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**SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION
FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

SUBMIT TO

City of Vicksburg
Attn: Office of the City Clerk
P. O. Box 150
Vicksburg, MS 39181-0150

Or email:
dnickson@vicksburg.org

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE FORWARDED TO THE COMMITTEE

Organization Name: Vicksburg Juneteenth Heritage Festival Committee

Physical Address of the Event: 100 Army Navy Drive

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 302, Vicksburg, MS 39181

Telephone Number: 601-630-5847

Website Address: Not applicable

Primary Contact Name: Bobbie Bingham Morrow

Title: President and Co-Founder **Telephone No:** 601-630-5847

Email Address: vicksburgjuneteenth@yahoo.com

Secondary Contact Name: Grace Hicks Brown

Title: Committee Member **Telephone No:** 601-218-2571

Email Address: gracebrown5@yahoo.com

If you are applying on behalf of another organization, please provide contact information for that organization:

Organization: _____

Contact Name: _____

Telephone No: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Complete The Following Questions Regarding Your Request For City Sponsorship Consideration

Event Date: June 13, 2026
(Must be between October 1, 2025-September 30, 2026)

1. Is your request for:

(Check all that apply)

In-Kind Sponsorship (specify in question 6)

Cash Sponsorship Amount Requested: \$ 4,000

2. Briefly state your organization's mission and purpose.

The **mission** of the Vicksburg Juneteenth Heritage Festival Committee is to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States with General Gordon Granger's reading of General Order Number 3 on June 19, 1865, which changed "the connection between *master and slave to employer and hired laborer*" and spawned annual celebrations of freedom. Our **purpose** is to formally acknowledge the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act signed into law on June 17, 2021, by President Joe Biden and to ensure an annual, traditional, educational celebration of Juneteenth among the citizens of Vicksburg and throughout the nation.

3. Describe the event in which funds are being requested to support.

The Juneteenth celebration is a day-long family affair for all ages. The history of Juneteenth and its importance will be highlighted. Live entertainers featuring local and professional groups will perform. Youth activities will include live performances, storytelling, a drumming session, and games. Music will include but is not limited to blues, gospel, and pop. Numerous vendors will be on hand to sell their arts, crafts, and a variety of foods. Admission to the event is free and open to the public.

4. Explain how your organization and/or event further a charitable cause, economic or community growth, or serve a public interest?

Our Juneteenth celebration is an educational and economic opportunity for citizens from all walks of life to come together to truthfully acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing, an opportunity to reflect on our country's past, and to consider how each one of us can continue to show up and band together to work toward a better future.

5. Provide detail on how the requested funds will be used support the event partially or in full.

Requested funds will be used to pay for:

- Live entertainers, musicians, and speakers
- Stage, sound, and lighting
- Advertising
- Printing
- Security

6. Select all in-kind services the organization is requesting for the event:

a) Park and facilities fees

b) Park Personnel (maintenance and building attendants)

c) Police Personnel

d) Fire Personnel

e) Other services not listed (please specify) Comp use and delivery from the Auditorium to The Pavilion microphones, a podium, 4 floor fans, speakers, 6 rectangular tables, 18 chairs, an pickup at

f) Not requesting in-kind services at the conclusion of the event.

7. Identify and provide all other funding requests for this event. Provide attachments if needed.

Source	Pending	Approved	Dollar Amount
Local business and organization ads	X		\$
Vendor fees	X		\$
			\$
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			\$

8. Anticipated Attendance: 500 – 1,000

9. Explain in detail how the event, program, or exhibition marketing plan will promote the City of Vicksburg. The city logo will appear on all newspaper and printed event advertising materials. The city name will be included in all television and radio announcements. City ad will be placed on The back or inside front cover of the souvenir booklet. City reserved table at the event. Acknowledge **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

city sponsorship throughout the event. Maximum 25 ft banner provided by the city will be posted at the event.

