

City of Columbus

MAYOR
STEPHEN JONES

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CITY COUNCIL
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LAVONNE HARRIS WARD 4
GREGORY JEFFERSON WARD 5
JASON SPEARS WARD 6

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS May 13, 2026

CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER
JAMMIE GARRETT

CFO/SECRETARY-TREASURER
JAMES "JIM" BRIGHAM

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

II. TOPICS

- J. Turnage** A. ***Discuss/Approve *Notice of Sale of Surplus Municipal Property* and *Resolution Declaring Certain Municipal Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Said Property*.
- J. Turnage** B. ***Discuss to Consider/Approve *Resolution* supporting Opportunity Zone nomination for specified Census Tract.
- G. Lewis** C. Discuss two (2) Columbus Recreation Department employees attending the STREAM and Gaming Implementation in Mobile, AL on June 19th-20th in the estimated amount of \$988.
- G. Lewis** D. Discuss facilities usage request by Tony Price on behalf of Kingdom Vision Church to host a Back 2 School Drive at the Sandfield Pavilion on July 18, 2026, from 10am-2pm.
- G. Lewis/Q. Walker** E. Discuss the Event Corporation Agreement between the City of Columbus Recreation Department and the Columbus Arts Council for the *Blues on the River* Event on July 18, 2026.
- Q. Walker** F. Discuss request from the Columbus Arts Council to sell beer and wine for *Blues on the River* on July 18, 2026.
- C. Lawrence** G. Discuss request from the Juneteenth Festival Committee to sell beer and wine for *the Juneteenth Festival* on June 20, 2026.
- K. Stafford / B. Bigelow** H. Discuss the "Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant MOA and Sub-Grant Agreement"
- C. Yarbrough** I. Discuss request to grant the Columbus Fire and Rescue Department access to Fire Insurance bate Funds for fire boots, coats/pants turnouts in the amount of \$36,838.00 plus freight, fire ses in the amount of \$14,550.00 and fire engine 21 pump repair in the amount of \$19,450.54.
- C. Yarbrough** J. Discuss to approve the Columbus Fire and Rescue Department hiring 18-yr-old applicants.
- C. Gilman** K. Discuss applying for the BJA FY25 Rural Law Enforcement Violent Crime Reduction Initiative.
- G. Irby** L. Discuss MOU with the Mississippi Home Corporation for the Columbus Blight FY 2023 Community Project Funding Grant.
- G. Irby** M. Discuss the Purchase of two (2) properties (1220 Ash Street and 2007 Washington Street) through the Columbus Blight FY2023 Community Project Funding Grant
- J. Brigham** N. Discuss acceptance of ccontribution in the amount of \$15,000.00 from the Columbus-Lowndes Convention & Visitors Bureau for the Alva Temple Documentary.
- J. Daughtry** O. Discuss permit request submitted by Colin Krieger to host a "Charity Boil for Homeless Coalition" to be held on May 24, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the 500 block of 8th Street North.
- J. Daughtry** P. Discuss permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow and Carrie Martin, on behalf of Main Street Columbus/Chamber of Commerce, to host "Sounds of Summer" to be held on June 11, 2026, and June 25, 2026, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. each date at the Roger Short Soccer

Complex blocking the portion of the street that runs to the west of the pavilion across from the Farmers' Market.

- J. Daughtry** Q. Discuss permit request submitted by Roderick Smith to host "East Columbus Day Festival" to be held on August 8, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at East Columbus Gym/Stage, 222 Lawrence Drive.
- J. Daughtry** R. Discuss permit request submitted by Leroy Brooks, on behalf of Juneteenth - Columbus, Inc., to host the "Juneteenth Festival" to be held on June 20, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. blocking 20th Street North at 8th Avenue North and 10th Avenue North.
- J. Daughtry** S. Discuss permit request submitted by Mary Coleman, on behalf of We Are Southside, to host a "Southside Homecoming Parade" to be held on July 4, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. starting at Mitchell Elementary School, 15th Street South to Hank Aaron Park, 11th Avenue South. See attached map.
- J. Daughtry** T. Discuss request for two (2) CPD personnel to attend an "Interview and Interrogation Course" to be held in Pearl, Mississippi and approve payment for registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,822.00.
- J. Daughtry** U. Discuss request to hire one (1) entry-level officer and three (3) certified officers contingent upon successful completion of preliminary testing.
- J. Spears** V. Discuss contract and funding for beaver removal and obstruction removal.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IV. ADJOURN

**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

The South Half of Lots No. Five (5), Six (6) and Seven (7) of Block No. Thirteen (13) of Marx and Heard Addition to the City of Columbus, Mississippi, re-survey of G.T. Heard, as per map or plat thereof now on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County, in Columbus, Mississippi.

Being the same property described in deed of conveyance to A.T. Howard to Reuben Woodrow Wood dated September 18, 1943 and of record in Book 182 at Page 241 of the land deed records in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County, Mississippi.

Section 15, Township 18S, Range 18W
PPIN #13840
Parcel No.: 61W050204400
322 22nd Street North, Columbus, MS 39701

Property B

That certain lot in Square 120 North of Main Street in the City of Columbus, Mississippi, to-wit:
One-Third of North Half of Fractional Square 120, containing one-fourth of an acre, more or less, it being the middle third of said North Half of Square 120 North of Main Street, the same being leasehold property from the Trustees of Franklin Academy for 99 years from August 1, 1920, renewable forever.

Section 16, Township 18S, Range 18W
PPIN 16364
1610 8th Avenue North, Columbus, MS 39701
Parcel Number: 61W070218300

Sealed bids for the purchase of the above-described property will be received by the Municipal Attorney of the City of Columbus, Mississippi at 523 Main Street, Columbus, MS by personal delivery to the said Attorney at the said address or by mail to the attention of the municipal

attorney at P.O. Box 1408, Columbus, MS 39703-1408 until 2:00 o'clock p.m. on May 26, 2026, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Each bid shall state whether the bid is for Property A or Property B and shall state the bid amount in numerals.

The property will be sold to the highest and best bidder for cash payable to the City of Columbus. The governing authority reserves 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 \$3,000.00

The Minimum Bid for Property B is \$2,500.00

Additional information regarding the property may be obtained from the Office of the Municipal Attorney, Jeff Turnage, during normal business hours.

The City's deeds of conveyance for each parcel shall have a provision requiring the purchaser of each parcel to construct a single family dwelling on such lot with construction to be commenced within six (6) months after closing and final completion of construction to be not later than twelve (12) months after commencement. If the purchaser fails or refuses to timely commence and timely and finally complete construction on the parcel or parcels purchased, the title to such lot or lots, as the case may be, 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 May 7, May 14 and May 21, 2026.

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

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

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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 BIDS

The minimum acceptable bid for property A shall be \$3,000.00.

The Minimum acceptable bid for Property B shall be \$2,500.00.

Any bid below the minimum shall be rejected.

SECTION 6 – REVERSION OF TITLE UNLESS DEVELOPED

The City's deeds of conveyance for each parcel shall have a provision requiring the purchaser of each parcel to construct a single family dwelling on such lot with construction to be commenced within six (6) months after closing and final completion of construction to be not later than twelve (12) months after commencement. If the purchaser fails or refuses to timely commence and timely and finally complete construction on the parcel or parcels purchased, the title to such lot or lots, as the case may be, 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	

Mayor
City of Columbus, Mississippi

ATTEST:

James “Jim” Brigham, City Clerk
City of Columbus, Mississippi

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS
IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF CENSUS TRACT 28087000902 FOR
OPPORTUNITY ZONE DESIGNATION THROUGH THE MISSISSIPPI
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

There came on for consideration the adoption of a Resolution in support of Census Tract 28087000902 being approved as a 2026 Opportunity Zone upon the motion of Council Member _____, said Resolution being presented in writing and orally by the said member of the City Council as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus (the “City”) is a public body corporate and politic organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi with authority to undertake redevelopment activities, eliminate blight, and promote economic development within designated urban renewal areas; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council (the “Governing Authority”) of the City created the Columbus Redevelopment Authority (the “Authority”) with the sole purpose to carry out redevelopment activities including, among other things, the elimination of blight and the promotion of economic development activities within designated urban renewal areas; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) is currently administering the State’s Opportunity Zone nomination process for submission of eligible census tracts for federal designation pursuant to Section 1400Z-1 of the Internal Revenue Code and applicable guidance; and

