Grant # KLB 2627 BG-09
Grantee: City of Thibodaux
Grant Award: $10,000

2026-27 KEEP LOUISIANA BEAUTIFUL BEAUTIFICATION GRANT PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT Between STATE OF LOUISIANA OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION AND TOURISM KEEP LOUISIANA BEAUTIFUL INITIATIVE AND CITY OF THIBODAUX

BE IT KNOWN, the State of Louisiana, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Keep Louisiana Beautiful Initiative (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Grantor" or the "State") and **City of Thibodaux, 310 West 2nd St., Thibodaux, LA 70301** (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Grantee") do hereby enter into this grant agreement ("Agreement") under the terms and conditions set forth herein, in the *Keep Louisiana Beautiful (KLB) 2026-27 Beautification Grant Guidelines*, and in the attached Exhibits, which by this reference are incorporated herein.

1. **Background**
   A. The Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (DCRT) is an executive branch department placed in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor in the State of Louisiana. The DCRT is "responsible for planning, developing, and implementing improved opportunities for the enjoyment of cultural and recreational activities by the people of Louisiana and for greater development of their cultural and physical potential... (and) the statewide development and implementation of cultural, recreational, and tourism programs; and planning for the future leisure needs of the people." (La. R.S. 36:201)

   B. The Keep Louisiana Beautiful Initiative, created by Act 16 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature (La. R.S. 49:1131 *et seq.*), further authorizes the DCRT to assist local governments, industries, and other organizations that aid in anti-litter efforts in Louisiana.

   C. Through the Keep Louisiana Beautiful 2026-27 Beautification Grant Program ("Program"), DCRT will award grants that provide reimbursement-based financial assistance to Louisiana parishes and municipalities, up to a maximum of $10,000 per grant award for eligible expenses incurred in the 2026-27 fiscal year to help improve the appearance of communities throughout Louisiana by creating beautiful, well-maintained public spaces.

   D. Grants awarded through the Program are paid through requests for reimbursements.

   E. The Grantee applied for and was awarded a grant to carry out the activities described in Exhibit B (the "Project") and be reimbursed for the approved expenses contained in Exhibit C (the "Budget"). The grant award is subject to execution of this Grant Agreement.

F. The State's support of the activities described herein is in accordance with the statutory mission and purposes, specifically its obligation to implement litter abatement programs.

2. **Scope of Grant-Supported Activities**

   A. As provided in greater detail in the attached **Exhibit A: KLB Grant Program: Guidelines** which by this reference is incorporated herein, the Grantee hereby agrees to carry out the activities and submit the deliverables set forth herein.

   B. The Grantee agrees to carry out the approved Project described in **Exhibit B: KLB Grant Program: Approved Project Description** and request reimbursement only for those Project-related expenses included in **Exhibit C: KLB Grant Program: Approved Budget** attached to this Agreement.

3. **Payment Terms**

   A. In consideration of the premises and covenants described herein and in greater detail in Exhibit A, and subject to the execution and approval of this Agreement by all parties, the State shall make payment in accordance with the terms set forth in this section.

   B. Subject to the State's receipt and approval of original invoices submitted by the Grantee, the State hereby agrees to pay the Grantee up to a maximum amount of **TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS and NO CENTS ($10,000.00).**

   C. If progress and/or completion of grant-supported activities to the reasonable satisfaction of the State are obtained, payment will be made as follows:

      i. The Grantee may request a reimbursement payment subject to the Grantee's submission of the Final Report including documentation of eligible expenses actually incurred and paid for by the Grantee for an amount up to the maximum amount of the Grant Award, subject to:

         1. The Grantee's completion of all grant-supported activities to the reasonable satisfaction of the State

         2. The Grantee's submission and the State's approval of all deliverables

      ii. Reimbursements will be made by ACH or check made payable to the Grantee and delivered according to the Grantee's vendor information registered with the State.

