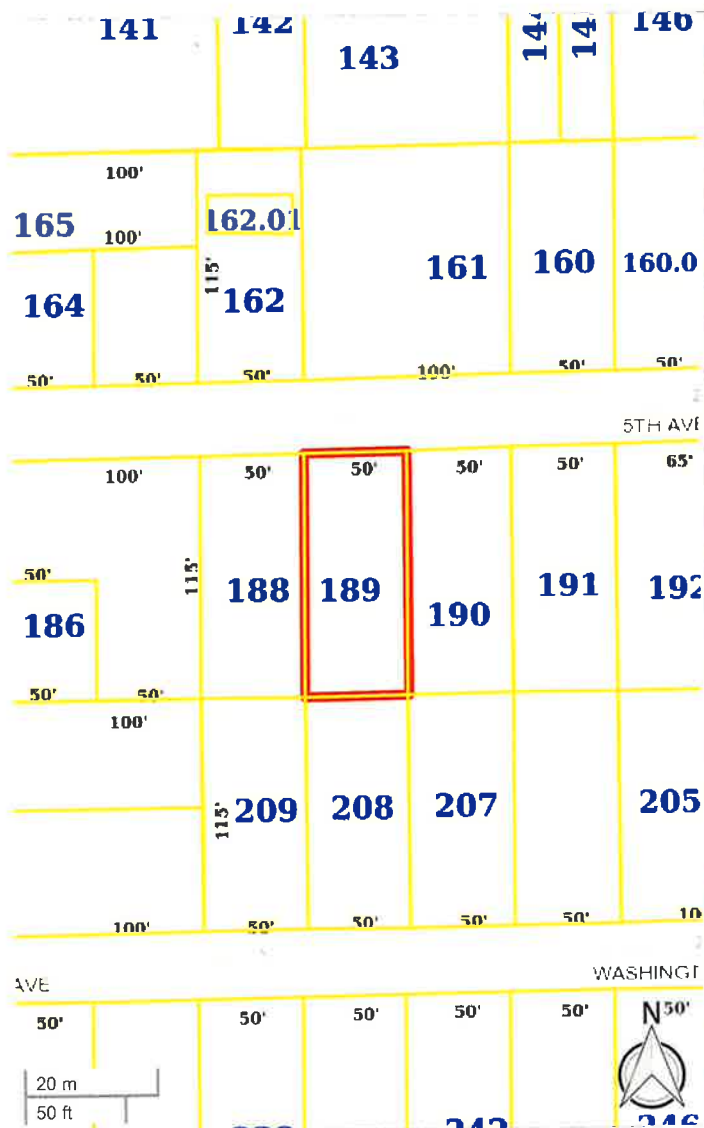
The City's deeds of conveyance shall reserve any and all mineral rights as well as the rights of ingress and egress to remove same.

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked:
"SEALED BID – SURPLUS PROPERTY SALE". Bid that are not so marked will not be considered. Legal Ad should run on March 19, March 26 and April 2nd.

This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of Mississippi Code Annotated §21-17-1(2)(a).

DATED this the ____ day of _____, 2026.

James "Jim" Brigham
City Clerk
City of Columbus, MS



Lowndes County, MS

Lowndes County online map access is provided as a public service, as is, as available and without warranties, expressed or implied. Content published on this website is for informational purposes only, and is not intended to constitute a legal record nor should it be substituted for the advice or services of a licensed professional. Parcel map information is prepared for the inventory of real property found within County jurisdiction and is compiled from recorded deeds, plats, and other public documents in accordance with Land Records Technical Specifications for Base, Cadastral and Digital Mapping Systems. Users are hereby notified that the aforementioned public record sources should be consulted for verification of information. With limited exception, data available on this website originates from Lowndes County Land Records GIS and is maintained for the internal use of the County. This County and the Website Provider disclaim all responsibility and legal liability for the content published on this website. The user agrees that the County and its Assigns shall be held harmless from all actions, claims, damages or judgments arising out of the use of County data.