WHEREAS, Census Tract 28087000902 (the “Census Tract”) is located within the jurisdiction of the City and Authority and contains an approved urban renewal district known as the Burns Bottom – Parkview District (the “District”), which is adjacent to a public park and recreational soccer complex and has been identified by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus as an area requiring continued redevelopment investment; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority finds and determines that the Census Tract exhibits significant economic distress, including a poverty rate of approximately 37.3 percent and an unemployment rate of approximately 15.5 percent, which are substantially above statewide averages and consistent with statutory criteria for Opportunity Zone eligibility under federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has undertaken substantial long-term redevelopment efforts within the District, including parcel acquisition and assembly, clearance of title issues, and site preparation activities intended to facilitate private investment; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of these efforts, the City and the Authority have invested public resources into the District, including approximately \$3,200,000 in urban renewal bond financing and a \$3,000,000 appropriation from the State of Mississippi as well as a \$2,200,000 federal Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) grant dedicated to grading and drainage infrastructure improvements necessary to support redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these efforts, the Authority has successfully positioned approximately eighteen (18) acres within the District for redevelopment and has entered into a binding contract for the sale and development of such property to Friendly City Development LLC (the “Developer”), with a targeted closing date in the first quarter of 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Developer has proposed a mixed-use redevelopment project consisting of approximately forty (40) single-family residential lots, with seventeen (17) presold prior to commencement of construction, and approximately 325,300 square feet of commercial and mixed-use development across six (6) commercial parcels, including retail, residential mixed-use, and a flagship anchor site adjacent to the District; and

WHEREAS, the proposed development represents a total projected private investment of approximately \$30,000,000 over an eight (8) year buildout period and is expected to generate approximately \$1,679,000 in stabilized annual net operating income upon full completion; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority finds that the proposed development constitutes a catalytic private investment that will leverage prior public infrastructure investment, increase housing supply, expand commercial activity, create employment opportunities, and strengthen the local tax base; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has let the civil site work contract to a local contractor, which will perform site preparation and construction-related work, thereby ensuring that a meaningful portion of project expenditures and employment opportunities remain within the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the Authority finds that inclusion of Census Tract 28087000902 in the Opportunity Zone nomination process would further the long-term economic development

objectives of the State of Mississippi and the Authority by encouraging sustained private capital investment in a distressed but redevelopment-ready area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Governing Authority hereby finds and determines that Census Tract 28087000902 satisfies the economic distress and redevelopment criteria consistent with eligibility for Opportunity Zone designation under Section 1400Z-1 of the Internal Revenue Code and applicable federal guidance;

2. The Governing Authority hereby formally supports and recommends that the Mississippi Development Authority include Census Tract 28087000902 in its Opportunity Zone nomination submission to the United States Department of the Treasury;

3. The Governing Authority affirms that the Burns Bottom – Parkview District constitutes a priority redevelopment area within the Tract and has been the subject of sustained public investment and redevelopment planning efforts;

4. The Governing Authority recognizes the pending sale of approximately eighteen (18) acres within the District and the associated proposed mixed-use development as a catalytic investment aligned with Opportunity Zone policy objectives;

5. The Governing Authority hereby authorizes its Mayor to transmit this Resolution and any supporting documentation to the Mississippi Development Authority and to cooperate fully in the nomination process; and that

6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The motion having been introduced upon the said motion and read allowed and presented, was seconded by Council Member _____ and after a thorough discussion about the merits of the Motion, the Authority voted upon the Resolution as follows:

Council Member	Vote (Yes or No)
Ethel Stewart	_____
Roderick Smith	_____
Rusty Greene	_____
Lavonne L. Harris	_____
Gary Jefferson	_____
Jason Spears	_____

The Mayor then announced that the motion for adoption passed upon a unanimous vote and pronounced the Resolution ADOPTED, on this ___ day of _____, 2026.

Stephen T. Jones, Mayor

Attested by:

James Brigham, Municipal Clerk

**CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI
OFFICIAL TRAVEL REQUEST APPLICATION**

Officials, Officers and Employees of the City of Columbus seeking approval from the Mayor and City Council for permission to travel shall submit this application, fully completed and signed in **ADVANCE** of the requested travel. Except in urgent or necessitous cases, **Requests for Travel** must be submitted for approval well in advance of the Departure Date so that the Mayor and City Council can consider the request at a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council before the travel. Travel and reimbursement for same is governed by Section 25-3-41 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as may be amended from time to time.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRAVEL SOUGHT

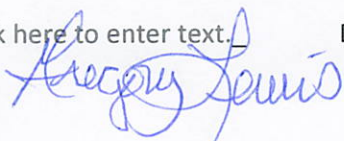
- Typed or Printed Name of Official Applying for Travel: Greg Lewis and Amber Bobo
 - Name of Event Official seeks to Attend: STREAM & Gaming Implementation
 - Benefit to City resulting from Attendance: Training on a STREAM & Gaming Implementation Program in Columbus, MS.
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- Location (City & State) of the Event for which Travel is sought: Mobile, Alabama
 - Name of Hotel, Motel or place of Lodging if reimbursement is sought: Hilton Garden Inn
 - Proposed Date of Departure: 6/19/2026 • Proposed Date of Return: 6/21/2026
 - Mode of Transportation: City

ITEMIZED ESTIMATE OF COSTS OF TRAVEL

- Estimated Total Fees for Registration of all programs at Event, Conference, Seminar, Class or Program: \$ 0.00
 - Cost per Night of Lodging: \$ 187.00
 - Total Estimated Lodging Costs for All Nights: \$ 748.00
 - Estimated Cost of Transportation (Gas, Airfare, Taxi or Mileage Reimbursement):
 - Gas (if using City Vehicle): \$ _____
 - Airfare (if flying): \$ _____
 - Taxi Service (if anticipated): \$ _____
 - Mileage Reimbursement (if driving Personal Vehicle): \$ _____
 - Estimated Cost of Meals: \$ 240.00
 - Any other Estimated Costs: \$ _____
- TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS \$ 988.00**

I certify that the estimates of the costs of travel as set forth on this form are my best estimates based upon information reasonably available. I also certify that I understand that in order to be reimbursed for the estimated costs above, I must produce upon return any and all registration forms, receipts for meals, and lodging, together with any other bona fide proof of payment for the estimated costs set forth above.

Signature: Click here to enter text. Date: 5/12/2026



FACILITIES USAGE

PERMIT

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

DATE OF REQUEST: May 11, 2026

APPLICANT:

NAME/ORGANIZATION: Kingdom Vision Church / Tony Price
TITLE: Elder PHONE: 662-244-9067 EMAIL: tony.price662@gmail.com
LOCAL/PERMANENT ADDRESS: 2467 S. Frontage Rd, Columbus, MS 39701

FACILITY REQUEST: (v)

CITY HALL

Jeff C. Smith Public Reception Room
 Courtroom

FARMERS' MARKET

Annex
 Farmers' Market
 Parking Lot

J.M. TROTTER CONVENTION CENTER

Upper Level
 Lower Level
 Patio (M-Th)

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

Courtroom

PARKS & RECREATION

East Columbus Gym
 East Columbus Gym Stage
 Field(s)
 Joe Edwards Stage
 Pavilion(s) Sandfield
 Sim Scott Community Center
 Sandfield Community Center
 Townsend Community Center
 Townsend Stage

REGAL HALL

RIVERWALK

Riverside Park Stage
 Pedestrian Bridge

ADDITIONAL FACILITIES/PROPERTY

Catfish Alley Stage
 Leadership Plaza
 Parking Lot(s)

- Stage 4 PCS > NO Stage

ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

NAME OF ACTIVITY: Back 2 School Drive / Community Fundraiser DATE OF ACTIVITY: July 18, 2026
BEGINNING TIME 10:00 AM PM ENDING: 2 AM PM

SECURITY REQUESTED FREE EVENT PAID EVENT ALCOHOL COMPLIMENTARY USE REQUESTED

PURPOSE: Churches within the community coming together to provide bookbags and/or school supplies to youth. Free food open to the public especially those in the Sandfield Community

NUMBER OF PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE: Volunteers ^{various} churches AGE OF ANY MINORS: 5 yrs and older

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MINORS: Tony Price + Kingdom Vision

APPROVAL

APPROVED BY: [Signature]
FACILITY DEPARTMENT HEAD

DATE: 5/12/2026

APPROVED BY: [Signature]
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

DATE: 5/12/2026

EVENT COOPERATION AGREEMENT

This Event Cooperation Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between the City of Columbus, Mississippi, acting through its Recreation Department (“City”), and the Columbus Arts Council, a Mississippi non-profit corporation with its principal place of business being in Columbus, MS (“Arts Council”) and is supported by the mutual promises and undertakings that each agrees constitute good, valuable and sufficient consideration to support the agreement.

1. Event

The City and the Arts Council agree to jointly host the event known as “Blues on the River” (“Event”), which will take place on July 18, 2026, at the Columbus Riverwalk in Columbus, Mississippi.

