

**CITY OF BILOXI  
AGENDA ITEM  
FACT SHEET**

Item No.: 5M

Council Meeting Date: July 28, 2026

ITEM TITLE: **RESOLUTION**

INTRODUCED BY: **Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich**

CONTACT PERSON: **Richard Weaver, Chief Administrative Officer**  
**Rachel Quave, Capital Project Manager**

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION:**

Resolution authorizing submission of a Gulf Coast Restoration Fund grant application to the Mississippi Development Authority in connection with Capital Project No. 1095: Shriners Blvd Infrastructure Improvements

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: \_\_\_\_\_

| <u>Vote:</u> | <u>Councilmember</u> | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>AFR</u> | <u>ABST</u> | <u>Councilmember</u> | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>AFR</u> | <u>ABST</u> |
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**ACTION TAKEN:**

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Resolution No.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GULF COAST RESTORATION FUND  
GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN  
CONNECTION WITH CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 1095: SHRINERS BLVD  
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Biloxi (the "City") has identified a need to widen Shriners Boulevard from I-10 to Woolmarket Road, and has created Capital Project No. 1095: Shriners Blvd Infrastructure Improvements ("Project 1095") to address this need;

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to receive funding from the Mississippi Development Authority ("MDA") under the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund program, which has been established increase economic activity in the Gulf Coast region;

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 One Million Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,050,000.00) from MDA;

WHEREAS, if the City is awarded a GCRF grant, it will be required to leverage the grant by providing all funds over and above the grant amount;

WHEREAS, the currently estimate necessary to leverage a GCRF grant is Two Million Seven Hundred Sixty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,760,000.00), which is available to the City through a grant received from the Mississippi Transportation Commission, acting by and through the Mississippi Department of Transportation ("MDOT");

WHEREAS, funding received from MDA constitutes state funds and may be utilized as a match to the federal funds received from MDOT;

WHEREAS, if awarded, the requested funding will be utilized by the City to upgrade Shriners Blvd. from two lanes to four lanes with a center median with turn bays. In addition to the

additional lanes, this project will add multi-use pathways, drainage, striping, signage, and other associated appurtenances;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that awards will be announced no later than June 30, 2027;  
and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES 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, or the appropriately designated person as required by the application, are hereby authorized to execute and submit a grant application, and all required forms to the Mississippi Development Authority, requesting grant funding in the amount of One Million Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,050,000.00), with a leverage of approximately Two Million Seven Hundred Sixty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,760,000.00) being required from the City, if awarded.

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 Mississippi Development Authority in order to complete its review of said application.

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