Tax Assessor/Collector
P.O. Box 1077
Columbus, MS 39703
(662) 329-3940

Date Printed: 3/4/2026

PPIN	16365
PARCEL_ID	61W120018900
OWNERNAME	COLUMBUS CITY OF
ADDRESS1	P O BOX 1408
ADDRESS2	
ADDRESS3	
CITY	COLUMBUS
STATE	MS
ZIP	39703
SECTION	15
TOWNSHIP	18S
RANGE	18W
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Lisa Younger Neese
Lowndes County, MS 75120

FORFEITED TAX LAND PATENT

State of Mississippi

PURSUANT to Mississippi Code Annotated §29-1-1 et seq 1972 as amended, providing for the intergovernmental transfer of Forfeited Tax Lands of the State of Mississippi, and

As said lands are now held by the State and the governmental subdivision hereinafter named has complied with all the requirements of the law in such cases made and provided;

The State of Mississippi, in consideration of the premises does hereby grant and convey to:

City of Columbus

the following described land, to-wit:

Williams Addn Square 5 Lot 13 PPIN #16365 **2306 5th Ave S Columbus MS
39701**
Section 15, Township 18 South, Range 18 West
Parcel/PPIN: 61W120018940
Lowndes County, Mississippi.

Lowndes County, MS
I certify this instrument was filed on
05-02-2005 02:26:21 PM
and recorded in Deed Book
2005 at pages 2873 - 2873
Lisa Younger Neese

This the 23rd day of February, 2005

ERIC CLARK

SECRETARY OF STATE

[Signature]

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE

[Signature]

GOVERNOR

Attest:

[Signature]

SECRETARY OF STATE



Grantor and Prepared By:
State of Mississippi
Post Office Box 136
Jackson, MS 39205
Tele: (601) 359-6373

Grantee:
City of Columbus
P.O. Box 1408
Columbus, MS 39703
Tele: 662-245-5055

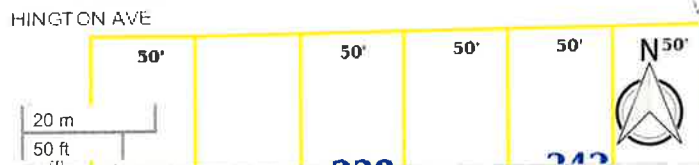
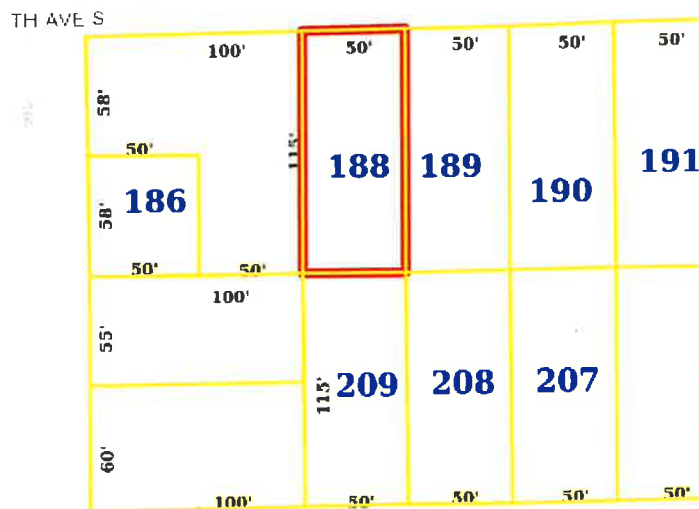
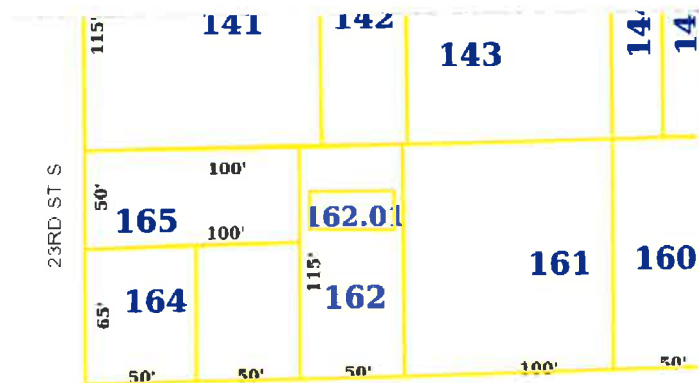
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PROPOSED LOWNDES COUNTY, MS

Current Date 3/ 8/2026

Tax Year 2025

APPRAISAL INQUIRY
PARCEL 61W120018800 **ALT PARCEL NUMBER** 61W120018800
PPIN 016364 **SKETCH** 1 [VIEW 01](#)
OWNER NAME COLUMBUS CITY OF
 00000
PROPERTY ADDRESS 5TH AVE S
PROPERTY IS VACANT (Y/N) N
FIELD WORK BY **DATE:** //
CLASSED BY **DATE:** //
REVIEWED BY CS **DATE:** 8/ 7/2023
REALTOR CODE