   D. The Grantee shall be liable for all grant funds not used in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. If it is determined by the Grantor or by an audit that grant funds were expended on expenses other than those allowed under the terms and scope of this Agreement, the Grantee agrees to repay the State.

   E. The State may refuse payment and/or reconcile payment to the performance and/or supporting documentation in the event the premises and/or covenants described herein are not met.

   F. Travel expenses shall not be reimbursed under this Agreement.

4. **Term of Agreement**

   A. This Agreement shall begin on August 1, 2026, and shall terminate on May 7, 2027.

   B. This Agreement is effective upon execution by the parties.

   C. Should the Grantee proceed with the Project and/or incur expenses prior to receiving a fully executed Agreement and notice to proceed, it does so at its own risk.

5. Deliverables

A. **Final Report.** The Grantee shall submit the completed Final Report to the Grantor with all requested requirements fulfilled on or before May 7, 2026. The Final Report shall be submitted via the online reporting system used by the State and provided to the Grantee for this purpose. Failure to submit the required deliverables by the designated deadline may deem the Grantee ineligible for reimbursement and ineligible to apply for Keep Louisiana Beautiful grants in the subsequent year.

B. The Grantee shall include in its Final Report:

i. A copy of the grant announcement press release

ii. Copies of letters announcing the grant to legislators

iii. Photographs of the required social media posts

iv. "After" photographs of the Project

v. A photograph showing the required placement of a small sign provided by KLB staked in the Project area acknowledging KLB's and the Lt. Governor's support of the Project after the Project has been completed.

vi. Evidence of the Grantee's participation in KLB's 2027 *Love the Boot Week*

vii. Details of the required 15% match of the grant award in cash donations, in-kind products or services, and/or equivalent volunteer hours

viii. A Reimbursement Request and supporting documentation

6. Agreement Monitor

The State's Agreement Monitor is Jan Windhorst, Direct of Grants, Keep Louisiana Beautiful. The State's Agreement Monitor (or her supervisor, successor, or designee) will ensure that all terms of this Agreement are met prior to authorizing the release of payment.

7. Entire Agreement/Order of Precedence Clause

A. This Agreement and the attached Exhibits A, B and C, which by this reference are incorporated herein, constitute the entire Agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter.

B. In the event of any inconsistent or incompatible provisions, this signed Agreement (excluding Exhibits A, B and C) shall take precedence, followed by the provisions of Exhibit A, then Exhibits B and C.

8. Accountability

The Grantee shall establish accountability measures and financial controls to ensure any and all activities and expenditures funded through this Agreement are documented, timely, and accurately reported, and are consistent with the terms and conditions of the Agreement and all applicable laws, rules, and ordinances. The Grantee agrees to be responsible to the State for any funds that are misused and/or result in findings of fraud, waste, or abuse.

9. Regulations

A. The Grantee is responsible for administering the award in accordance with state and federal laws, regulations, and provisions of the Agreement.

B. By signing this Agreement, the Grantee acknowledges that it is informed of, understands, and agrees to comply with the applicable requirements.

10. Suspension and Debarment

A. By signing the Agreement, the Grantee certifies that it is not suspended or debarred.

B. The suspension and debarment listing is located on the System for Award Management (SAM) portal at https://www.sam.gov. From the home page, select Search Records, then utilize the Quick Search, enter the DUNS Number, and/or enter the CAGE Code.

11. Amendments

Any modification to the provisions of this Agreement shall be in writing, signed by all parties, and approved by the required authorities.

12. Non-Discrimination

A. The Grantee agrees to abide by the requirements of the following as applicable and amended: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972; Federal Executive Order 11246; the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; the Fair Housing Act of 1968; and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

B. The Grantee agrees not to discriminate in its employment practices and shall render services under this Agreement without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, veteran status, political affiliation, disability, or age in any matter relating to employment. Any act of discrimination committed by the Grantee, or failure to comply with these statutory obligations when applicable, shall be grounds for termination of this Agreement.

13. Workplace

The Grantee agrees to abide by the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988.