2. Responsibilities of the Columbus Arts Council

The Arts Council shall be responsible for the following:

1. Providing and coordinating the entertainment lineup for the Event, including:
 - o Edna and Reverend Slim
 - o Honey Boy and Boots
 - o Keith and Margie
2. Handling all beer and light wine sales during the Event.
3. Handling advertisements and promotional materials for event.
4. Obtaining and maintaining any permits, licenses, or approvals necessary for the sale of beer and light wine at the Event.
5. Provide the Columbus Arts Council Center as a venue (in case of rain).

3. Responsibilities of the City

The City shall be responsible for the following:

1. Providing the sound system for the Event.
2. Providing use of the Riverwalk stage.
3. Handling advertisements and promotional materials for the Event.
4. Providing tables and chairs for the Event.
5. Handling soft drink sales during the Event.

4. Independent Responsibilities

Each party shall be responsible for its own personnel, volunteers, expenses, and obligations associated with the duties assigned under this Agreement unless otherwise agreed in writing.

5. Compliance with Laws

The parties agree to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations relating to the Event.

6. Term

This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by both parties and shall remain in effect through completion of the Event and settlement of any remaining obligations related thereto.

7. No Partnership or Joint Venture

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to create a partnership, joint venture, agency relationship, or employer-employee relationship between the City and the Arts Council. Each party shall remain an independent entity responsible for its own operations, obligations, and liabilities, and neither party shall have authority to bind or obligate the other except as expressly provided in this Agreement.

8. Entire Agreement

This Agreement contains the entire understanding between the parties concerning the Event and may only be modified in writing signed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the dates set forth below.

CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

By: _____
Name: Stephen T. Jones
Title: Mayor
Date: _____

COLUMBUS ARTS COUNCIL

By: _____
Name: Quan Walker
Title: Executive Director
Date: _____

Remit To:

EEP
 PO BOX 1739
 Southaven, MS. 38671
 PH: (662) 280-4729
 Fax:(662) 342-7251



**QUOTE
 228053**

CUSTOMER NO.
 129

BILL TO:

SHIP TO:

Columbus Fire and Rescue
 PO Box 1408
 Columbus, MS 39702

Columbus Fire and Rescue
 72 Airline Road
 Columbus, MS 39702

PHONE: 662/329-5149
 FAX: 662/329-5127

Visit our website at www.emergencyequipment.us

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DATE		SHIP VIA	F.O.B.	TERMS			
05/04/26		Best Way		NET 30 DAYS			
PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER		ORDER DATE	SALESPERSON		OUR QUOTE NUMBER		
Hose Quote		05/04/26	SB JRC		228053		
QUANTITY		ITEM NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT		
REQUIRED	SHIPPED						
12		KUR.AA175G050-NH150	ARMTEX Double Jacket Hose "Kuriyama Armtex Attack Double Jacket Polyester Rubber Lined Hose, 1-3/4" x 50', Coupled 1.5 NH, Green"	146.00	1,752.00		
12		KUR.AA250G050-NH250	ARMTEX Double Jacket Hose Kuriyama Armtex Attack Double Jacket Polyester Rubber Lined Hose, 2.5" x 50', Coupled 2.5" NH, Green	209.00	2,508.00		
15		KUR.JR400Y100-SZ400	ARMTEX 4in. x 100FT HOSE STORZ Kuriyama Jabrib Reinforced Extruded Rubber Hose, 4" x 100', Coupled 4" Storz, Yellow	686.00	10,290.00		
FREIGHT INCLUDED							
Please note: Invoices paid by Credit Card will have a 3% fee added to the Total Quote Amount shown below							
Pricing quotes are estimates only. Due to volatility in material cost, pricing, surcharges, etc., orders will not be accepted until pricing is verified from the vendor. Both the purchaser and Emergency Equipment Professionals, Inc. will approve final pricing before the order is finalized.							
Product Total		Discount	Freight	Taxable Amount	Tax	Misc. Amt.	QUOTATION TOTAL

Terms and Conditions: Interest will be charged at the rate of 1 1/2% per month, or 18% annually on any unpaid balance. Customer agrees to pay reasonable attorney's fee and all other costs of collection after default. All orders received "As Ordered" and returned are subject to a 20% restocking fee. No returns are allowed without prior written approval from Emergency Equipment Professionals. All shortages and discrepancies must be reported to Emergency Equipment Professionals within 10 days of receipt of shipment. No cash refunds will be given.

Remit To:

EEP
 PO BOX 1739
 Southaven, MS. 38671
 PH: (662) 280-4729
 Fax:(662) 342-7251



**QUOTE
 228053**

CUSTOMER NO.
 129

BILL TO:

Columbus Fire and Rescue
 PO Box 1408
 Columbus, MS 39702

SHIP TO:

Columbus Fire and Rescue
 72 Airline Road
 Columbus, MS 39702

PHONE: 662/329-5149
 FAX: 662/329-5127

Visit our website at www.emergencyequipment.us

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DATE	SHIP VIA	F.O.B.	TERMS	
05/04/26	Best Way		NET 30 DAYS	
PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER	ORDER DATE	SALESPERSON	OUR QUOTE NUMBER	
Hose Quote	05/04/26	SB JRC	228053	
QUANTITY		DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
REQUIRED	SHIPPED			

If the supplier to EEP modifies prices after the order has been submitted, the customer will have the right to cancel without penalty.

Product Total	Discount	Freight	Taxable Amount	Tax	Misc. Amt.	QUOTATION TOTAL
14,550.00	0.00		14,550.00	0.00		14,550.00

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North America Fire Equip. Inc.
D.B.A. NAFECO
P.O. Box 2928
Decatur, AL 35602-2928
(800) 628-6233

Quotation
Q0426040699434

Date: 2026-04-06
Expires: 2026-05-06
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Customer Number: COL550
Customer Information: COLUMBUS, CITY OF FIRE DEPT.
Address: 72 Airline Road
Dolly Tompkins 662-329-5124
Columbus, MS 39702

Attention: Chief Lewis
Phone: 16623295128
Email: alan.lewis@columbusms.org
Prepared By: Keith Brown

Qty	Item #	Description	Each	Total
12	DP17WX50-800ECO	Key Fire Hose, 1.75" x 50' White, DJ, ECO,800 PSI,1.5"NH	\$155.00	\$1,860.00
12	DP25WX50-800ECO	Key Fire Hose, 2.5" x 50' White, DJ, ECO, 800 PSI,2.5"NH	\$236.00	\$2,832.00
15	RC40X100Y40S	Key Fire Hose, 4.0" x 100' Yellow, Rubber, 500PSI, 4" Stz	\$835.00	\$12,525.00
			Subtotal	\$17,217.00
			Freight	TBD
			Total	\$17,217.00

tax & freight to be determined

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Sunbelt Fire, Inc.

8050 McGowin Dr. Fairhope, Alabama 36532
Phone: (251) 928-9917 – Fax: (251) 928-9933
www.sunbeltfire.com

QUOTED TO Customer #: 5157 Columbus Fire Dept 205 7Th Street South Columbus, MS 39701	SHIP TO Columbus Fire Dept 205 7TH STREET SOUTH Columbus, MS 39701-5747
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QTY	PART # & DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
12	AA8D17X50C15N 8D Hose, 1.75"X50' White	\$192.00	\$2,304.00
12	AA8D25X50C25N Hose, 8D 2.5 X 50 White	\$259.00	\$3,108.00
15	AAHFX40X100Y40S 4" Hfx Nitrile Rubber Ldh 100' Yell	\$849.00	\$12,735.00

Notes:	Parts: \$18,147.00
	Freight: \$0.00
	CC Fees: \$0.00
	Sales Tax: \$0.00
	TOTAL QUOTE: \$18,147.00

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Estimate

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DATE 04/13/2026

SALESPERSON
Keith Sharp

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ITEM	SKU	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Haix Fire Hunter Pro	507528	Sizes 5-16	7	399.00	2,793.00 T
Viking IQ Turnouts	PS1125/PS 1175	Viking IQ Turnout Gear-includes coat, pants, suspenders and lettering CAN BE MENS OR WOMENS GEAR	11	3,095.00	34,045.0 0T

SUBTOTAL	36,838.00
TAX	0.00
TOTAL	\$36,838.00

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11		INN.ENERGYCUSTOMCOAT	INNOTEX ENERGY CUSTOM COAT QUO-116221-Q6N3M	2,002.00	22,022.00	
11		INN.ENERGYCUSTOMPANT	INNOTEX ENERGY CUSTOM PANTS QUO-116221-Q6N3M	1,368.00	15,048.00	
11		INN.INNOTEXGRAY25	INNOTEX GRAY HOOD 3-Layer Shields vulnerable area between helmet & coat. 3-layer system. Outer shell is an air permeable particulate blocking layer. Smooth, cooling inner viscose filament liner. TTP >25/THL 385. Medium/Large	120.00	1,320.00	
7		RCK.RKD0087-10M	NFPA RATED COMP TOE FIRE BOOT **MISSISSIPPI STATE CONTRACT** INNOTEX 8200084635 **FREIGHT INCLUDED**	348.00	2,436.00	
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<p>material cost, pricing, surcharges, etc., orders will not be accepted until pricing is verified from the vendor. Both the purchaser and Emergency Equipment Professionals, Inc. will approve final pricing before the order is finalized.</p> <p>If the supplier to EEP modifies prices after the order has been submitted, the customer will have the right to cancel without penalty.</p>					