The information provided in this application is for the purpose of obtaining sponsorship funding from the City of Vicksburg on behalf of the undersigned. Each undersigned representative warrants the information provided within this application and its attachments are true and complete until a written notice of change is provided to the City of Vicksburg. The City of Vicksburg is authorized to make all inquiries necessary to verify the accuracy of the provided information.

Bobbie Bingham Morrow
Requestor

May 6, 2026
Date

Printed Name of Requestor from Above Bobbie Bingham Morrow

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

**Give form to the
 requester. Do not
 send to the IRS.**

Before you begin. For guidance related to the purpose of Form W-9, see *Purpose of Form*, below.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	<p>1 Name of entity/individual. An entry is required. (For a sole proprietor or disregarded entity, enter the owner's name on line 1, and enter the business/disregarded entity's name on line 2.)</p> <p>Vicksburg Juneteenth Heritage Festival Committee</p>		
	<p>2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above.</p>		
	<p>3a Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification of the entity/individual whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LLC. Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = Partnership) _____</p> <p>Note: Check the "LLC" box above and, in the entry space, enter the appropriate code (C, S, or P) for the tax classification of the LLC, unless it is a disregarded entity. A disregarded entity should instead check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) Exempt Charitable Organizational</p>		<p>4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):</p> <p>Exempt payee code (if any) _____</p> <p>Exemption from Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting code (if any) _____</p>
	<p>3b If on line 3a you checked "Partnership" or "Trust/estate," or checked "LLC" and entered "P" as its tax classification, and you are providing this form to a partnership, trust, or estate in which you have an ownership interest, check this box if you have any foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries. See instructions _____ <input type="checkbox"/></p>		<p>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the United States.)</p>
	<p>5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.). See instructions.</p> <p>PO Box 302</p>	<p>Requestor's name and address (optional)</p>	
	<p>6 City, state, and ZIP code</p> <p>Vicksburg MS 39181</p>		
	<p>7 List account number(s) here (optional)</p>		

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Social security number									
or									
Employer identification number									
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Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. See also *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and, generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here Signature of U.S. person *Bobbie Bingham Manow*

Date May 6, 2026

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

What's New

Line 3a has been modified to clarify how a disregarded entity completes this line. An LLC that is a disregarded entity should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Otherwise, it should check the "LLC" box and enter its appropriate tax classification.

New line 3b has been added to this form. A flow-through entity is required to complete this line to indicate that it has direct or indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries when it provides the Form W-9 to another flow-through entity in which it has an ownership interest. This change is intended to provide a flow-through entity with information regarding the status of its indirect foreign partners, owners, or beneficiaries, so that it can satisfy any applicable reporting requirements. For example, a partnership that has any indirect foreign partners may be required to complete Schedules K-2 and K-3. See the Partnership Instructions for Schedules K-2 and K-3 (Form 1065).

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS is giving you this form because they



**VICKSBURG JUNETEENTH
HERITAGE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE**

**P.O. Box 302
Vicksburg, Mississippi 39181-0302
vicksburgjuneteenth@yahoo.com**

Bobbie Bingham Morrow, *President*
Jeremy Johnson, *Vice President*
Donna Williams, *Secretary*
Nancy Butler, *Assistant Secretary*
Catrina James, *Treasurer*
Porshia Ferguson, *Assistant Treasurer*

Kevin Abraham, *Ph.D.*
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Kimberly Fisher, *Ph.D.*
Artracia Fletcher
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Rhondilyn Nix
Ariel Patten
Candice Presson
Patricia Terrell
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Nat West, *DNP*

March 12, 2026

Mayor and Aldermen
City of Vicksburg
1401 Walnut Street
Vicksburg, MS 39180

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BY: ADTSM, PE

Dear Mayor and Aldermen:

The Vicksburg Juneteenth Heritage Festival Committee respectfully requests permission to host our Annual Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at City Park Pavilion, 100 Army Navy Drive, in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Our theme is ***Celebrating Freedom.***

