

By: Representative Steverson

To: Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 939

1 AN ACT TO REPEAL SECTION 33 OF CHAPTER 113, LAWS OF 2024,
2 WHICH PROVIDES FUNDS FROM THE MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET
3 REVITALIZATION GRANT PROGRAM FUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT
4 AUTHORITY FOR MAKING GRANTS TO CERTAIN MAIN STREET DESIGNATED
5 COMMUNITIES FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS; TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF CHAPTER
6 113, LAWS OF 2024, TO REVISE THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 APPROPRIATION TO
7 THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF
8 SPECIAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE AUTHORITY; TO AMEND CHAPTER 66,
9 LAWS OF 2024, TO REVISE THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 APPROPRIATION TO THE
10 MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY TO INCREASE THE
11 AMOUNT OF SPECIAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT; TO PROVIDE
12 THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE FUNDS FROM THE MISSISSIPPI
13 MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION GRANT PROGRAM FUND TO CERTAIN MAIN
14 STREET DESIGNATED COMMUNITIES FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS; AND FOR
15 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

17 **SECTION 1.** Section 33 of Chapter 113, Laws of 2024, which
18 provides funds from the Mississippi Main Street Revitalization
19 Grant Program Fund to the Mississippi Development Authority for
20 making Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grants, is repealed.

21 **SECTION 2.** Section 2 of Chapter 113, Laws of 2024, is
22 amended as follows:

23 Section 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
24 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State



25 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Development Authority or
26 the appropriate special fund for the purpose of defraying the
27 expenses incurred in the operation of the various divisions of the
28 authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending
29 June 30, 2025.....\$ * * * 367,241,496.00.

30 **SECTION 3.** Chapter 66, Laws of 2024, is amended as follows:

31 Section 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
32 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
33 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the
34 expenses of the Department of Archives and History for the fiscal
35 year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....
36\$ 12,580,718.00.

37 Section 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
38 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in
39 the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Archives and
40 History which is comprised of special source funds collected by or
41 otherwise available to the department, for the purpose of
42 defraying the expenses of the department and for other purposes as
43 provided in this act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024,
44 and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ * * * 33,650,000.00.

45 Section 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
46 this act, the following positions are authorized:

47 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

48 Permanent: 155

49 Time-Limited: 10



50 With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's
51 responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal
52 Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds
53 appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are
54 added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi
55 Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's
56 personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board
57 shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may
58 consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year
59 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024
60 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that
61 the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount
62 and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments
63 or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current
64 employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee
65 salary falls below the minimum salary established by the
66 Mississippi State Personnel Board.

67 Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and
68 publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current
69 employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to
70 ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do
71 not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If
72 the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the
73 annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the



74 State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be
75 essential for the agency.

76 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
77 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or
78 allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State
79 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
80 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
81 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
82 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
83 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
84 appropriated level.

85 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
86 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for
87 salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are
88 withdrawn and no longer available.

89 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in
90 violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A
91 relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as
92 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

93 Section 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
94 Department of Archives and History shall maintain complete
95 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all
96 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be
97 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal
98 Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that



99 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be
100 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format
101 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail
102 provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

103 Section 5. It is the intent of the Legislature that the
104 Mississippi Department of Archives and History shall charge the
105 maximum amount allowable for services rendered, consistent with
106 the cost of providing such services. The funds derived from these
107 charges shall be deposited into a special fund account in the
108 State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of
109 Archives and History.

110 Section 6. It is the intent of the Legislature that no part
111 of the funds herein appropriated shall be required to be used for
112 the payment of rent for the museum and public space in the State
113 Historical Museum, Old Capitol Restoration.

114 Section 7. Of the funds provided in Section 2, Two Million
115 Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is provided to the Department of Archives
116 and History from the Mississippi Landmark Grant Fund in accordance
117 with Section 39-5-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, to help support
118 the preservation of Mississippi Landmark Properties.

119 Section 8. Of the funds provided under the provisions of
120 this act, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided
121 for the purpose of capital development and maintenance of Beauvoir
122 Shrine, the last home of Jefferson Davis, the only President of
123 the Confederate States of America, subject to approval by the



Department of Archives and History. The expenditure of funds available in this section shall be subject to prior approval by the Department of Archives and History.

Section 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

Section 10. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Archives and History for the purpose of supporting the Statewide Oral History Project for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 50,000.00.

Section 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.



149 Section 12. Of the funds provided in Section 2, Seven
150 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) is provided from
151 Special Funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the State
152 Treasury fund created in Section 27-19-56.69(8), Mississippi Code
153 of 1972, for the purpose of paying the costs of repair and
154 renovation of the New Capitol, the Old Capitol, the Governor's
155 Mansion, and the War Memorial Building, in accordance with rules
156 and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in
157 a manner consistent with the escalation of funds.

158 Section 13. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
159 of Section 2, Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00), or so much
160 thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury
161 to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section
162 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as
163 determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made
164 to provide the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of
165 funds for the Vicksburg Military Park Interpretive Center. As a
166 condition of expending these funds, the department shall enter
167 into a memorandum of agreement or similar document with the U.S.
168 Government National Park Services reflecting a plan for building
169 an interpretive center and a lease agreement for lease space
170 therein.

171 Section 14. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
172 of Section 2, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much
173 thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury



174 to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section
175 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as
176 determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made
177 to provide the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of
178 funds for the Crigler Park project.

179 Section 15. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
180 of Section 2, Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00), or so much
181 thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury
182 to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section
183 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as
184 determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made
185 to provide the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of
186 funds for Grand Village in Natchez.