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40,826.00	0.00		40,826.00	0.00		40,826.00

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1		WAT-81966-1M4A	Impeller Shaft Assy, CS, S500	5,876.39	5,876.39
1		WAT-K1042	KIT,GASKET & O-RING,PUMP,CS04	208.85	208.85
1		WAT-K1117	KIT,O-RING & GASKET,T141	293.93	293.93
1		WAT-V2411	SEAL OIL,1-7/8 X 2-3/4 ,T19	58.57	58.57
2		WAT-W16307	BEARING,BALL,SINGLE ROW,T25	27.63	55.26
2		WAT-W3956-438	Seal,Oil,Gear Case,Output,T187	55.82	111.64
3		WAT-W16212	BEARING,BALL,SINGLE ROW, T15	46.41	139.23
2		WAT-V2002	BEARING,NEEDLE, T6	110.50	221.00
1		WAT-W16306	Bearing,Ball,Single Row, T3	23.21	23.21
60		LAB,C001	CUSTOMER LABOR	185.00	11,100.00
2		@MIS	U JOINTS	125.00	250.00
3		RDY-950390003000813	ATF,DURAMAX,DEXIII,5G	20.82	62.46
1		@MIS	PUMP RECERTIFICATION TEST	650.00	650.00
1		MIS-SS	SHOP SUPPLIES	100.00	100.00
			Freight and labor are only estimated and is subject to change		
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BJA FY25 Rural Law Enforcement Violent Crime Reduction Initiative

Total Amount to Be Awarded Under This Funding
Opportunity: \$5,838,546

Anticipated Award Ceiling: Up to \$400,000

Anticipated Period of Performance Duration: 36
months

Funding Opportunity Number: O-BJA-2025-172495

Deadline to submit SF-424 in Grants.gov: **May 27, 2026, by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time**

Deadline to submit application in JustGrants: **June 3, 2026, by 8:59 p.m. Eastern Time**



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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 Rural Law Enforcement Violent Crime Reduction Initiative
Announcement Type	Initial
Funding Opportunity Number	O-BJA-2025-172495
Assistance Listing Number	16.039

Executive Summary

This funding opportunity seeks to support local law enforcement in rural jurisdictions to prevent, respond to, and reduce violent crime. The goal is to equip rural law enforcement agencies and prosecutors' offices with the resources necessary to implement a violent crime reduction strategy to solve a specific violent crime challenge.

Please see the [Eligible Applicants](#) section for the eligibility criteria.

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	April 15, 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 April 15, 2026, and no later than May 13, 2026
Step 1: Grants.gov Application Deadline	11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 27, 2026
Step 2: JustGrants Application Deadline	8:59 p.m. Eastern Time on June 3, 2026

Funding Details

Total Amount to Be Awarded Under This Funding Opportunity: \$5,838,546

Anticipated Number of Awards: 15

Anticipated Award Ceiling: \$400,000

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: June 1, 2026

Anticipated Period of Performance Duration: 36 months

Availability of Funds

This funding opportunity, and awards made 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

Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (Pub. L. No. 119-4, Div. A, Secs. 1101(a)(2) and 1301(4), 139 Stat. 9, 10-11, 17; see Pub. L. No. 118-42, 138 Stat. 25, 146, para. 1(M))

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

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)
- **Other**
 - Units of local government

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 NOFO, “other units of local government” include towns, boroughs, parishes, villages, or other general purpose political subdivisions of a state.

Additional Applicant Eligibility Factors

Service to Rural Area or Rural Community: To be eligible to receive funding through this program, an applicant must demonstrate that it proposes to serve a rural area or rural community. Every application must include documentation demonstrating that the proposed service area meets this requirement. The only exception is for federally recognized Indian Tribes, which are statutorily identified as rural, regardless of their location, and therefore are not required to submit this documentation.

A rural area or rural community is defined by 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(32) to mean: (a) any area or community, respectively, no part of which is within an area designated as a standard metropolitan statistical area by the Office of Management and Budget; (b) any area or community, respectively, that is (i) within an area designated as a metropolitan statistical area or considered as part of a metropolitan statistical area; and (ii) located in a rural census tract; or (c) any federally recognized Indian Tribe.

Areas that do not meet these definitions cannot be served with funding from this program. Information on the required documentation is provided in the [Additional Application Components](#) section of this NOFO.

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. 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

Rural jurisdictions often encounter scarce resources and personnel to prevent, respond to, and reduce violent crime. This NOFO will support rural law enforcement agencies and prosecutors' offices in their efforts to combat violent crime through the implementation of a violent crime reduction strategy that utilizes one or more of the following approaches:

- **Technological Enhancements to Reduce Violent Crime:** Technology takes the form of hardware, software, communications systems, intelligence centers, and equipment. Technology systems can create the infrastructure for actionable intelligence, enhance officer safety, support efficient operations, and manage risk, but systems are only effective when complemented by appropriate processes and implementation.
- **Personnel, Tactics, Training, and Equipment to Reduce Violent Crime:** Being effective in controlling crime requires moving beyond the simple application of traditional police methods to identifying those geographic areas or suspects that are the greatest problems and applying resources accordingly. This includes updated technology and equipment, including records management systems, vehicles, vests, and firearms that assist agencies in responding to and preventing violent crime.
- **Data Analytics and Intelligence:** Law enforcement agencies can use data analytics to identify crime hotspots, predict high-risk times and locations, and allocate resources more effectively to prevent violent incidents before they occur. Through this program, agencies may seek to enhance crime analysis capabilities through personnel, training, and software enhancements.
- Other approaches that align with the Department's priorities and provide a significant reduction in violent crime rates.

Applications are encouraged that focus on a regionalized approach among multiple rural agencies to reducing violent crime challenges.

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.

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: Increase the capacity of rural law enforcement agencies or prosecutors' offices to implement programming and activities that combat violent crime.

Objective 1: Develop and implement a strategy, informed by jurisdictional data, that addresses one or more violent crime challenge facing the rural community(s) served.

Objective 2: Track violent crime and demonstrate how efforts have resulted in violent crime reduction.

How Awards Will Contribute to Program Goals/Objectives

Award recipients will plan and implement strategies that will address specific violent crime challenges unique to their jurisdiction. The recipients will focus on implementing strategies to enhance their ability to reduce and prevent violent crime in their communities.

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.

(1) An action plan outlining efforts that the agency will undertake to implement the violent crime reduction strategy. Grantees must submit an action plan to BJA within the first six months of the award performance period. The action plan should include a description of the problem and data that led to its identification; strategies to be implemented; expected results; and a plan for impact evaluation.

(2) A final report highlighting the crime reduction strategy implementation process, challenges, and successes. At the conclusion of the grant award performance period, grantees must develop and submit a report (at the time of grant closeout) that outlines the efforts the agency took to implement its violent crime reduction strategy and include agency data to demonstrate the impact the program had on violent crime in the rural jurisdiction. Applicants may identify and partner with an independent consultant throughout the performance period of this project to plan, monitor, or evaluate activities linked to the violent crime reduction strategy.

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 [here](#).

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 not subject to [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 12372](#) (Intergovernmental Review). Applicants should answer section 19 by selecting, "Program is not covered by E.O. 12372."

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.
- 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

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.

Sections of the Proposal Narrative: The Proposal Narrative must include the six 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? Please include:

- A brief explanation of the need, gap, or issue to be addressed by the proposed project.
- How the need relates to the purpose of the NOFO.
- Describe why this project/these proposed activities are necessary (significance/value) and/or address a need.
- Applicants should clearly identify the violent crime challenge(s) unique to their rural jurisdiction they seek to address through their violent crime reduction program, as well as the implementation strategies to enhance their ability to combat the violent crime problem(s).

Examples of specific violent crime challenges addressed through this program are outlined below.

- Gang-related violent crime
- Sex crimes against children
- Human trafficking
- Assaults, robberies, and sexual assaults
- Homicides

- Narcotics-related violent crime
 - Intimate partner violence
 - Firearms-related violent crime
- Supporting information, data, or evidence to demonstrate the need's existence, size, and impact on the target population and community to support your statement.
 - Applicants must use specific, current, local data to demonstrate the importance and necessity of the project in this section. Evidence quantifying the violent crime challenge to be addressed should be demonstrated through the data provided.
 - Use measurable evidence such as local rates of violent crime (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault), arrest data, community surveys, or gaps in resources specific to your jurisdiction or community.
 - Applications relying solely on national or generalized statistics will not meet the requirements of this section.

