

**CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM**

To: Samantha Abell, City Manager
From: Patty Huffman, Grants and Projects Manager
Through: Jeremy Thames, Cultural Services Director
Date: March 6, 2015
Subject: 2015 MDOT Urban Youth Corps Grant Application

REQUEST:

The Cultural Services Department requests authorization to submit a grant application to the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the 2015 Urban Youth Corps Program.

BACKGROUND:

The Urban Youth Corps Program is a youth employment and training service program which was originally 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. If awarded, the City would hire approximately eight youths to work ten weeks during the summer to beautify the City's corridors, main thoroughfares and entrance sign landscaping. The grant reimburses the City up to \$35,000 and requires a 20% match of the total project cost in cash and/or in-kind payment through administrative and supervisory costs. The City has met this requirement in the past through in-kind supervision.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Gautier received Urban Youth Corps funding in 2011, 2012, and 2013. The participants provided valuable service to the City and received weekly trainings including life skills, landscape design, safety training, CPR and First Aid, and leadership development.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Cultural Services Department therefore recommends that City Council authorize submission of an Urban Youth Corps grant application to the Mississippi Department of Transportation for 2015 for an amount up to \$35,000.00 with a 20% local match.

The City Council may:

1. Authorize submission of a grant application for the 2015 Urban Youth Corps Program as described above with a 20% in-kind local match. The City also agrees to follow all Federal and State Rules and Regulations applicable to the program; or
2. Authorize submission of a grant application with changes, or
3. Disapprove submission of a grant application for 2015.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Transportation Enhancement-2015 Urban Youth Corps Program Announcement

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March 2, 2015

Honorable Gordon Gollott, Mayor
City of Gautier
3330 Highway 90
Gautier, MS 39553

Subject: 2015 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 2015 Urban Youth Corps Program application that defines the guidelines and procedures for submitting project applications can be found on the following link <http://sp.gomdot.com/LPA/Pages/TEP.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 **4:00 pm, Tuesday, March 31, 2015**, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey C. Altman".

Jeffrey C. Altman, P.E.
State Engineer for Local Public Agencies

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