

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL
OF AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUREAU OF JUSTICE
ASSISTANCE FOR THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS COMMUNITY BASED
VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and Bureau of Justice Assistance is accepting applications for the **Office of Justice Programs Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative**; and

WHEREAS, this funding opportunity provides funding for law enforcement to reduce violent crime and improve police-community relations through cross-sector enforcement, prevention and intervention strategies that leverage active collaboration with communities through sustained partnerships and engagement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vicksburg has determined that this funding opportunity would be beneficial for the Vicksburg Police Department to assist in the reduction of violent crimes in the City and improve police-community relations; and

WHEREAS, this funding opportunity would further build a stronger partnership between the Vicksburg Police department and local community organizations and leaders to foster community engagement, build trust and accountability, strengthen relationships and develop long-term solutions while increasing the capacity of the Vicksburg Police Department to coordinate comprehensive crime reduction strategies and identify and engage individuals with highest likelihood of being involved in, exposed to and/or victimized by violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF VICKSBURG, that the City of Vicksburg is authorized and directed to make application to the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg authorizes Lucy DeRossetee, Contractor, and Kristen Harris, Vicksburg Police Department's Executive Assistant to the Police Chief and Data and Compliance Specialist, to write the grant on behalf of the City of Vicksburg; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg authorizes Kristen Harris, Vicksburg Police Department's Executive Assistant to the Police Chief and Data and Compliance Specialist, and Nicole Grafton, City of Vicksburg Finance Department, as the official designees and applicant's agents and authorizes them to make proper online application to the US Department of Justice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, be authorized to accept U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative program funds, if awarded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Vicksburg hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute any necessary grant applications, grant acceptance or grant agreement, or other documents necessary that may be of necessity to be executed in the implementation of this program.

SO RESOLVED this the 6th day of October, 2025.

WILLIS THOMPSON, MAYOR

THOMAS J. MAYFIELD, ALDERMAN

VICKIE Y. BAILEY, ALDERWOMAN

ATTEST:

DEBORAH A. KAISER-NICKSON, CITY CLERK