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

2 5TH AVE
 3 LOT 14 BLOCK 5

Section 15 Township 18S Range 18W
 Book 0429 Page 0689 Type Date 12/ 1/1970

LOT INFORMATION

LOT CODE 61W12-C **LOT SIZE** 50 X 115 **LOT VALUE** 1800

<u>CODE</u>	<u>FRONT FT</u>	<u>DEPTH</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>DEPTH TABLE</u>	<u>DEPTH %</u>	<u>ADJ. %</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ADJ PRICE</u>	<u>APPRAISED</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
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ACRE INFORMATION

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*** NO ACREAGE INFO ***												

ACREAGE VALUE **OVERALL VALUE** 1800
LAND USE CODE CLASS 1
LAND USE CODE CLASS 2 6793 OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNCT

BUILDING DESCRIPTIONS

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>BUILDING DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>ELIGIBLE CLASS 1</u>
*** NO BUILDING INFO ***				

TOTAL PARCEL VALUE 1800



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Exempt Code 3

PPIN 16364

5TH AVE

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"BASKETBALL COURT"

(EXEMPT)



Lowndes County Sports Hall of Fame Inductee Banquet Sponsorship Opportunities

Date: April 17, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Columbus Trotter Convention Center

Ticket Price: \$30 each

Join us as we celebrate the induction of outstanding local athletes and contributors into the Lowndes County Sports Hall of Fame. Your sponsorship supports this special evening and helps honor the individuals who shaped our community's sports legacy.

Half-page advertisement in the event program included with \$3,000 and above sponsorship.

Sponsorship Levels



Champion Sponsor – \$5,000

- Premier recognition on all promotional materials
- ½-page ad in event program
- Logo placement on event signage and website
- Recognition during the event program
- Reserved seating for 8 guests
- Press release and social media acknowledgment



All Star Sponsor – \$3,000

- Logo placement on website and select event signage

- Recognition during the event program
- ½-page ad in event program
- Reserved seating for 8 guests
- Social media acknowledgment



Varsity Sponsor – \$1,500

- Logo placement on website
- Recognition during the event
- 4 guests tickets



Team Sponsor – \$500

- Name recognition on website
- Recognition during the event

Sponsor Information

Company or Organization Name:

Contact Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Sponsorship Level Selected:

☐ Champion Sponsor – \$5,000

☐ All Star Sponsor – \$3,000

☐ Varsity Sponsor – \$1,500

☐ Team Sponsor – \$500

Additional Tickets Needed: _____ (at \$30 each)

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Payment Information**Payment Method:** Check**Make checks payable to:** Lowndes County Sports Hall of Fame**Mailing Address:**

P O Box 283 Columbus,
MS 39703 **Hand**

Delivery:

Columbus Lowndes Convention and Visitor Bureau
117 3rd St. South
Columbus, MS 39701

Acknowledgment Preference☐ Please acknowledge our sponsorship as: _____☐ I prefer to remain anonymous**Signature:** _____

Date: _____ Please
return this form by **March 24, 2026**.

Optional Community Support

I would like to donate _____ seats for local student athletes or sports team members.



CITY OF COLUMBUS PUBLIC FACILITY POLICY COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

THE CITY OF COLUMBUS may make its facilities accessible for use for events that are not sponsored by the City. However, Mississippi law, as interpreted by the Attorney General makes it clear that the municipality must collect from the user any expenses that the municipality reasonably needs to expend as a result of the municipal facility being used. Some of these expenses include the wages of employees and contractors required to provide services and support for such events, including, but not necessarily limited to, cleaning fees, charges for security, utilities and other operational costs. If the City was to offer the space for less than the City's actual cost, such uncompensated use would constitute a donation, which is prohibited by Article 4, Section 95 of the Mississippi Constitution. As well, the City, acting through the Mayor and City Council has an obligation to its citizenry, its separate Departments, its Municipal Court, its Boards, Commissions, and other local governmental units of City government wishing to use such facilities, to accomplish their respective missions and second, to the taxpayers of the City of Columbus, to protect its property and to maintain and preserve it in a way that maintains its quality and value.

City, Defined: The City of Columbus, and the Boards and Commissions created by or to which the Mayor and Council are the appointing authority, City of Columbus Departments and City of Columbus organizations which are officially recognized by the Mayor and Council as an integral part of the City, are considered a part of the City for the use of City Facilities.

Groups Other Than City, Defined: Private groups or organizations not included in the definition of "City".

