

**ORDER: AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF
HOMELAND SECURITY FY23 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT**

Motion was made by Brent Larson, duly seconded by Larry Gillespie, to authorize application for the MOHS 2023 grant.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Supervisor Brent Larson, voted yes
Supervisor Larry Gillespie, voted yes
Supervisor David Rikard, voted yes
Supervisor Chad McLarty, absent
Supervisor Mike Roberts, voted yes

After the vote, President Roberts, declared the motion carried, this the 20th day of March, 2023.



**Mike Roberts, President
Board of Supervisors**



Sherry Wall, Chancery Clerk

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Agency/Supplier Information

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| Date | 3/3/2023 |
| Name of Agency | Lafayette County Emergency Management |
| Mailing Address | P.O. Box 1240 Oxford, MS 38655 |
| County of Agency | Lafayette |
| Agency Contact Name | Steve Quarles |
| Contact Phone Number | 662-234-5667 |
| Contact Email Address | squarles@lafayettecoms.com |
| UEI Number | LMCWJ3XFUF25 |
| UEI Activation Date | 1/12/23 |
| Congressional District | 1 |

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| | | 71,368.03 (75%) |
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| City of Agency | Oxford |
| County Name | Lafayette |
| Number of Square Miles | 679 |
| Number of Population | 53,590 |
| Number of Staff working in Agency | 4 |

Soft Targets / Crowded Places - Soft Targets and Crowded Places, such as sports venues, shopping venues, schools, and transportation systems, are locations that are easily accessible to large numbers of people and that have limited security or protective measures in place making them vulnerable to attack.

The University of Mississippi has multiple sports stadiums that can accommodate occupations of up to 70,000 and is host to a plethora of political and social events. The City of Oxford hosts multiple arts festivals, rodeos, and concerts throughout the year which also pose a threat with such large crowds populating the county.

Cyberterrorism - Cyber-attacks can occur anywhere within Lafayette County and, indeed, could originate from outside of the county while still having an impact on it.

At least four Mississippi school districts or universities have been targeted in ransomware attacks since 2013, according to a database compiled by StateScoop, though others may not have been publicly disclosed. The Oxford School District, located within Lafayette County, was targeted in 2016. Though no ransom was paid, knowing that cyber-terrorists were threatening a local entity gives cause to increase our protection against such threats. With larger, more vulnerable entities present in Lafayette County, such as The University of Mississippi, Olin Winchester, and multiple Federal buildings, it is crucial that we take all steps necessary to prevent future cyberterrorism.

Domestic terrorism / Civil Unrest- Domestic terrorism is generally defined by law as involving criminal acts dangerous to human life on U.S. soil that appear intended to coerce a civilian population or influence or affect the conduct of government.

With its rich history rooted in southern traditions, Oxford has had its fair share of incidents involving matters of civil unrest. In 1962, The University of Mississippi and the City of Oxford experienced great turmoil and national exposure over the integration of James Meredith into the University. President Kennedy sent U.S Marshalls to suppress any insurrection, violence, and conspiracy.

In more recent years, Oxford has had to deal with civil unrest due to race tensions spurred by the Confederate statues that reside on the square and on the campus of The University of Mississippi.

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Lafayette County's top hazard would be the Oxford City Square. The Square has always been the center of life for those living in Lafayette County. Around the Square resides multiple businesses including restaurants, clothing stores, and bars, attracting people to this one central location. Within a 1/2 mile radius of the Square sits the Lafayette County Sheriff's Department, the Federal Building, the Courthouse, Chancery Building, and multiple banks. The Square also attracts hundreds of thousands of people annually hosting outside events, such as Double Decker, the Blues Festival, and sporting events with the University of Mississippi. A terrorist attack on this location would affect multiple critical infrastructure sites and could injure or kill a large portion of Lafayette County's population.