187 Section 16. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
188 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital
189 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of
190 Archives and History for the purpose of reauthorizing the
191 expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1612,
192 2023 Regular Session to defray expenses of the Department of
193 Archives and History for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024,
194 and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 17,346,271.00.

195 This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing
196 the expenditure of funds as allocated herein:

197 (a) De la Pointe-Krebs House.....\$ 86,271.00.

198 (b) Repair, renovation, and construction



199 projects undertaken by the Department of
200 Archives and History.....\$ 9,700,000.00.
201 (c) Vicksburg Military Park Interpretive
202 Center.....\$ 5,900,000.00.
203 (d) Eudora Welty Library Project.....\$ 1,660,000.00.

204 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,
205 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this
206 section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds
207 remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the
208 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not
209 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

210 Section 17. Of the funds provided in Section 2, the following
211 sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out
212 of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the
213 Mississippi Historic Site Preservation Fund, for the purpose of
214 making grants to nonprofit organizations in accordance with
215 Section 39-5-22, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year
216 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....
217\$ 500,000.00.

218 Section 18. Of the funds provided in Section 2, the
219 following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is
220 appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit
221 of the Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund, for
222 the purpose of grant assistance to Historic County Courthouses,
223 School Buildings and Other Historic Buildings as in Section



224 39-5-145, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning
225 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 5,000,000.00.

226 Section 19. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Sixteen
227 Thousand Dollars (\$16,000.00), or so much thereof as may be
228 necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury
229 to the credit of the Project Poppy Fund, as created in Senate Bill
230 2001, 1st Extraordinary Session of 2024, and allocated in a manner
231 as determined by the Treasurer's Office and Sixteen Thousand
232 Dollars (\$16,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary,
233 shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the
234 credit of the Project Atlas Fund, as created in House Bill 1, 2nd
235 Extraordinary Session of 2024, and allocated in a manner as
236 determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for
237 expediting services needed for Project Poppy and Project Atlas.

238 Section 20. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Six
239 Million Nine Hundred Thousand Seventy-two Dollars (\$6,972,000.00)
240 shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the
241 credit of the Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Program
242 Fund, as created in Section 57-78-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, and
243 the department shall distribute such funds to the following Main
244 Street Designated Communities for the projects described below:

245	<u>Community</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Grant Amount Requested</u>
246	<u>Amory</u>	<u>Amory Downtown District</u>	
247		<u>Revitalization Project</u>	<u>\$500,000.00</u>
248	<u>Biloxi</u>	<u>How Hop Creative Project</u>	<u>\$500,000.00</u>



249	<u>Booneville</u>	<u>Booneville Historic Hardware</u>	
250		<u>Building Restoration</u>	<u>\$500,000.00</u>
251	<u>Cleveland</u>	<u>Town Green and Public Art</u>	
252		<u>Placement</u>	<u>\$120,000.00</u>
253	<u>Columbus</u>	<u>Downtown Columbus Wayfinding and</u>	
254		<u>Streetscape Improvement Project</u>	<u>\$380,000.00</u>
255	<u>Crystal</u>		
256	<u>Springs</u>	<u>Old Biggs Building Revitalization</u>	
257		<u>Project</u>	<u>\$122,000.00</u>
258	<u>Greenville</u>	<u>Greater Greenville River City</u>	
259		<u>Revitalization Initiative</u>	<u>\$500,000.00</u>
260	<u>Hattiesburg</u>	<u>Downtown Hattiesburg Welcome Center</u>	<u>\$500,000.00</u>
261	<u>Hernando</u>	<u>Hernando Streetscapes, Public Space</u>	
262		<u>Improvements and Retail Recruitment</u>	<u>\$180,000.00</u>
263	<u>Moss Point</u>	<u>Riverfront District Revitalization</u>	
264		<u>Project</u>	<u>\$500,000.00</u>
265	<u>Natchez</u>	<u>The Depot Park and Natchez Bluff</u>	<u>\$362,000.00</u>
266	<u>Nettleton</u>	<u>Old Barber Shop Restoration</u>	<u>\$130,000.00</u>
267	<u>New Albany</u>	<u>Revealing or Destination Safely</u>	<u>\$330,000.00</u>
268	<u>Pascagoula</u>	<u>Flagship Revitalization Streetscape</u>	
269		<u>Plan</u>	<u>\$500,000.00</u>
270	<u>Ripley</u>	<u>The Hills Hotel</u>	<u>\$500,000.00</u>
271	<u>Saltillo</u>	<u>Wayfinding and Street Sign</u>	
272		<u>Revitalization</u>	<u>\$410,000.00</u>
273	<u>Senatobia</u>	<u>Senatobia Utilities Building</u>	



274		<u>Renovation</u>	<u>\$400,000.00</u>
275	<u>Vicksburg</u>	<u>Blues Highway Travel Center</u>	<u>\$408,000.00</u>
276	<u>Water Valley</u>	<u>Water Valley Historic Walking Tour</u>	<u>\$130,000.00</u>
277	<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>\$6,972,000.00</u>

278 Section * * *21. The Mississippi Department of Archives and
 279 History is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or
 280 contribution from any individual, public, or private organization,
 281 or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational
 282 costs of the department. Such grants, donations or contributions
 283 shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of
 284 the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner
 285 consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed One
 286 Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

287 Section * * *22. The money herein appropriated shall be
 288 paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury
 289 to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this
 290 act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the
 291 State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions
 292 signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner
 293 provided by law.

294 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
 295 and after its passage.