14. Anti-Lobbying

The funds provided hereunder shall not be used directly or indirectly to pay for any personal service, advertisement, telegram, telephone, letter, printed or written matter, or other device intended or designed to influence in any manner a legislator, to favor or oppose, by vote or otherwise, any legislation or appropriation by Congress or any state or local legislature, whether before or after the introduction of any bill or resolution proposing such legislation or appropriation, but this shall not prevent officers or employees of the State, the Grantee, or any public entity from communicating to members of Congress or any state or local legislature, at its request, through the proper official channels, requests for any legislation, law, ratification, policy, or appropriations which it deems necessary for the efficient conduct of the public business.

15. Termination for Cause

Should the State determine that the Grantee has failed to comply with the Agreement's terms, the State may terminate this Agreement for cause by giving the Grantee written notice specifying the Grantee's failure. If the State determines that the failure is not correctable, then this Agreement shall terminate on the date specified in such notice. If the State determines that the failure may be corrected, the State shall give a deadline for the Grantee to make the correction. If the State determines that the failure is not corrected by the deadline, then the State may give additional time for the Grantee to make the correction or the State may notify the Grantee of the Agreement termination date.

16. Termination for Convenience

The State may terminate this Agreement at any time without penalty by giving thirty (30) days' written notice to the Grantee of such termination or negotiating with the Grantee a termination date. The Grantee shall be entitled to payment for deliverables in progress, to the extent the State determines that the work is acceptable.

17. Remedies

A. Any claim or controversy arising out of this Agreement shall be resolved by the provisions of La. R.S. 39:1673.

B. If the Grantee fails to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, or if any lien or claim for damages, penalties, costs, and the like is asserted by or against the State, then, upon notice to the Grantee, the State may pursue all remedies available to it at law or equity, including retaining monies from amounts due the Grantee and proceeding against any surety of the Grantee.

18. Fiscal Funding

The continuation of this Agreement is contingent upon the legislative appropriation of funds to fulfill the requirements of the Agreement or accruing to the State from other sources. If the legislature fails to appropriate sufficient monies to provide for the continuation of the Agreement, or if such appropriation is reduced by the veto of the governor or by any means provided in the appropriations act to prevent the total appropriation for the year from exceeding revenues for that year, or for any other lawful purpose, and the effect of such reduction is to provide insufficient monies for the continuation of the Agreement, the Agreement shall terminate on the date of the beginning of the first fiscal year for which funds are not appropriated.

19. Record Ownership

All records, reports, documents, and other material delivered or transmitted to the Grantee by the State shall remain the property of the State and shall be returned by the Grantee to the State, at the Grantee's expense, at termination or expiration of this Agreement. Copies of all material related to this Agreement and/or obtained or prepared by the Grantee in connection with the fulfillment of the terms of this Agreement shall become the property of the State and shall be delivered by the Grantee to the State upon the State's request and at the Grantee's expense at termination or expiration of this Agreement.

20. Auditing

A. Any authorized agency of the state government (e.g. Office of the Legislative Auditor, Inspector General's Office, etc.) and of the federal government has the right to inspect and review all books and records pertaining to services rendered and/or activities carried out under this Agreement for a period of five (5) years from the date of final payment under the Agreement and any subcontract. The Grantee and any subcontractor(s) shall maintain such books and records for this five-year period and cooperate fully with the authorized auditing agency. The Grantee and any subcontractor(s) shall comply with federal and state laws authorizing an audit of their operations as a whole or of specific program activities.

B. In accordance with La. R.S. 24:513(H)(2)(a), the Grantee "shall designate an individual who shall be responsible for filing annual financial reports with the legislative auditor and shall notify the legislative auditor of the name and address of the person so designated."

