

By: Representative James-Jones

To: Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1739

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE CITY OF BELZONI FOR THE
2 PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING TO HELP DEFRAY OPERATIONAL COSTS AND
3 CAPITAL EXPENSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
6 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
7 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the City of Belzoni for the
8 purpose of providing funding to help defray the operational costs
9 and capital expenses more specifically described in Section 2 of
10 this act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending
11 June 30, 2025.....\$2,879,304.00.

12 **SECTION 2.** The money appropriated by this act must be used
13 to provide funding for the City of Belzoni as follows:

14 POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- 15 (a) Increase in hourly rate for eight (8) officers'
16 salaries\$108,580.00
- 17 (b) Five (5) police cars\$200,000.00
- 18 (c) Eight (8) bullet proof vests\$12,000.00



19 (d) Eight (8) handheld radios\$4,000.00
20 (e) eight (8) vehicle radios\$4,500.00
21 FIRE DEPARTMENT:
22 (f) Increase in hourly rate for five (5)
23 firefighters.....\$60,224.00
24 (g) Five (5) turnout gear fireman\$30,000.00
25 (h) Other needed supplies for fire station ..\$10,000.00
26 RENOVATION OF PARKS:
27 (i) Renovation of city parks (Jack Lee, Reed and
28 Jockey)\$150,000.00
29 STREETS AND WATER DEPARTMENT:
30 (j) Repair of streets\$1,000,000.00
31 (k) Excavators\$200,000.00
32 (l) Street Sweeper\$150,000.00
33 (m) Ten (10) trucks - water and street
34 department.....\$350,000.00
35 RENOVATION OF CITY HALL AND POLICE DEPARTMENT
36 (n) Renovation of police department\$300,000.00
37 (o) Renovation of city hall\$300,000.00
38 GRAND TOTAL\$2,879,304.00

39 **SECTION 3.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
40 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State General Fund
41 not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State
42 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue the



43 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or
44 officers in the manner provided by law.

45 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
46 and after July 1, 2024.

