

**CITY OF BILOXI
AGENDA ITEM
FACT SHEET**

Item No.: 5HH

Council Meeting Date: June 16, 2026

ITEM TITLE: RESOLUTION
 INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich
 CONTACT PERSON: Richard Weaver, Chief Administrative Officer
 Christy LeBatard, Director of Engineering

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Resolution authorizing submission of an FY2026 Defense Community Infrastructure Program grant application to the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation for funding to be utilized to improve infrastructure supportive of Keesler Airforce Base and the Mississippi Cyber and Technology Center

Resolution Ordinance _____ Public Hearing _____ Routine Agenda _____

Exhibits for Review

Contract Minutes _____ Plans/Maps _____ Deed _____ Lease _____

Other (Specify): Exhibit A: Grant application

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
	Gray	___	___	___	___	Tisdale	___	___	___	___
	Marshall	___	___	___	___	Glavan	___	___	___	___
	Nail	___	___	___	___	Shoemaker	___	___	___	___
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ACTION TAKEN:

Resolution No.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN FY2026 DEFENSE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF LOCAL DEFENSE COMMUNITY COOPERATION FOR FUNDING TO BE UTILIZED TO IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORTIVE OF KEESLER AIRFORCE BASE AND THE MISSISSIPPI CYBER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

WHEREAS, the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (“DCIP”), a competitive, federal grant program administered by the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, United States Department of War, is accepting Applications for Federal Assistance for FY 2026;

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to receive funding from the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (the “OLDCC”) under the DCIP grant program, which has been established to assist state and local governments in addressing deficiencies in community infrastructure supportive of a military installation;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to submit the grant application, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit “A,” requesting funding in the amount of Fifteen Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) from OLDCC;

WHEREAS, as the City of Biloxi’s population is less than one hundred thousand (100,000), if awarded, any requirement to contribute matching funds may be waived;

WHEREAS, if awarded, the requested funding will be utilized by the City to construct a multi-use path granting Airmen, base staff, and Cyber Center students safe, ADA-compliant pedestrian and bicycle access to off-base amenities by realigning the road on Judge Sekul Avenue and Porter Avenue from Judge Sekul Avenue to Division Street and from Judge Sekul Avenue to U.S. Highway 90 to accommodate an 8 feet multiuse path and also adjusting all other sidewalks to 5 feet, and relocation utilities underground;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that awards will be announced no later than September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Christy LeBatard, Director of Engineering, that the City submit the request for funding described herein to OLDCC.

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

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

SECTION TWO: The Mayor, on behalf of the City of Biloxi, is hereby authorized to execute and submit a grant application, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A," to the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation requesting grant funding in the amount of Fifteen Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$15,000,000.00), with no matching funds.

SECTION THREE: The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution and to provide any information required by the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation in order to complete its review of said application:

SECTION FOUR: This resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after adoption.