The University of Mississippi is among the top universities in the country and is located here in Lafayette County, in the center of Oxford. The University has multiple sports venues including Vaught Hemingway Stadium, Swayze Field, and the Pavilion, that consistently attract large crowds to campus. It has also been a destination for many political events, including the 2008 presidential debate and multiple presidential campaign speeches. Throughout the year, the Grove can be quite the spectacle, hosting thousands of tailgating football fans, ESPN, The SEC Network, graduation, and other large events. The University also has a major highway, Hwy 6, running through the south end of campus, thus increasing its vulnerability. All of these factors, not only increase the number of vulnerable patrons, but draw national attention to the university and to Lafayette County. An attack on the University would shut down the largest employer in county and could cost the lives of many Lafayette County citizens and those visiting from outside the county.

Lafayette County's industrial park is home to several large manufacturing facilities, such as Olin Winchester and SMW Manufacturing. Olin Winchester is one of the largest employers in Lafayette County. Winchester is the number one manufacturer of small arms ammunition in the U.S. This means that the company stores explosive materials and other Hazmat on site as well as ships these materials in and out of the facility on a regular basis. In close proximity to Winchester sits two large subdivisions, Northpointe and Oxmoor, and Lafayette County Fire Department. An attack on this facility has the potential to destroy everything surrounding the industrial park and claim the lives of many who reside nearby.

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Through recent threat assessments, it has been discovered that Lafayette County is not equipped to respond to a terrorist threat, attempt, or attack at any of our large venues described as "soft targets". Lafayette County does not currently own the proper equipment necessary to load and unload emergency response equipment from response and security trailers and clear roadways for emergency personnel in the event of a terrorist attack. Lafayette County Emergency Management is requesting funds to purchase a new skid steer that would be dedicated to the role of loading and unloading our county response and security trailers as well as clearing roadways and other debris for emergency response. As a sponsoring agency of the Mississippi Urban Search and Rescue Program, Lafayette County has members assigned to and houses task force equipment for Mississippi Task Force 1. Lafayette County is desiring to house logistics for Task Force 1. This skid steer would be a crucial piece of response equipment for Task Force members to utilize on local, state, and regional deployments.

☐ Cybersecurity

☒ Soft Targets/Crowded Places

☐ Information and Intelligence Sharing

☐ Community Preparedness

☐ Violent Extremism

☐ Election Security

Lafayette County has become a destination for people from all over the southeast. With several large venues that host multiple events capable of holding large crowds, the challenge of properly securing these events becomes difficult due to the influx of people that can, at times, almost double the normal population. The University of Mississippi has multiple sports stadiums that can accommodate occupations of up to 70,000 and is host to a plethora of political and social events. Arts festivals, rodeos, and concerts also pose a threat with such large crowds populating the county. With the rise of threats to Homeland Security comes the responsibility of the county to protect and serve those within our borders to the best of our ability. With this funding, Lafayette County would be better equipped in providing protective measures against acts of terrorism and responding to acts of terrorism if they should occur.

☐ Prevention

☒ Response

☒ Protection

☐ Recovery

☐ Mitigation

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Lafayette County would utilize any funds received through the Mississippi Homeland Security Grant Program in purchasing a new Bobcat skid steer, dedicated to loading and unloading physical security equipment (including portable lights, barricades, gates, and fencing) that would enhance the security of soft targets and crowded locations from emerging dangers of terrorist attacks. It would also aid in loading and unloading the county's Emergency Response trailers (including Structural Collapse, Hazmat, Search and Rescue, and generators) and clearing roadways and other debris that would increase the county's response capabilities in the event of a terrorist attack. The Mississippi Task Force would also utilize the skid steer on local, state, and regional deployments to clear roadways and debris for emergency personnel to gain access to areas requiring emergency response.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Resilience | <input type="checkbox"/> | Situational Assessment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Response/Health and Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> | Threats and Hazard Identification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Interdiction and Disruption | <input type="checkbox"/> | Cybersecurity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Operational Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mass Care Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Access Control and Identity Verification | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mass Search and Rescue Operations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Fatality Management Services | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | On-Scene Security and Protection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Intelligence and Information Sharing | <input type="checkbox"/> | Operational Coordination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Long-term Vulnerability Reduction | <input type="checkbox"/> | Planning |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Physical Protective Measures | <input type="checkbox"/> | Critical Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Health and Medical Services | <input type="checkbox"/> | Forensics and Attribution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Rick and Disaster Resilience Assessment | <input type="checkbox"/> | Health and Social Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> | Public/Private Services and Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Infrastructure Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Information and Warning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Risk Management-Protection Programs/Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> | Economic Recovery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Screening, Search, and Detection | <input type="checkbox"/> | Supply Chain Integrity and Security |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Natural and Cultural Resources | | |