Public facilities owned by or under the control of the City may only be used for public events in compliance with the terms and provisions of this Policy. Groups other than the City shall be required to compensate the City as specified above and below for use of its facilities.

TROTTER CONVENTION CENTER INDOOR FACILITIES

I. Trotter Convention Center Rental Fees:

Upper Level \$1,550.00 Friday-Sunday (Per Day)
+If Alcohol is Served-
(2) Officer Minimum @ 20.00 Hourly To Be Added To Rental Fee

\$1,250.00 Monday-Thursday (Per Day)
+ If Alcohol is Served-
(2) Officer Minimum @ 20.00 Hourly To Be Added To Rental Fee

Lower Level \$1,100.00 Friday-Sunday (Per Day)
+If Alcohol is Served-
(2) Officer Minimum @ 20.00 Hourly

\$700.00 Monday-Thursday (Per Day)
+If Alcohol is Served-
(2) Officer Minimum @ 20.00 Hourly To Be Added To Rental Fee

Regal Hall \$500.00 Friday-Sunday (Per Day)
+If Alcohol is Served-
(2) Officer Minimum @ 20.00 Hourly To Be Added To Rental Fee

\$400.00 Monday-Thursday (Per Day)
+If Alcohol is Served-
(2) Officer Minimum @ 20.00 Hourly To Be Added To Rental Fee

The **UPPER LEVEL** houses the Auditorium. This area provides 9,600 square feet of open space, measuring 80' x 120'. The semi-circle stage is 31' wide at one end. The balcony provides 3,000 square feet of carpeted, fixed seating and a projection booth with lighting and sound master controls. Prepared as an auditorium, it can seat comfortably 1,500 people, including the balcony. Prepared banquet style, 600 people may be accommodated on the floor. The balcony accommodates 310 people. A caterer's kitchen is conveniently located on this level. For trade shows, the space can accommodate the following: 91- 8' x 6' booths 49- 8'x 10' displays 46- 10' x 10' spaces. The entrance gallery is spacious and will accommodate displays or registration easily. The auditorium level accommodates two dressing rooms and the balcony area behind the projection booth accommodates two dressing rooms. The upper level also has a gated patio furnished with outdoor furniture that can be accessed from 5th Street. The upper level is handicap accessible.

The **LOWER LEVEL** provides 5,280 square feet of meeting or banquet space that measures 44' x 120'. This space may be subdivided into two or three rooms. Open, it will

seat 600 people theater style. Divided into three spaces, each measure 44' x 40' and will seat 75 classroom style or 100 banquet style. There is also a caterer's kitchen and two dressing rooms on this level. Entrance to the lower level is easily gained through the second avenue plaza. This plaza provides an attractive park-like atmosphere. The lower level is handicap accessible.

REGAL HALL is a very small venue that holds a maximum capacity of 99 people. It was designed to hold small gatherings such as baby showers, business meetings, repasts and events with a very low capacity of guests. It includes a small kitchen and two small restrooms. The flooring is covered with tile and the roof has a sky-view.

Normal cleaning fees are added in the reservation cost. For larger events with larger groups of guests, an additional cleaning fee may be collected at the time of the signing of the Rental Agreement. If an excessive amount of garbage is found after an event by guests, photos will be taken and the LESSEE will be invoiced for the additional cleaning costs. Reservations for the Trotter Convention Center and its components are managed through the Director of the Trotter Convention Center at 402 2nd Avenue, Columbus, MS 39701.

Director of Trotter Convention Center: **Rogena Bonner**
Phone: (662) 328-4164

CITY HALL

City Hall Public Reception Room/Jeff C. Smith Conference Room

Usage of the Public Reception Room or the Jeff Smith Conference Room is managed through the discretion of the Chief Operations Officer at 523 Main Street, Columbus, MS 39701 during normal business hours for governmental uses.

Chief Operations Officer: **Jammie Garrett**
Phone: (662) 329-5119

MUNICIPAL COURT

II. Municipal Complex Court Room:

Usage of the Court Room of the Municipal Complex is managed by the Court Administrator at 1501 Main Street, Columbus, MS 39701. It is uniquely set up for public meetings. It is wired with valuable computer and audio visual equipment. It may only be used for formal business meetings or for programs where an audience is addressed from the front of the room. The Court is not conducive to live entertainment, consumption of alcoholic beverages, dancing or other active use from the audience seating area and such conduct is prohibited. No disruptive behavior, fights, yelling or other breach of the peace shall be tolerated in the court room. Should such occur, the City shall have the right to terminate immediate usage. The courtroom will be offered on a first come, first served, basis for business meetings as specified for a cost of \$250.00 per use with a damage deposit of \$500.00. Before such deposit may be

refunded to the lessee, the City shall have a pre-inspection and post-inspection of all computer and audio visual related equipment. No person or entity shall be permitted to use the Municipal Complex Court Room more than (4) times during any 12 month period for any purpose, unless approved by the Mayor and Council. The court room shall only be available for rental between the hours of 8:00am and 10:00 pm for any fee based use.

