

**AN ORDER APPROVING CERTAIN CONTRACTS FOR THE OBLIGATION OF
GRANT FUNDS AWARDED TO THE TUPELO CONVENTION AND VISITORS
BUREAU AS A PART OF THE DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATION
GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, on or about November 14, 2022, the Tupelo Convention and Visitors Bureau (“CVB”) entered into a grant agreement with the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration (“DFA”) for the receipt of funds provided by the State of Mississippi to local destination marketing organizations through the Destination Marketing Organization Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Destination Marketing Organization Grant Program (“Grant Program”) was authorized by the Mississippi Legislature through its creation of the Mississippi Tourism Recovery Fund (Miss. Code Ann. § 57-123-1 *et seq.* (1972, as amended)) for the purpose of providing reimbursable grants for necessary expenditures related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to publicize the resumption of tourism activities and steps taken to ensure a safe tourism experience, and such funds were awarded to the State of Mississippi pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”) by the United States Department of the Treasury (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the rules promulgated by the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration concerning the Grant Program, the Tupelo CVB was awarded approximately \$1,175,400 to be used for those purposes authorized under the Grant Program, including, but not limited to, tourism advertisement and messaging; and

WHEREAS, to expend these funds, and pursuant to the procurement provisions contained in 2 CFR 200.317 *et seq.* and Mississippi Code Ann. § 31-7-13 (1972, as amended), the Tupelo CVB entered 45 separate contracts with various vendors to perform services authorized under the Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, due to Tupelo CVB’s nature as an instrumentality of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, as defined by Senate Bill No. 3088 of the 1990 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature (Approved March 29, 1990), it is necessary that the contracts entered by the Tupelo CVB receive final approval of the Governing Authorities of the City of Tupelo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the governing authorities of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, the following, to wit:

1. This Order is adopted by the Governing Body pursuant to the applicable laws of the State of Mississippi and the United States of America, and all matters and things recited in the premises and preamble of this Order are found and determined to be true and accurate.

2. The grant agreement entered into between the Tupelo Convention and Visitors Bureau for purposes related to the Destination Marketing Organization Grant Program on or about November 14, 2022 is hereby adopted and ratified.

3. The Contracts attached hereto as Exhibits 1-45, respectively, are hereby approved and ratified and found to be in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

4. Stephanie Croomer, Director of the Tupelo Convention and Visitors Bureau is hereby authorized to execute the attached Contracts on behalf of the City.

5. It is hereby intended by this Order to approve all expenditures and associated obligations under the attached Contracts so to Obligate the Grant Program funds in accordance with the requirements of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”) and the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as such terms are defined by 31 CFR § 35.1 *et seq.*

After a full discussion of this matter, and there being no request that it be read aloud, Council Member _____ moved that the foregoing Order be adopted and said motion was seconded by Council Member _____, and upon the question being put to a vote, the results were as follows:

Councilmember Mims voted	_____
Councilmember Bryan voted	_____
Councilmember Beard voted	_____
Councilmember Davis voted	_____
Councilmember Palmer voted	_____
Councilmember Gaston voted	_____
Councilmember Jones voted	_____

The motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present; the President declared the motion carried and the Order adopted.

WHEREUPON, the foregoing Order was declared, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council on this the _____ day of _____, 2024.

CITY OF TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

By: _____
NETTIE DAVIS
City Council President

ATTEST:

MISSY SHELTON

Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

TODD JORDAN, Mayor

DATE