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

- Project goals (goals are broad, visionary statements on what the applicant hopes to accomplish).
- Project objectives (objectives are specific outcomes the applicant plans to achieve through project activities).
- How the applicant's goals and objectives relate to the goals and objectives of the NOFO.

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

- Describe the strategy to address the needs identified in the Description of the Need.
- Describe what type of violent crime will be addressed or prevented and how grant funding will address the strategy proposed and the benefits.
- Be specific when listing the proposed project activities and describe how they relate to the stated objective. Activities are the specific actions to be undertaken to fulfill the program's objectives and reach the program's goal.
- Describe how the applicant will deliver or complete those activities. Provide a detailed description of the method(s) to be used to carry out each activity and include a description of all individuals/groups that are involved in the project and that will be served by the project.
- When the activities will take place. Provide a timetable indicating roughly when activities or program milestones are to be accomplished. The Project Design and Implementation should discuss the project timeline, but applicants may also include a timeline chart as a separate attachment that will not count toward the 15-page limit.
- Clearly outline the jurisdiction where the project will be implemented.
- Identify what deliverables, reports, and other items will be produced as part of the project.
- Identify who in the applicant's organization will staff the activities, including key staff that will serve as the point of contact for implementation efforts.

- If the applicant plans to use subrecipients or consultants to help conduct or implement 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.
- Demonstrate through description in the narrative, attached letters of support, or attached memorandums of understanding (MOUs) that the applicant has the full support of project partners related to the implementation of the project.
- Technological devices, artificial intelligence, predictive analytics, and other data-driven solutions (“technological enhancements”) are increasingly used to augment crime-reduction strategies and efforts. Care must be taken to assess and address any potential harm that could be activated by these solutions to ensure privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties are protected. Applicants proposing to utilize grant funds to support technological enhancements must include a response to the following:
 - How the technology will be carefully implemented through training of personnel and the setting and enforcement of policies governing its use to ensure that it contributes to positive outcomes for public safety, the community, and/or the criminal justice system.
 - How the applicant will safeguard privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties throughout the duration of the project period.

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.
- 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.
- For projects involving community partners, indicate the number of years the organization(s) has partnered with the law enforcement agency, as well as the structure of the relationship.

5. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for This NOFO’s Performance Measures

- Describe the process for measuring project performance and how the applicant will collect the data.
- Identify who will collect the data, who is responsible for performance measurements, and how the information will be used to guide and evaluate the project’s impact. Describe the process to accurately report data. Refer to [Program Description: Performance Measures](#) for additional details on performance measures for this NOFO.

Note: An applicant is not required to submit performance data with the application. Rather, performance measure information is included to provide notice that award recipients will be required to submit performance data as part of each award’s reporting requirements.

6. Plan for Sustainability

- Describe how the project or technology will continue to operate and be maintained once the award funding has ended. This plan should not assume that additional funding under this program is available after the award period, and it should identify state, local, or possibly private funding to ensure the program or technology continues.

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](#).

- **Subawards and Procurement Contracts.** Recipients must determine whether pass-through funds are considered subawards or procurement contracts. Per the DOJ Grants Financial Guide, the substance of the activity that has been contracted or subawarded will be the major factor considered. If program activities are delegated to another entity, that delegation will generally be considered a subaward. If goods or services are purchased or procured from another entity for the non-Federal entity’s own use, that activity will generally be considered a contract. For additional information on this topic, please refer to 2 CFR 200.330. In addition, OJP guidance documents (www.ojp.gov/training/subawards-and-procurement) will help clarify the differences between subawards and procurements contracts.

The requirements for pass-through entities related to making and managing subawards are found in 2 CFR 200.332. See also DOJ Grants Financial Guide Section 3.14. Requirements include but are not limited to:

- Conducting a risk assessment of all subrecipients.
- Passing on all award conditions to the subrecipient.
- Monitoring each subrecipient.

Pass-through entities must maintain policies and procedures on making and monitoring subawards consistent with and inclusive of all federal requirements.

- **Costs Associated with Equipment, Systems, and Services.** All applicants should be aware that under federal law, OJP may not award grant funds to procure or obtain any equipment, system, or service that uses “covered telecommunications equipment or

services” as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. In general, with limited exceptions, “covered telecommunications equipment or services” includes telecommunications and video surveillance equipment or services produced by a foreign entity that is specifically designated by statute or by the federal government pursuant to statute.

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.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (if applicable)

For each named partner involved in the project (whether as a subrecipient that will receive federal funds to carry out part of the federal award, or otherwise), applicants should include a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or a letter of intent that confirms the partner's agreement to support the project through commitment of staff time, space, services, or other project needs. MOUs or letters of intent demonstrate the commitment of partner organizations to participate in the project. An MOU is a formalized commitment of staff and/or resources that is signed by authorized representatives of both partner organizations. A letter of intent indicates the organizations' intention to partner, but the details of the commitment have not been fully worked out and officially agreed to.

Each MOU should include the following:

- Purpose of the MOU.
- Names of the organizations involved in the agreement.
- What service(s) and other work will be performed under the agreement by what organization.
- Any budget information such as specific funds allocated to other partners and for the stated purpose.
- Duration of the agreement.

MOUs should be submitted as one separate attachment to the application.

Unsigned draft MOUs may be submitted with the application, but the applicant should describe in a cover page to the attachment why it is unsigned.

Additional Application Components

The applicant should attach the additional requested documentation listed below 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.
- **Documented Rural Area:** Include documentation demonstrating the proposed service area meets the requirement of a rural area or rural community. This includes

documentation certifying the proposed service area is (a) any area or community, respectively, no part of which is within an area designated as a standard metropolitan statistical area by the Office of Management and Budget; (b) any area or community, respectively, that is (i) within an area designated as a metropolitan statistical area or considered as part of a metropolitan statistical area; and (ii) located in a rural census tract; or (c) any federally recognized Indian Tribe.

- **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.
- **Timeline:** Provide a timeline listing key activities and milestones, and the quarters during which they will take place.

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 application is eligible based on the details in the [Limit on Number of Applications](#) section of this NOFO.
- 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)
 - *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 (5%)**: 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 (25%)**: The applicant's administrative and technical capacity to successfully complete this project.
- **Plan for Collecting the Data Required for This NOFO's Performance Measures (5%)**: The applicant's understanding of the performance data reporting requirements and the plan for collecting the required data.
- **Sustainability (10%)**: Applicant's sustainability plan to address how the project or technology will continue to operate and be maintained once the award funding has ended. This plan should not assume that additional funding under this program is

available after the award period, and it should identify state, local, or possibly private funding to ensure the program or technology continues.

- **Budget (15%):** 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, 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. Cost sharing/match is not required for this opportunity; therefore, 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 Rural Law Enforcement Violent Crime Reduction Initiative

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).
- 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**.

- 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 800-851-3420, 202-353-5556, or OJP.ResponseCenter@usdoj.gov or 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.
 - 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

MAYOR
STEPHEN JONES

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May 10, 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 Programs
B-23-CP-MS-0917 and B-24-CP-MS-1303

Dear Mayor and Council:

The City entered an MOU with the Mississippi Home Corporation for the above-referenced project. I would like to request permission to discuss this document.

Thanks for consideration.

Sincerely,

George H. Irby

George H. Irby
Interim Planner

GHI/lp

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
MISSISSIPPI HOME CORPORATION AND CITY OF COLUMBUS**

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (“MOU”) is made and entered into effective as of April 16, 2025 (the “Effective Date”), by and between the City of Columbus, a local unit of government (the “City”) and Mississippi Home Corporation, a public body corporate and politic created under the laws of the State of Mississippi (“MHC”). The City and MHC are sometimes each referred to herein as a “Party” or collectively as the “Parties.”

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City has received a \$3 million dollar appropriation (the “HUD Funds”) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”); and

WHEREAS, the City plans to utilize the HUD funds to establish a blight elimination program to acquire and demolish ____ homes; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into this MOU with MHC to utilize MHC’s Corporate Revolving Loan Fund (“RLF”) for the construction of ____ new single family homes on the demolished lots.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree to the terms and conditions set forth:

I. PROVISION OF LOANS

MHC agrees to provide construction loan funds under RLF at a zero percent (0%) interest rate to qualified contractors selected by the City, provided, however, that all loans will be provided in accordance with the program requirements outlined in the RLF Program Guide (the “Guide”), which is incorporated herein and made a part of this MOU (Attachment A). If there is a conflict between the Guide and this MOU, this MOU shall control.

