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Dear Mayor Flaggs, Alderman Mayfield, and Alderman Thompson:

Thank you in advance for allowing me to present a proposal from the Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation to the City of Vicksburg for \$20,000 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 is able to experience the arts.


Each year the SCHF provides the River Kids After-School Arts Program to the community at no charge. The program teaches 120 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 2016-2017 programming matching funds for the many programs offered monthly throughout the fall and winter, as well as the River Kids After-School Program. These programs include: More Than a Painting art workshops; stained glass workshops; various cooking workshops; genealogy workshops; many lectures and book signings; twice monthly ballroom dance classes; monthly book club; Vicksburg Chamber Choir concert; Classics in the Courtyard/4-week lunchtime music series on Fridays; Holly Days Arts and Crafts Show. 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 with 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 Massey  
Director



**City of Vicksburg  
Programming  
FY2016-2017**

<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)	\$7,700
Fall Programming	Oct/Nov/Dec performances, lectures, <i>Classics in the Courtyard concert series</i> , arts & crafts show, many workshops, book signings, book club, ballroom dance, and much more...	\$3,300
Winter Programming	Jan/Feb/Mar performances, lectures, concerts, exhibits, various workshops, book club, ballroom dance, and much more...	\$4,000
Convent building Repairs/construction		\$5,000
River Kids <i>Spring Semester</i>	Free after-school arts program for 60 children ages 6-12 (January – May)	\$7,700
Spring Programming	Apr/May/June performances, lectures, concerts, workshops, book club, ballroom dance, and much more...	\$3,300
Summer Programming	July/Aug/Sept multicultural arts camp for kids, performances, lectures, concerts, book signing, various workshops, book club, and much more...	\$4,000
Convent building Repairs/construction		\$5,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>

█ Requests for spring and summer 2016/2017 programming = \$20,000