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Dear Mayor Thompson, Alderman Mayfield, and Alderwoman Bailey:

Thank you in advance for allowing me to present a proposal from the Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation to the City of Vicksburg for \$13,500 in matching funds for the SCHF spring/summer programming.

Each year the SCHF strives to provide unique and quality programming for free or at a low cost to the community thanks to the generosity of the Mississippi Arts Commission, the City of Vicksburg, SCHF members, and corporate sponsors.

SCHF is committed to offering a variety of cultural and arts programs for every member of the community regardless of age, race, religion, or economic background. By providing low cost or free programs, the entire community can experience the arts.

Each year the SCHF provides the River Kids After-School Arts Program to the community at no charge. The program teaches up to 60 students and is designed to develop creativity through drawing, painting, crafts, collage, ceramics and many other exciting techniques. Experienced educators plan and implement the program.

Our request covers FY 2025-2026 programming matching funds for the many programs offered monthly throughout the spring and summer, as well as the River Kids After-School Program. These programs include: Never too Late to Create art workshops; weekly dance classes; various cooking workshops; monthly book club; Classics in the Courtyard/4-week lunchtime music series on Fridays; and Kids in the Kitchen cooking classes. Funds requested assist in covering artist fees, performance fees, instructor fees, administrative costs, supplies, and operating fees associated with programming including utilities, marketing, insurance and maintenance.

The Southern Cultural Heritage Center greatly impacts the community thanks in part to the leading role the City of Vicksburg has played in the founding of the organization and its continued support. We feel the programming offered at the Center will ultimately reap great benefits for the entire community. Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions.

Thank you again for your time, consideration and continued support.

Sincerely,  
  
Stacey Mahoney  
Director



**City of Vicksburg  
Programming  
FY2025-2026**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
River Kids <i>Fall Semester</i>	Free after-school arts program for 60 children ages 6-12 (Fall School Semester)	\$6,200
Fall Programming	Oct/Nov/Dec performances, lectures, <i>Classics in the Courtyard concert series</i> , various workshops, book signings, book club, and more...	\$4,000
Winter Programming	Jan/Feb/Mar performances, lectures, concerts, exhibits, various workshops, book club, and more...	\$3,300
River Kids <i>Spring Semester</i>	Free after-school arts program for 60 children ages 6-12 (January – May)	\$6,200
Spring Programming	Apr/May/June performances, lectures, concerts, workshops, book club, ballroom dance, and much more...	\$4,000
Summer Programming	July/Aug/Sept multicultural arts camp for kids, performances, lectures, concerts, book signing, various workshops, book club, and much more...	\$3,300
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,000</b>

█ Requests for spring and summer 2025/2026 programming = \$13,500