

**CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM**

To: Samantha Abell, City Manager
From: Patty Huffman, Grants and Projects Manager
Through: Eric Meyer, Economic Development and Planning Director
Date: March 11, 2013
Subject: 2013 MDOT Urban Youth Corps Grant Application

REQUEST:

The Economic Development and Planning Department requests authorization to submit a grant application to the Mississippi Department of Transportation for the 2013 Urban Youth Corps Program.

BACKGROUND:

The Transportation Enhancement- Urban Youth Corps Program is a youth employment and training service program, established to: (1) offer meaningful full-time or productive summer work for individuals between the ages of 16 and 25 in transportation-related settings; (2) give the participants a mix of work experience and on-the-job training that includes a minimum of 10% of the participants' time for basic life skills, education, training, safety, etc.; and (3) provide the youths with an opportunity to develop citizenship values and skills through service to their communities and the State of Mississippi. Approximately eight youths will be hired to work ten weeks during the summer to beautify the City's corridors, main thoroughfares and gateways to the City. The City will be reimbursed up to \$35,000 for the project and must provide at least 20% in matching funds and/or in-kind payment through administrative and supervisory costs. The City must agree to meet all specified terms and conditions to ensure that Federal and State rules and regulations will be followed.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Gautier was previously awarded the Urban Youth Corps grant in 2011 and 2012. The participants provided valuable service to the City and received weekly trainings including life skills training, landscape design, safety training, and leadership development.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Economic Development and Planning staff recommends that City Council authorize submission of a 2013 Urban Youth Corps grant application to the Mississippi Department of Transportation for up to \$35,000.00.

The City Council may:

1. Authorize submission of a grant application for the 2013 Urban Youth Corps Program as presented above; or
2. Disapprove the proposed request.

ATTACHMENT(S):

2013 Transportation Enhancement Urban Youth Corps Program announcement

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March 8, 2013

Honorable Tommy Fortenberry, Mayor
City of Gautier
3330 Highway 90
Gautier, MS 39553

Subject: 2013 Transportation Enhancement Urban Youth Corps Program

Dear Mayor:

The Mississippi Transportation Commission (MTC) invites any city government with a 2010 census population of 10,000 or greater to apply for funding approval of an Urban Youth Corps Program project. This Program was established to provide summer work for inner city and disadvantaged youths in transportation related settings. Those cities that meet selection criteria will be awarded a maximum of \$35,000 in federal funds, with the requirement that the city furnish 20% of the total project cost in matching funds.

A copy of the 2013 Urban Youth Corps Program application that defines the guidelines and procedures for submitting project applications can be found on the following link <http://sp.mdot.ms.gov/LPA/Pages/Urban-Youth-Corps-2013.aspx>. Please review the application carefully.

All applications should be submitted directly to the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) Local Public Agency (LPA) Division. All applications received by the MDOT by **5:00 pm, Friday, March 29, 2013**, will be given equal consideration for approval. All cities located within a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) area should send a copy of the application to the MPO. For further information, you may contact Paula H. Morgan in the MDOT LPA Division at 601-359-7222.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey C. Altman, P.E.
State LPA Engineer

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