II. TERM

The MOU shall be effective from the Effective Date and shall expire twelve months following the “Period of Performance End Date” of the HUD Funds; provided, however, that MHC may terminate this MOU, upon ten (10) days’ written notice, if the City breaches this MOU or for cause which shall include dishonesty, refusal or failure to perform duties in a timely manner and conduct inconsistent and/or in conflict with the City’s responsibilities to MHC.

III. OBLIGATION OF THE PARTIES

The Parties agree to the following obligations under this MOU:

- a. MHC agrees to set aside RLF funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 as a revolving line of credit to be made available to qualified contractors. The use of the RLF will be restricted to only properties that utilize the HUD Funds from the City for demolition. MHC will require that the City and contractors provide evidence of property acquisition, demolition, and clear title to the property at issue.

- b. MHC shall maximize the number of homes a contractor can construct at one time based on the contractor's financial strength.
- c. MHC shall place a five (5) year Land Use Restrictive Agreement (LURA) on each property to ensure affordability for the five-year period.
- d. The City shall utilize the HUD Funds for the acquisition and demolition of each property.
- e. The City shall provide MHC with a list of properties that will utilize the RLF for construction.
- f. The City shall provide MHC with a project timeline to include the proposed dates of acquisition, demolition, construction, and sale of the homes.
- g. The City shall ensure that the state procurement requirements are followed for all demolition and construction activities.
- h. The City shall provide MHC with a list of contractors selected for the construction of homes. A current copy of the contractor's license and insurance must be submitted for all general contractors selected. All contractors must be licensed in the state of Mississippi.
- i. The City shall be responsible for overseeing the construction of homes and ensuring that contractors adhere to all RLF requirements.
- j. The contractor will be responsible for the repayment of the RLF Loan. Homebuyers will be prequalified and the homes will be presold.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be duly executed and delivered as of the Effective Date.

CITY OF COLUMBUS

By: Keith Gaskin
Name: Keith Gaskin
Title: Mayor

MISSISSIPPI HOME CORPORATION

By: Scott Spivey
Name: Scott Spivey
Title: Executive Director

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May 11, 2026

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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 purchase two (2) properties for the above-referenced program. Please find attached Property Links for the properties. The properties were appraised by our appraiser at higher amounts than the amount listed on the Property Links.

Owner Name	Property Address	Purchase Price
Eddie Shelton	1220 Ash Street	\$4,200.00
Alexius Jones	2007 Washington Avenue	\$4,200.00
	Total	\$8,400.00

Sincerely

George H. Irby
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Interim Planner

Attachments



LOWNDES COUNTY
MISSISSIPPI

Latest News:

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Property Link

LOWNDES COUNTY, MS

Current Date 4/30/2026

Tax Year 2025
Records Last Updated 4/29/2026

PROPERTY DETAIL

OWNER SHELTON EDDIE W JR
1325 4TH AVE N

COLUMBUS MS 39701

ACRES : **NA**
LAND VALUE : 1400
IMPROVEMENTS : **NA**
TOTAL VALUE: 1400
ASSESSED : 210

PARCEL ADDRESS 56W190206100
1220 ASH ST

TAX INFORMATION

YEAR 2025	TAX DUE	PAID	BALANCE
COUNTY	9.42	0.00	9.51
CITY	11.13	0.00	11.24
SCHOOL	13.76	0.00	13.90
TOTAL	34.31	0.00	34.65 1.00% Penalty

LAST PAYMENT DATE **NA**

TAXES DELINQUENT PRIOR YEAR

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

EXEMPT CODE		LEGAL 1220 ASH ST
HOMESTEAD CODE None		LOT 22 BLOCK 4
TAX DISTRICT 5110		THREE OAKS ADDN
PPIN 012374		
SECTION 10		
TOWNSHIP 18S		
RANGE 18W		B 2015 P 2635 05/12/2015

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TAX PAID HISTORY

<u>Year</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Total TaxPaid(Y/N)</u>
2019	SHELTON EDDIE W JR	141.53 N
2018	SHELTON EDDIE W JR	154.46 N
2017	SHELTON EDDIE W JR	184.93 N
2016	SHELTON EDDIE W JR	178.68 N

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TAX SALES HISTORY, FOR UNPAID TAXES

<u>Year</u>	<u>Sold To</u>	<u>Redeemed Date/By</u>
2024	WOODMARK INVESTMENTS LLC	NOT REDEEMED
2023	BLEDSE PROPERTIES LLC	3/ 3/2026 SHELTON EDDIE W JR

2022
2021
2020

LONG LAND INVESTMENTS
BENNETT TAX CO INC
DURRANT INC

12/30/2024 SHELTON EDDIE W JR
4/ 8/2024 SHELTON EDDIE W JR
3/31/2022 SHELTON EDDIE W JR



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MISSISSIPPI

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Property Link
LOWNDES COUNTY, MS

Current Date 4/30/2026

Tax Year 2025
Records Last Updated 4/29/2026

PROPERTY DETAIL

OWNER JONES ALEXIUS A
1449 YORKVILLE RD E

COLUMBUS MS 39702

ACRES : **NA**
LAND VALUE : 2340
IMPROVEMENTS : **NA**
TOTAL VALUE: 2340
ASSESSED : 351

PARCEL ADDRESS 61W110104600
WASHINGTON AVE

TAX INFORMATION

	TAX DUE	PAID	BALANCE
YEAR 2025	15.74	15.74	0.00
COUNTY	18.60	18.60	0.00
CITY	22.99	22.99	0.00
SCHOOL	0.28	0.28	0.00
PENALTY & OTHER	57.61	57.61	0.00
TOTAL			

LAST PAYMENT DATE 3 / 11 / 2026

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

EXEMPT CODE
HOMESTEAD CODE None
TAX DISTRICT 4110
PPIN 015812
SECTION 15
TOWNSHIP 18S
RANGE 18W

LEGAL LOT 8
WASHINGTON AVE
LOT 3 BLOCK 3
WARREN ADDN

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TAX PAID HISTORY

<u>Year</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Total TaxPaid(Y/N)</u>
2024	JONES ALEXIUS A	56.63 Y LAST PAYMENT DATE 2/20/2025
2023	JONES ALEXIUS A	57.40 Y LAST PAYMENT DATE 3/15/2024
2022	JONES ALEXIUS A	57.67 Y LAST PAYMENT DATE 1/25/2023
2021	JONES ALEXIUS A	55.50 Y LAST PAYMENT DATE 2/ 1/2022
2020	JONES ALEXIUS A	54.17 Y LAST PAYMENT DATE 1/25/2021
2019	COOLEY MARY	54.17 Y LAST PAYMENT DATE 4/20/2020

2018	COOLEY MARY	53.14	Y	LAST PAYMENT DATE 1/31/2019
2016	COOLEY MARY	50.18	N	

PURCHASE COUNTY TAX SALE FILES

TAX SALES HISTORY, FOR UNPAID TAXES

<u>Year</u>	<u>Sold To</u>	<u>Redeemed Date/By</u>
2017	WOODMARK INVESTMENTS LLC	1/31/2019 ALEXIUS JONES



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The Columbus-Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau

Columbus-Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau
Post Office Box 789
Columbus, MS 39703

May 7, 2026

Mayor Stephen Jones
Post Office Box 1408
Columbus, MS 39703

Dear Mayor,

I wanted to inform you at the May Board meeting of the Columbus-Lowndes Convention and Visitors Bureau the Board voted to fund the Alva Temple documentary in the amount of \$15,000.00. The Board appreciates the city's led in honoring and documenting the life of one of the heroes of our country.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Liz Terry".

