April 23, 2023

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Michigan Municipal League Foundation

Bridge Builders Microgrants

Main Street Microgrants

Main Street Grant Committee,

The Village of Vicksburg’s core downtown success is vital and directly linked to the short- and long-term success of our Village overall. After two years of circumstances (Pandemic of 2020’ and aftermath, as well as a downtown streetscape and infrastructure transformation of 2021/2022) out of our core downtown business hands, a concentrated effort has been initiated to create opportunities for individuals and families to visit our downtown and be exposed to our unique retail shops, restaurants, cultural arts and bars; as well as out new streetscape and the complete makeover of our downtown pocket park (Oswalt Park).

The success of 2 summer events in our core downtown last year has motivated the Village Council to task our staff to increase our events downtown. The BURG Days of Summer and specifically, ARTS in the BURG starting on July 18, 2023 have moved from the concept phase to implementation phase. A key component of the ARTS in the BURG events is securing funding to purchase the Art Cart, needed supplies, and compensating the artists involved in the program.

The Village is proud to partner with the Vicksburg Cultural Arts Center, and many local businesses to ensure that these events are a success in every measurable area. The Village Council and DDA board unanimously supported these 5 Wednesday between July 18 and August 16th, 2023, to hold the ARTS in the BURG events.

We appreciate the MML Foundation reviewing our application to receive a $5,000.00 micro-grant which will enable us to move forward with this project.

Respectfully,

James P Mallery

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Village Manager