Lafayette County will increase its core capabilities of Access Control, Physical Protective Measures, and On-Scene Security by utilizing the new Bobcat skid steer to load and unload our physical security equipment (including portable lights, barricades, gates, and fencing) that would enhance the security of our soft targets and crowded locations from emerging dangers of terrorist attacks. The skid steer would also increase Lafayette County and the Mississippi Task Force's response capability of Mass Search and Rescue by utilizing it for loading and unloading Emergency Response trailers (including Structural Collapse, Hazmat, Search and Rescue, and generators) and clearing roadways and debris for emergency personnel in the event of a terrorist attack or state deployment.

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| Personnel Title: | Rate of Pay | # of Hours | Total |
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If approved for funding, all pay rates requested for reimbursement will be verified with the agency check stub and/or agency payroll documentation.

| Type of Contractual | Amount of Service/Amount per | Quantity of Service | Total |
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| Type of Travel | Number of People | Cost | Total |
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Please list the cost for each piece of equipment requested.

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| AEL Number: | 19MH-00-BULK | Discipline | EMA |
| Cost of Equipment | 95,157.38 | Quantity | 1 |
| Total Equipment Cost | 71,368.03 | | |
| Item Description | T770 T4 Bobcat Skid Steer with forks | | |

How will equipment be used to reduce Threats and Hazard?

This skid steer will improve our emergency response capabilities and lower response times to local events, to surrounding counties, and for task force deployments.

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| AEL Number: | | Discipline | |
| Cost of Equipment | | Quantity | |
| Total Equipment Cost | | | |
| Item Description | | | |

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| MOHS FY23 Grant Application | | |
| Section 1: Agency Information | | |
| Has your agency received federal and/or state grants similar to the MOHS grant? | X | |
| Does your agency have at least three (3) years of receive federal grant funds? | X | |
| Has your agency received MOHS Grant funds within the past three (3) years? | X | |
| Does your agency use a property management system? | X | |
| Has your agency ever received any corrective actions from a Single Audit Report | | X |
| Has the agency administration remained unchanged during the 2022 grant year? | X | |

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| Section 2: Agency Information | |
| <p>Agency Name: _____</p> <p>Agency Address: _____</p> <p>Agency Phone: _____</p> <p>Agency Fax: _____</p> <p>Agency Email: _____</p> <p>Agency Website: _____</p> <p>Agency Type: _____</p> <p>Agency Size: _____</p> <p>Agency Budget: _____</p> <p>Agency Staff: _____</p> <p>Agency Services: _____</p> <p>Agency History: _____</p> <p>Agency Goals: _____</p> <p>Agency Challenges: _____</p> <p>Agency Opportunities: _____</p> <p>Agency Strengths: _____</p> <p>Agency Weaknesses: _____</p> <p>Agency Needs: _____</p> <p>Agency Interests: _____</p> <p>Agency Concerns: _____</p> <p>Agency Comments: _____</p> | |

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| Section 3: Applicant Information | |
| Applicant Name | Steve Quarles |
| Applicant Title | EMA Director |
| Date | 3/15/23 |
| Applicant Signature | |