On June 17, 2021, President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law, commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. Juneteenth came about as the Civil War came to a close in 1865. A number of people remained enslaved, especially in remote areas. Word of slavery's end traveled slowly, and for those who were largely isolated from Union armies, life continued as if freedom did not exist. This was especially the case in Texas, where thousands of slaves were not made aware of freedom until June 19, 1865, when Union Gen. Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston and **issued an order** officially freeing them. Their celebration would serve as the basis of June 19 — or Juneteenth — a holiday celebrating emancipation in the United States. Juneteenth is necessary, but it is not sufficient in terms of what we need when it comes to acknowledging this traumatic period of American history.

Vicksburg's first city-wide Juneteenth Celebration was hosted by The Vicksburg Afro-American Museum and Studio on June 19, 1993, on Monroe Street. The members were Tillman Whitley (Chairman), Dorothy Whitley, Edwin Mitchell, Leona Stringer, Kevin Abraham, Harold Miller, Harry Daniels, and Charles James. Seven years later, Juneteenth Heritage Festival 2000 was organized by Albert and Ezell Matthews McDonald, owners of The Heritage Center, a business

Ezell Matthews McDonald

Bobbie Bingham Morrow

Founders

March 12, 2026

focused on African American heritage, culture, and traditions. It was held in Marcus Bottom on June 24, 2000, in Marcus Bottom (Halls Ferry Road/Lane Street to Bowmar Avenue). After the 2000 celebration, Ms. Bobbie Bingham Morrow spearheaded annual Juneteenth Festivals through the First Mississippi Chapter until 2018. For the June 19, 2021, celebration, Mrs. McDonald and Ms. Morrow joined forces to found and charter the Vicksburg Juneteenth Heritage Festival Committee. Mrs. McDonald transitioned on July 20, 2021.

Our committee is planning an enlightening Festival for the entire family. Young and old will learn the history of Juneteenth and its importance. Some of Vicksburg's and invited gifted live entertainment will perform. Numerous vendors will be on hand to sell their arts, crafts, and a variety of foods. Admission to this event is **Free**.

We respectfully request the following:

- Financial assistance. Enclosed, please find our Sponsorship Agreement. Please make all checks payable to Vicksburg Juneteenth Heritage Festival and return it with the completed Sponsorship Agreement to the post office box listed on the form. Upon receipt of your support, we will recognize the city of Vicksburg as a co-sponsor of the Celebration in all program guides, event flyers, and advertising. Please e-mail the city's photo-ready logo and ad to vicksburgjuneteenth@yahoo.com. The funds collected will also be used to pay for children's activities and prizes, décor, live entertainment (including sound and lighting), security, and souvenirs for our guests.
- A fee waiver for use of the City Park Pavilion site.
- Complimentary use and delivery from the Auditorium to the City Park Pavilion of microphones, a podium, speakers, tents, rectangular tables, and chairs and pickup of the items at the conclusion of the event.
- Complimentary use and delivery of at least four floor fans and pickup at the conclusion of the event. *B.B.*
- Assistance from your Building and Maintenance personnel in providing access to electricity, water, lighting, etc.
- Greetings from the Mayor during the opening of the event on June 13, 2026. The program will start at 10:00 a.m.
- Please continue to keep this event on the city of Vicksburg's annual sponsorship list.

