

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL  
OF AN APPLICATION FOR BJA FY25 RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT VIOLENT  
CRIME REDUCTION INITIATIVE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Vicksburg (hereinafter “City”) is eligible to submit an application to the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the BJA FY25 Rural Law Enforcement Violent Crime Reduction Initiative (Funding Opportunity Number: O-BJA-2025-172495) (hereinafter “funding opportunity”) which provides funding to eligible local law enforcement in rural jurisdictions to prevent, respond to, and reduce violent crime with the goal to equip rural law enforcement agencies with the resources necessary to implement a violence crime reduction strategy to solve a specific violent crime challenge.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg 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 to the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the BJA FY25 Rural Law Enforcement Violent Crime Reduction Initiative (Funding Opportunity Number: O-BJA-2025-172495) pursuant to the terms and conditions of the funding opportunity; and
2. The Board be authorized to accept any funds received from the submittal of the application for the funding opportunity; 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

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Willis Thompson, Mayor

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Thomas J. Mayfield, Alderman

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Vickie Y. Bailey, Alderwoman

ATTEST:

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Deborah A. Kaiser-Nickson, City Clerk