Liz Terry
Board Chairman

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 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: 5/4/25

APPLICANT:

NAME/ORGANIZATION: Colin Krieger

LOCAL/PERMANENT ADDRESS: 803 5TH AVE N

REPRESENTATIVE:

NAME: Colin Krieger TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: " PHONE: 602 329 7653

PHONE: _____

ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

NAME OF ACTIVITY: CHARITY Ball for Homeless Coalition

DATE OF ACTIVITY: Sunday 5/24 PARADE MEETING ASSEMBLY

EXACT TIME OF ACTIVITY: BEGINNING 10 AM PM ENDING: 6 AM PM

PURPOSE: Block Party for CHARITY

LOCATION OR ROUTE OF ACTIVITY: 500 Block of 8th St North

MAP ATTACHED: YES NO

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

Colin Krieger

NUMBER OF PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE: 200 AGE OF ANY MINORS: ALL

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MINORS: Colin Krieger

APPROVAL

APPROVED BY: [Signature] DATE: May 4, 2026
NAME & TITLE

CITY OF COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

PERMIT

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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

DATE OF PERMIT REQUEST: May 8, 2026

APPLICANT:

NAME/ORGANIZATION: Main Street Columbus/Chamber of Commerce

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

REPRESENTATIVE:

NAME: Barbara Bigelow/Carrie Martin TITLE: Directors

ADDRESS: 107 5th Street North, Columbus MS 39701 PHONE: 662.328.6305

PHONE: _____

ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

NAME OF ACTIVITY: Sounds of Summer

DATE OF ACTIVITY: 6/11, 6/25 PARADE MEETING ASSEMBLY

EXACT TIME OF ACTIVITY: BEGINNING 6:30 AM PM ENDING: 8:30 AM PM

PURPOSE: Free community concert

LOCATION OR ROUTE OF ACTIVITY: Roger Short Soccer Complex

MAP ATTACHED: YES NO

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

NUMBER OF PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE: 500 AGE OF ANY MINORS: _____

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MINORS: Legal guardians

APPROVAL

APPROVED BY:  DATE: May 11 2026
NAME & TITLE

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TODAY'S DATE: _____

APPLICANT:

NAME/ORGANIZATION: East Columbus Day Festival

LOCAL/PERMANENT ADDRESS: 222 Lawrence Street
Columbus, MS 39702

REPRESENTATIVE:

NAME: Roderick Smith TITLE: Councilman

ADDRESS: 226 Meadow Drive PHONE: 601-604-7700
Columbus, MS 39702 PHONE: _____

ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

NAME OF ACTIVITY: East Columbus Day Festival

DATE OF ACTIVITY: 8/8/2026 PARADE MEETING ASSEMBLY

EXACT TIME OF ACTIVITY: BEGINNING 3 AM PM ENDING: 11 AM PM

PURPOSE: To bring unity to our community. Supports economic growth by inviting vendors and small businesses to earn income.

LOCATION OR ROUTE OF ACTIVITY: East Columbus Gym/Stage

MAP ATTACHED: YES NO

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

NUMBER OF PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE: 1,000+ AGE OF ANY MINORS: N/A

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MINORS: Parents

APPROVAL

APPROVED BY: [Signature]
NAME & TITLE

DATE: May 6, 2026

CITY OF COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TODAY'S DATE: MAY 5, 2026

APPLICANT:

NAME/ORGANIZATION: JUNE TENTH - COLUMBUS, INC.

LOCAL/PERMANENT ADDRESS: 254 12th St. North
COLUMBUS, MS 39701

REPRESENTATIVE:

NAME: LEROY BROOKS TITLE: FESTIVAL COORDINATOR

ADDRESS: 214 12th St. N. PHONE: 662 251-8125
COLUMBUS, MS 39701 PHONE: 662 329-5871

ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

NAME OF ACTIVITY: JUNE TENTH FESTIVAL

DATE OF ACTIVITY: JUNE 19, 2026 PARADE MEETING ASSEMBLY

EXACT TIME OF ACTIVITY: BEGINNING 12:00 AM PM ENDING: 11:00 AM PM

PURPOSE: Request the intersection of 20th St. North
be blocked at 8th Ave N. 20th St. and 10th Ave

LOCATION OR ROUTE OF ACTIVITY: North No through traffic after
4:00 P.M.

MAP ATTACHED: YES NO

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

JUNE TENTH - COLUMBUS, INC

NUMBER OF PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE: UNKNOWN AGE OF ANY MINORS: NA

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MINORS: NA

APPROVAL

APPROVED BY: [Signature] DATE: MAY 11, 2026
NAME & TITLE



May 11, 2026

TO: Chief Joseph Daughtry, Sr.
Columbus Police Department

RE: Juneteenth Festival

Dear Chief Daughtry,

Attached is the permit application to host our Juneteenth Festival at Sims Scott Park on June 20, 2026.

We are requesting that 20th Street be blocked off from 8th Avenue to the intersection at 10th Avenue North from 4:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.

We will also need police officers present during the festival event to assist with public safety.

I trust this is the information requested. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 662-386-5937 or 662-889-5424.

Thank you for your assistance and support.

Respectfully,

Cindy Lawrence
Juneteenth Festival Coordinator

CITY OF COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TODAY'S DATE:

5/12/26

APPLICANT:

NAME/ORGANIZATION:

We Are Southside

LOCAL/PERMANENT ADDRESS:

REPRESENTATIVE:

NAME:

Marcy Coleman

TITLE:

Chairperson

ADDRESS:

69 Harris Drive
Columbus, MS 39705

PHONE:

662-251-8432

PHONE:

662-425-3716

Sally Brown

ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

NAME OF ACTIVITY:

Southside Homecoming Parade

DATE OF ACTIVITY:

7/4/26

PARADE

MEETING

ASSEMBLY

EXACT TIME OF ACTIVITY: BEGINNING

11:00

AM PM

ENDING:

12:00

AM PM

PURPOSE:

Reuniting the Community

LOCATION OR ROUTE OF ACTIVITY:

15th Street South to
Hank Aaron Park 11th Ave South

MAP ATTACHED: YES NO

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

We Are Southside family member

NUMBER OF PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE:

25/cars/motorcycle

AGE OF ANY MINORS:

NA

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MINORS:

NA

APPROVAL

APPROVED BY:

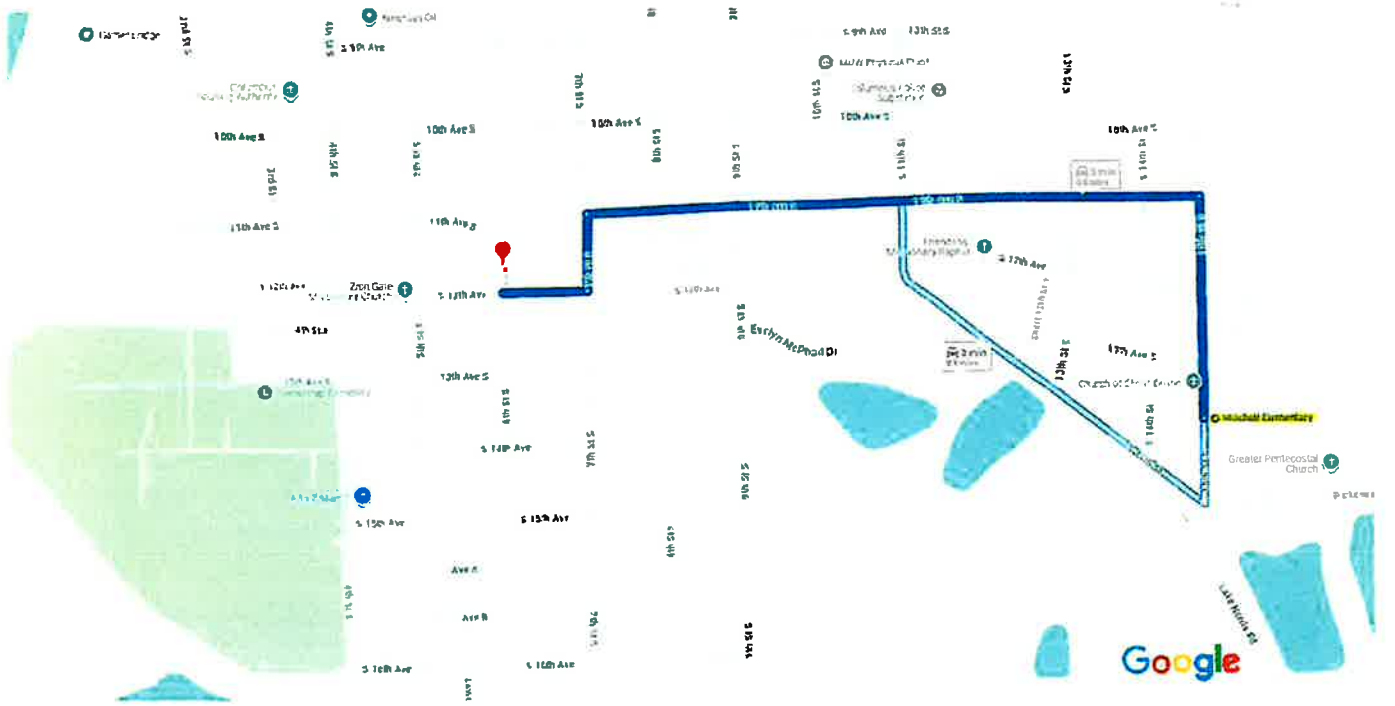
NAME & TITLE

DATE:

5/12/26



Mitchell Elementary, 15th St S, Co umber, MS Drive 0.9 mile, 3 min
39701 to Hank Aaron Park, 601 S 12th Ave, Columbus, MS 39701



Map data ©2025 Google 200 ft

 via S 11th St
Fastest route 3 min
0.9 mile

 via 11th Ave S 3 min
0.9 mile

Explore nearby Hank Aaron Park



Restaurants

Hotels

Gas
stations

Parking
Lots

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“INTERVIEW AND INTERROGATION COURSE”

Hosted by the MLEOTA, Pearl, MS – June 2-5, 2026

Course Duration: 32 hours

Max. Number of Students: 25

Instructional Setting: Classroom

Instructor(s): James C. Lilley, Lieutenant (Retired)
Certified ICITAP Master Instructor
ILEETA Member; Former Investigator 1st class
Detective Field Training Officer, Detective Sergeant,
DEA Major Level Task Force Agent

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to provide the law enforcement officer with the knowledge, skills, and techniques necessary when conducting criminal interviews and interrogations, with an emphasis on Miranda use, communication and listening skills, body language, as well as the importance of proper documentation of the interview or interrogation.