We sincerely thank the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for your past support of our Juneteenth Festival. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 601-630-5847 or email us at vicksburgjuneteenth@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Bobbie Bingham Morrow
BOBBIE BINGHAM MORROW
President and Co-Founder

(OFFICE USE ONLY)

EVENT DATE _____

DATE _____

DEPOSIT \$ _____

RENTAL \$ _____

INSURANCE \$ _____

KEY P/U _____

KEY RETURNED YES NO

REFUND DUE YES NO

CITY PARK PAVILION APPLICATION

CITY OF VICKSBURG, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1401 WALNUT STREET

VICKSBURG, MS 39180



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

APPLICANT NAME/PRIMARY CONTACT Bobbie Bingham Morrow		GROUP/ORGANIZATION Vicksburg Juneteenth Heritage Festival Committee	
PHONE# 601-630-5847	EMAIL/FAX vicksburgjuneteenth@yahoo.com		
ADDRESS PO Box 302	CITY Vicksburg	STATE/ZIP MS 39181	
NAME/TYPE OF EVENT Annual Vicksburg Juneteenth Heritage Festival		DATE OF EVENT June 13, 2026	
WILL THE EVENT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC? YES	ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE 1,000	EVENT HOURS (MUST BE BETWEEN 7 AM & 11PM) 7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	
WILL FEES OR OTHER DONATIONS BE REQUIRED FOR ATTENDANCE? NO		EVENT START TIME _____ END TIME _____	

A Security Deposit in the amount of \$100.00 will be required at the time of application. In the event of cancellation, the deposit will be forfeited. A security deposit is to cover any damage to the facility other than normal wear and tear to reserve the date of rental. Applicant shall be responsible for any damaged, missing, or broken items. If we find there is need for excessive clean up or damages, you will not be issued a refund.

All Deposit refunds go through an approval process before being approved for release. Your deposit refund will be issued via mail within 30 days post event if all requirements were met.

The keys must be returned to the City Clerk's Office the day after the event, if the event falls on a weekend or a holiday the keys must be returned on the following business day. If the keys are not returned, you will not be issued a refund.

Rental Fee for the facility is \$200.00 The rental fee must be paid in full no later than 5 business days prior to the date of rental. Rental fees will be refunded in full if reservation is cancelled prior to the event. Cancellations must be in writing and received by the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours.

Liability Insurance is required either through the City or proof of insurance coverage in an amount not less than one (1) million dollars. A Liability Insurance Policy that is acquired by the applicant must show the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg as additional insurers. Proof of Insurance must be provided prior to rental of the facility. Applicant shall also hold the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg, its successors, employees and any and all other persons so associated with the City harmless from any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, causes of action, or suits of any kind or nature whatsoever, both known and unknown that may arise as a result of this event. Payment for insurance through the City is non-refundable.

No Alcohol or glass bottles/containers allowed.

Bounce Houses or other inflatables are not permitted at any of the city parks, pavilions or recreational facilities.

Security is required. Security must be provided by a reputable company, group, or individual (s) that is approved by the City of Vicksburg. Security must be present during the entire event.

Security Company: RRR Security Contact Person: Reginald Flagg

Telephone Number: 709-203-8019

I have read all the above and I fully understand that this application does not confirm any request until it has been signed and dated by the City Clerk's Office of the City of Vicksburg, at which time a copy will be given to me or my designee or mailed to the address designated above. I also acknowledge that I have received a copy and have read, understand, and agree to all rules and regulations as outlined in the Pavilion Policy. I further acknowledge that all the information provided on this form is true and correct. I understand that if my application is approved for rental of the facility for my event, that failure to honor each provision of the Pavilion Policy will be considered a breach by the City of Vicksburg and will allow for immediate termination of the event. If the event is shut down by the City of Vicksburg, Applicant will not be entitled to any refund of monies paid and the City of Vicksburg may pursue any legal remedies for damages, if any, caused by Applicant's breach. Upon approval of the application, any addendums, modification or changes to the application must be in writing and approved. I further agree to hold the City of Vicksburg and its officials, employees, and agents harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, causes of action, or suits of any kind or nature whatsoever, both known and unknown that may arise as a result of this event. (Print) Applicant's Name

(Sign) Applicant's Name Bobbie Bingham Morrow
Bobbie Bingham Morrow

Today's Date March 12, 2026

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APPROVED DENIED BY: _____ DATE: ____/____/____

IF NOT PURCHASED THROUGH THE CITY, IS A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE ON FILE? _____