Chief Operations Officer: **Jammie Garrett**
Phone: (662) 329-5119

PARKS & RECREATION INDOOR FACILITIES

III. Sim Scott Building:

\$500.00 plus \$150.00 Refundable Deposit without Building Damages

IV. Sandfield Community Center:

\$300.00 plus \$150.00 Refundable Deposit without Building Damages

V. Townsend Community Center:

\$350.00 plus \$150.00 Refundable Deposit without Building Damages

VI. Propst Activity Building:

\$325.00 plus \$150.00 Refundable Deposit without Building Damages

PARKS & RECREATION OUTDOOR FACILITIES AND COMPONENTS

VII. Sim Scott Big Field With Electricity and Restrooms:

\$500.00 plus \$150.00 Refundable Deposit without Damages

VIII. Sandfield Pavilion Park:

\$250.00

IX. Townsend Park Inclusive Of Electricity:

\$500.00 plus \$150.00 Refundable Deposit without Building Damages

X. Baseball/Softball Fields:

\$150.00 per Field Plus \$75.00 per Staff Member

XI. Mobile Stage Plus Stage Erection:

\$100.00-Stage Plus \$500.00-Labor

XII. Large Tent:

\$300.00-Tent Plus \$250.00-Labor

Reservations for Parks & Recreations are managed by Greg Lewis at 2535 Main Street, Columbus, MS 39701.

Director of Parks & Recreation: **Greg Lewis**

Phone: (662) 327-4935

ADDITIONAL OUTDOOR FACILITIES

XIII. Farmers' Market & Parking Lot	\$450.00
XIV. Farmers' Market Annex & Parking Lot	\$350.00
XV. Combination of Farmers' Market/Annex/Parking Lot	\$650.00
XVI. Riverside Park Stage	\$250.00 Security Dep. \$100.00
XVII. Riverside Park	\$150.00 Security Dep. \$150.00
XVIII. Pedestrian Bridge Partial Closure Under (6) Hours	\$400.00 Security Dep. \$300.00
XIX. Pedestrian Bridge Complete Closure Under (6) Hours	\$800.00 Security Dep. \$300.00
XX. Pedestrian Bridge Partial Closure Over (6) Hours	\$500.00 Security Dep. \$400.00
Pedestrian Bridge Complete Closure Over (6) Hours	\$1,000.00 + 75.00 an hour After The First (6) Hours Security Dep. \$400.00
XXI. Leadership Plaza	\$250.00
XXII. Catfish Alley Stage	\$250.00
XXIII. Specified Green Spaces	\$250.00
XXIV. Trotter Upper Patio (Monday-Thursday Only) Inclusive of Restrooms, Concession Stand and (1) Staff Member (6 Hours Max.)-No Alcohol	\$300.00
If Alcohol Is Served-(1) Officer	\$400.00

A Special Event Permit Application must be completed for reservations at the Farmers' Market, Riverside Park, Riverside Park Stage, Pedestrian Bridge, Leadership Plaza or Catfish Alley Stage. An Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Form must be signed for the reserving of the Pedestrian Bridge from the City Properties Manager at 402 2nd Avenue, Columbus, MS 39701.

The use of outdoor facilities of the City is encouraged. The Farmers' Market rents booths to growers and other vendors pursuant to a set of fees already set by separate policy during a certain portion of the year.

Depending on the type of use of outdoor facilities, particularly the sale to and/or use by patrons of beer, light wine and alcoholic beverages, and/or night-time use of low lighted facilities, the City shall reserve the right to require a certificate of liability insurance, including liability coverage in amounts as may be determined by the Mayor and Council from time to time.

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This Policy was adopted and approved by the Mayor and City Council on the 15th day of March, 2022 at a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council and this Policy was spread upon the minutes of the City Council and may not be waived in any respect by any individual member of the City Council or the Mayor. Nor may any other person or entity have any right to avoid the requirements of this Policy without it being modified by the Mayor and City Council at a lawfully called meeting of the same.