Topics Include:

- Interview or Interrogation?
- The Purpose of an Interview
- The Purpose of an Interrogation
- Guidelines for Conducting an Interview or an Interrogation
- Proper Locations to Conduct an Interview or an Interrogation
- Planning and Preparing the Interview or Interrogation
- Background Information; Knowing Your Case!
- Miranda Warnings
- Valid Waivers
- Invocation of Rights-Right to Silence? Right to Counsel? (Case Law)
- Fifth and Sixth Amendments
- Does the Accused Have the Capacity to Understand Their Miranda Rights?

- How Many Investigators Are Too Many?
- Practice Good Listening Skills
- Active Listening
- The Five Step Process-PEACE Method
- The Five Step Process-Cognitive Approach
- Cognitive Model
- Effective Questioning
- Ask Open Ended Questions
- Loaded Questions
- Paralinguistic Cues
- Physiological Changes
- The Power of Persuasion
- Statement Analysis (SCAN)
- Statement Validity Assessment (SVA)
- Documenting the Interview or Interrogation
- What to Avoid When Conducting an Interview or an Interrogation
- Who Has the Authority to Offer a Deal?
- Practical Exercises with Students

INSTRUCTIONAL GOAL:

The goal of this course is intended to provide the law enforcement investigator/officer with the knowledge, skills and techniques required in order to properly conduct a professional criminal interview and or interrogation, while following the rules of law.

Global Police Solutions, LLC is an Approved Industry Provider of Advanced Law Enforcement training throughout the United States and Abroad.

Dates and Location: June 2-5, 2026

Class Time: 0800-1700hrs

MLEOTA
3791 MS-468
Pearl, Mississippi 39208

Course Fee: \$429.00

To Register for this Class,
Visit our Website at:

www.globalpoliciesolutions.com

**CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI
OFFICIAL TRAVEL REQUEST APPLICATION**

Officials, Officers and Employees of the City of Columbus seeking approval from the Mayor and City Council for permission to travel shall submit this application, fully completed and signed in **ADVANCE** of the requested travel. Except in urgent or necessitous cases, **Requests for Travel** must be submitted for approval well in advance of the Departure Date so that the Mayor and City Council can consider the request at a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council before the travel. Travel and reimbursement for same is governed by Section 25-3-41 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as may be amended from time to time.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRAVEL SOUGHT

- Typed or Printed Name of Official Applying for Travel: Antonious Sellers, Ian Halbert
- Name of Event Official seeks to Attend: Interview and Interrogation
- Benefit to City resulting from Attendance: Enhance interviewing and interrogation skills by learning different data collection and evaluation techniques.

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- Location (City & State) of the Event for which Travel is sought: Pearl, MS
 - Name of Hotel, Motel or place of Lodging if reimbursement is sought: MLEOTA
 - Proposed Date of Departure: 6/1/2026 • Proposed Date of Return: 6/5/2026
 - Mode of Transportation: City

ITEMIZED ESTIMATE OF COSTS OF TRAVEL

- Estimated Total Fees for Registration of all programs at Event, Conference, Seminar, Class or Program: \$ 858.00
- Cost per Night of Lodging: \$ 40.00
- Total Estimated Lodging Costs for All Nights: \$ 320.00
- Estimated Cost of Transportation (Gas, Airfare, Taxi or Mileage Reimbursement):
 - Gas (if using City Vehicle): \$ 100.00
 - Airfare (if flying): \$ 0.00
 - Taxi Service (if anticipated): \$ 0.00
 - Mileage Reimbursement (if driving Personal Vehicle): \$ 0.00
- Estimated Cost of Meals: \$ 544.00
- Any other Estimated Costs: \$ 0.00
- TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS** \$ **1,822.00**

I certify that the estimates of the costs of travel as set forth on this form are my best estimates based upon information reasonably available. I also certify that I understand that in order to be reimbursed for the estimated costs above, I must produce upon return any and all registration forms, receipts for meals, and lodging, together with any other bona fide proof of payment for the estimated costs set forth above.

Signature: _____

Date: 5/11/2026

COOPERATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT

Between

City of Columbus

and the

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (APHIS)
WILDLIFE SERVICES (WS)

ARTICLE 1

The purpose of this agreement is to cooperate in a wildlife damage management project, as described in the Work Plan on the next page.

ARTICLE 2

APHIS WS has statutory authority under the Act of March 2, 1931 (46 Stat. 1468; 7 USCA 8351-7 USCA 8352) as amended, and the Act of December 22, 1987 (101 Stat. 1329-331, 7 USCA 8353), to cooperate with States, local jurisdictions, individuals, public and private agencies, organizations, and institutions while conducting a program of wildlife services involving mammal and bird species that are reservoirs for zoonotic diseases, or animal species that are injurious and/or a nuisance to, among other things, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, animal husbandry, wildlife, and human health and safety.

ARTICLE 3

APHIS WS and the <COOPERATOR> agree:

1. APHIS WS will provide the requested wildlife damage management services.
2. The <COOPERATOR> will provide the U.S. Department of Agriculture the sum of \$<5001.47 > to cover the costs as outlined in the Financial Plan.

Payment will be made by check payable to "U.S. Department of Agriculture" by a mutually agreed upon date.

3. The <Cooperator> ensures and certifies that it is not currently debarred or suspended and is free of delinquent Federal debt.
4. The monies received by APHIS WS will be used for wildlife damage management activities.
5. Nothing in this agreement shall prevent APHIS WS from entering into separate agreements with any other organization or individual for the purpose of providing wildlife damage management services exclusive of those provided for under this agreement.
6. <Cooperator> certifies that APHIS WS has advised the <Cooperator> that there may be private sector service providers available to provide wildlife management services that the <Cooperator> is seeking from APHIS WS.
7. The performance of wildlife damage management actions by APHIS WS under this agreement is contingent upon a determination by APHIS WS that such actions are in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, and any other applicable federal statutes. APHIS WS will not make a final decision to conduct requested wildlife damage management actions until it has made the determination of such compliance.

ARTICLE 4

Pursuant to Section 22, Title 41, United States Code, no member of or delegate to Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement or to any benefit to arise therefrom.

ARTICLE 5

APHIS assumes no liability for any actions or activities conducted under this Cooperative Service Agreement except to the extent that recourse or remedies are provided by Congress under the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA), (28 U.S.C. 1346(b), 2401(b), and 2671-2680).

ARTICLE 6

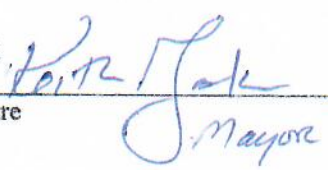
The Agreement shall become effective < 11/19 >, 2024 and shall continue in effect until the completion or termination of the project. This Agreement may be amended or terminated at any time by mutual agreement of the parties in writing. Further, in the event the <Cooperator> does not provide necessary funds, APHIS WS is relieved of the obligation to provide services under this agreement.

Tax Identification Number: 64-6000373

City of Columbus
523 Main St.
Columbus Ms. 39701

USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services
PO Drawer FW
Mississippi State, MS 39762

Cooperator's Signature



Date 11-19-24

State Director

Date

WORK PLAN

Wildlife Species: Beaver

Description of Damage: Flooding/Digging

Location: City of Columbus

Services Provided: Removal of beavers and dams.

FINANCIAL PLAN

Personnel Costs	\$ 3040.00
Travel.....	\$
Vehicle Fuel	\$ 91.05
ATV.....	\$75.00
Equipment	\$ 800.00
BLASTING.....	\$300.00
Subtotal (Direct Costs)	\$
Pooled Job Costs	\$
Indirect Costs	\$ 695.43
TOTAL	\$ 5001.48

The distribution of the budget from this Financial Plan may vary as necessary to accomplish the purpose of this agreement, but may not exceed \$<5001.48 >.

Financial Point of Contact

X <Cooperator>: Keith [Signature] 6062-328-7021
<Name to call for billing questions> Phone
Mayor

APHIS, WS: _____
<Budget Personnel Name> Phone