

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL
OF AN APPLICATION FOR FY 2026 COPS COMMUNITY POLICING
DEVELOPMENT: MICROGRANTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Vicksburg (hereinafter “City”) is eligible to submit an application to the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (“COPS”) for the FY 2026 COPS Community Policing Development: Microgrants (Funding Opportunity Number: O-COPS-2026-172559) (hereinafter “funding opportunity”) provides funding for demonstration or pilot projects to be implemented by the Vicksburg Police Department to increase its capacity to implement innovative or evidence-based projects that improve officer and public safety.

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg (“Board”) deem it in the best interest of the citizens of Vicksburg for the application to be submitted for the funding opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Vicksburg, by and through its Board of Mayor and Aldermen, is hereby authorized and directed to make a proper application to the appropriate authorities for funding.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Kristen Harris and Nicole Grafton are authorized as the official designees and applicant’s agents, and are authorized to submit the application and corresponding documentation to the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for the FY 2026 COPS Community Policing Development: Microgrants (Funding Opportunity Number: O-COPS-2026-172559) pursuant to the terms and conditions of the funding opportunity; and
2. The Board is authorized to accept any funds received if the application submitted is approved for funding; and
3. Mayor Willis Thompson be authorized to execute any application(s) or document(s), including any required certifications, required for the submittal of the application and request for funding based on the funding opportunity; and
4. Mayor Thompson be authorized to execute any agreements and other documents that may be of necessity be executed in the implementation of this funding opportunity.
5. That Kristen Harris and Nicole Grafton be authorized to submit required performance measure data and performance reports required on a semi-annual basis and any other post funding updates that need to be provided to the funding agency.

RESOLVED, this the 20th day of July, 2026

THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI

Willis Thompson, Mayor

Thomas J. Mayfield, Alderman

Vickie Y. Bailey, Alderwoman

ATTEST:

DEBORAH NICKSON, CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF WARREN

CITY OF VICKSBURG

I, Deborah A. Kaiser-Nickson, the duly and legally appointed, qualified and Acting City Clerk and lawful custodian of the Minutes of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg and Seal of said City, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution Adopted by The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg at a Regular Board Meeting held on July 20, 2026.

WITNESS my signature and seal of the City of Vicksburg this is the 20th day of July 2026.

Deborah A. Kaiser-Nickson, City Clerk