

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL
OF AN APPLICATION TO THE
USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg (hereinafter "Board") is eligible to submit an application for federal assistance SF-424 to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for road and bank stabilization for Rifle Range Road in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

WHEREAS, the Board deems it in the best interest of the citizens of Vicksburg for the application to be submitted to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for the stabilization of the bank and roads for Rifle Range Road in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Vicksburg, by and through its authorized representative, is hereby authorized and directed to make a proper application to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for federal assistance for road and bank stabilization.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg authorize Nicole Grafton, City's Grants Administrator, as the official designee and applicant's agent, and authorize her to submit the application for federal assistance SF-424 to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service; and
2. The Board be authorized to accept any funds received from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for the stabilization of the bank and roads for Rifle Range Road in Vicksburg, Mississippi; and
3. The Board hereby authorizes Mayor Willis Thompson to execute the Application for Federal Assistance SF-424, the Assurances-Construction Programs and the Certification Regarding Lobbying; and
4. The Board further authorizes Mayor Willis Thompson to execute any agreements and other documents that may be of necessity be executed in the implementation of this program.

RESOLVED, this the 23rd day of January, 2026.

Willis Thompson, Mayor

Thomas J. Mayfield, Alderman

Vickie Y. Bailey, Alderwoman

ATTEST:

Deborah A. Kaiser-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 an Adjourned Board Meeting held on January 23, 2026.

WITNESS my signature and seal of the City of Vicksburg this is the 23rd day of January 2026.

Deborah A. Kaiser-Nickson, City Clerk

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision * If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>
* 3. Date Received: <input type="text" value="08/22/2025"/>	4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>	5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>
State Use Only:	
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>
B. APPLICANT INFORMATION:	
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="City of Vicksburg"/>	
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="64-6001173"/>	* c. UEI: <input type="text" value="THAWGCKNS003"/>
d. Address:	
* Street1: <input type="text" value="1401 Walnut Street"/>	Street2: <input type="text"/>
* City: <input type="text" value="Vicksburg"/>	County/Parish: <input type="text"/>
* State: <input type="text" value="MS: Mississippi"/>	Province: <input type="text"/>
* Country: <input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>	
* Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text" value="31801-3261"/>	
e. Organizational Unit:	
Department Name: <input type="text"/>	Division Name: <input type="text"/>
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:	
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Ms."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Nicole"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Graffon"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
Title: <input type="text" value="Account Specialist"/>	
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="601-634-4551"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="ngraffon@vicksburg.org"/>	

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:** City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:** USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service**11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:** 10.523

CFDA Title:

 Emergency Watershed Protection Program*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:** N/A

* Title:

 N/A**13. Competition Identification Number:** N/A

Title:

 N/A**14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):****Add Attachment****Delete Attachment****View Attachment***** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Road and Bank Stabilization at The City of Vicksburg. OSR# 5328-401 (Swy 61 Rifle Range Rd)

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions

Add Attachments**Delete Attachment****View Attachment**

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:*** a. Applicant * b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed

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17. Proposed Project:* a. Start Date: * b. End Date: **18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="458,921.10"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="139,067.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="597,988.10"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on

b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)** Yes No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)

 ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: <input data-bbox="204 1516 554 1552" type="text" value="Mr. "/>	* First Name: <input data-bbox="758 1516 1297 1552" type="text" value="Willis"/>
Middle Name: <input data-bbox="204 1558 840 1594" type="text" value="T"/>	
* Last Name: <input data-bbox="204 1600 1305 1636" type="text" value="Thompson"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input data-bbox="204 1679 1052 1710" type="text" value="Mayor, City of Vicksburg"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input data-bbox="204 1721 848 1752" type="text" value="601-631-3718"/>	Fax Number: <input data-bbox="856 1721 1444 1752" type="text" value="601-631-3764"/>
* Email: <input data-bbox="204 1763 1395 1795" type="text" value="mayorwillisthompson@vicksburg.org"/>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: <input type="text"/>	* Date Signed: <input type="text"/>

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Number: 4040-0009
Expiration Date: 06/30/2028

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PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal interest in the title of real property in accordance with awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure nondiscrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.

12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.

14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.

15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).

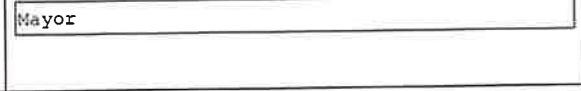
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).

18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."

19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.

20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
city of Vicksburg	

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for 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 in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for 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 in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

* APPLICANT'S ORGANIZATION			
City of Vicksburg			
* PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE			
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Willis"/>	Middle Name: <input type="text" value="T"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Thompson"/>		Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="Mayor, City of Vicksburg"/>			
* SIGNATURE: 		* DATE: 	