

**RESOLUTION OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING
THE SUBMISSION OF A FUNDING REQUEST FOR
FY2020 MDA GULF COAST RESTORATION FUND TO MAKE
CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DEPOT DISTRICT AND
COMMIT MATCHING FUNDS TO SUCH PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the "depot," is a two-story building with mission style design which originally served as the train depot for the City of Bay St. Louis (c. 1928). The depot is surrounded by park-like grounds setting featuring many Live Oak trees, picnic tables, benches, a walking path and a nearby duck pond.

WHEREAS, the historic L & N Train Depot is designated a "Mississippi Landmark," and currently houses the Hancock County Tourism Bureau, the Bay St Louis Mardi Gras Museum, and the Alice Moseley Folk Art Museum.

WHEREAS, the park area surrounding the Depot is utilized for numerous art and music festivals throughout the year.

WHEREAS, located across from the depot is the area locally referred to as "Depot Row" which is a multi-use area incorporating residential and commercial units. Depot Row is an area of the City that provides an opportunity for economic growth and development. Collectively, these areas are known to locals as the "Depot District."

WHEREAS, additional restroom facilities and parking is desperately needed to accommodate the increased participation in art and music festivals.

WHEREAS, the addition of an amphitheater would help support the local music community and promote tourism and economic growth within the City.

WHEREAS, the historic depot building is also in need of interior updates and exterior repairs to include water proofing, parking and striping and ADA accessibility improvements.

WHEREAS, the City requests that the Mayor, or his designee, submit a funding request and application for FY 2020 MDA Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to fund the improvements to the Depot District as described above.

WHEREAS, the City estimates that the cost of the improvements are Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Mayor and City Council find that improvements are needed to the Depot District to promote economic development within the City limits and better the lives of residents and tourists.
2. The City Council authorizes the Mayor, or his designee, submit an application for FY 2020 MDA Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to fund the improvements to the Depot District as described within this Resolution.
3. The City Council hereby commits to obligating any legally available funds to meet the twenty percent (20%) match requirement if awarded a FY 2020 MDA Gulf Coast Restoration Fund.

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