

**CITY OF BILOXI
AGENDA ITEM
FACT SHEET**

Item No.: 5 A

Council Meeting Date: November 5, 2024

ITEM TITLE: RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich

CONTACT PERSON: E. Michael Leonard, CAO *ELC*

Katie McMahan, Mayors Office

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Resolution authorizing expenditures to the Women's Resource Center in the amount of \$20,000.00

Resolution Ordinance _____ Public Hearing _____ Routine Agenda _____

Exhibits for Review

Contract _____ Minutes _____ Plans/Maps _____ Deed _____ Lease _____

Other (Specify):

Submittal Authorization: Council President _____ Mayor

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval

COUNCIL ACTION: Motion By: _____ Second By: _____

Vote:	Councilmember	Yes	No	AFR	ABST	Councilmember	Yes	No	AFR	ABST
	Lawrence	___	___	___	___	Tisdale	___	___	___	___
	Gines	___	___	___	___	Glavan	___	___	___	___
	Newman	___	___	___	___	Shoemaker	___	___	___	___
	McGilvary	___	___	___	___					

ACTION TAKEN:

Resolution No.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES TO THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE
CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00

WHEREAS, by the authority of Mississippi Code Section 21-19-65, the governing authorities of any municipality shall have the power to expend monies from the municipal general fund to match any other funds for the purpose of supporting social and community service programs; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Resource Center is such an organization as contemplated by the Mississippi Code Section referenced above; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Resource Center has dedicated over 20 years to assisting thousands of impoverished families through a comprehensive array of pregnancy support services, including testing, ultrasounds, counseling, loss support, and prenatal care; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Baby Program has been dedicated to providing access to crucial necessities such as diapers, car seats, portable cribs, clothing, and more for the care of newborns through two years of age; and

WHEREAS, funds totaling \$20,000.00 are available in the FY 2024-2025 Non-Departmental Municipal Budget from Line-Item No. 01835-6649-ND182.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: The statements, findings and conclusions contained in the preamble are hereby adopted, ratified and incorporated herein.

SECTION TWO: The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to make expenditure to the Women's Resource Center, in the total amount of \$20,000.00 Line-Item No. 01835-6649-ND182.

SECTION THREE: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after adoption.



October 24, 2024

Stacey, Thacker
Municipal Clerk
City of Biloxi

Re: Sav-A-Life of the MS Gulf Coast dba Women's Resource Center - Fiscal Year 202402025 Budget Allocation Disbursement Request

Dear Ms. Thacker,

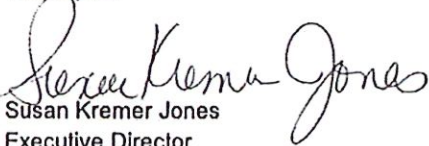
On behalf of the Women's Resource Center of Gulfport (WRC), I would like to thank you for being included in the City of Biloxi's 2024-2025 budget. WRC has served thousands of families here on the Mississippi Gulf Coast for over 20 years. Our services include pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, pregnancy support, pregnancy loss support and prenatal and parenting classes. The women, men and children we serve are primarily minorities, approximately 90% live under the poverty line, ~80% are unmarried and at least 2/3 of them have had no formal education past high school. Approximately 37% of our clients reside in the City of Biloxi.

Once a pregnancy is confirmed, one of the most important resources we provide to our clients is education. At WRC, the Empowered Parent program offers daily classes, both in English and Spanish, that cover many prenatal and parenting topics. At the present time, we hold eleven weekly classes with over sixty-five participants every week. The city's financial support will help support this program and the material resources we provide to each family every week. Through this program, last year alone we gave away approximately 50 new car seats, over 43,000 diapers, clothing and baby supplies which are available for the first two years of the baby's life.

We are so appreciative of the support, and are requesting that the \$20,000 allocated for our center be disbursed at this time.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,


Susan Kremer Jones
Executive Director

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