C. Pursuant to La. R.S. 24:513(J)(1)(c), the financial statements of the Grantee shall be audited as follows:

Amount received in revenues and other sources in any one fiscal year	**Audit requirements**
$75,000 or less	Not required to have an audit but must file a certification with the legislative auditor indicating it received $75,000 or less in funds for the fiscal year.
More than $75,000 but less than $200,000	The Grantee shall obtain an annual compilation of its financial statements, with or without footnotes, in accordance with the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. At its discretion, the legislative auditor may require an audit of its books and accounts.
$200,000 or more but less than $500,000	The Grantee shall obtain an annual review of its financial statements to be accompanied by an attestation report in accordance with the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. At its discretion, the legislative auditor may require an audit of its books and accounts.
$500,000 or more	The Grantee shall obtain an annual audit.

C. The Grantee must submit the required documentation to the Legislative Auditor and must notify the State in writing once the documentation has been sent. The transmittal to the State should include the type of audit requirement (i.e. certification, financial statement compilation, review, or audit), the date it was submitted to the Legislative Auditor's office, the due date, and must disclose any adverse conditions discovered as part of the review/audit. If an audit was conducted ($500,000 or more received), then the auditor's opinion and audit findings must be listed in the transmittal.

D. Non-Federal entities that expend $750,000 or more during a year in federal awards shall have a single or program-specific audit conducted for that year in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 (31 U.S.C. 7504-7507 and 2 C.F.R. § 200, Subpart F). Non-federal entities that expend less than $750,000 for a fiscal year in federal awards are exempt from federal audit requirements for that year, but records must be available for review by appropriate officials of the federal agency, State, and General Accounting Office.

21. Taxes

The Grantee hereby agrees that the responsibility for payment of taxes from the funds thus received under this Agreement shall be the Grantee's obligation and identified under federal tax identification number 72-6001396.

22. Assignment of Interest

A. The Grantee may assign its interest in the proceeds of this Agreement to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution. Within ten (10) calendar days of the assignment, the Grantee shall provide notice of the assignment to the State and the Office of State Procurement. The State will continue to pay the Grantee and will not be obligated to direct payments to the assignee until the State has processed the assignment.

B. Except as stated in the preceding paragraph, the Grantee shall transfer an interest in the Agreement by assignment, novation, or otherwise, only with prior written consent of the State. The State's written consent of the transfer shall not diminish the State's rights nor the Grantee's responsibilities and obligations.

23. Indemnity and Insurance

A. The Grantee shall indemnify and hold harmless the State against any and all claims, demands, suits, and judgments of sums of money to any party for loss of life or injury or damage to person or property growing out of, resulting from, or by reason of any intentional, reckless, or negligent act or omission, operation, or work of the Grantee, its agents, servants, or employees while engaged upon or in connection with the services or activities performed by the Grantee hereunder.

B. The Grantee shall purchase and maintain for the duration of the Agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the activities hereunder by the Grantee, its agents, representatives, employees, or subcontractors. The cost of such insurance shall be included in the total Agreement amount. Insurance shall be placed with insurers with an A.M. Best's rating of no less than A-: VI. The types and amounts of insurance shall comply with the requirements set forth in the *State of Louisiana Office of Risk Management Procedures Manual for Insurance Language in Contracts and Indemnification Agreements*, https://www.doa.la.gov/media/luqfise1/contract-manual-12- 2019.pdf.

C. In the event the Grantee is not required to provide or elects not to provide workers compensation coverage, the parties hereby agree that the Grantee, its owners, agents, and employees will have no cause of action against, and will not assert a claim against, the state of Louisiana, its departments, agencies, agents, and employees as an employer, whether pursuant to the Louisiana Workers Compensation Act or otherwise, under any circumstance. The parties also hereby agree that the state of Louisiana, its departments, agencies, agents, and employees shall in no circumstance be, or be considered as, the employer or statutory employer of the Grantee, its owners, agents, and employees. The parties further agree that the Grantee is a wholly independent contractor and is exclusively responsible for its employees, owners, and agents. The Grantee hereby agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold the state of Louisiana, its departments, agencies, agents, and employees harmless from any such assertion or claim that may arise from the performance of this Agreement.

24. Penalties

If the State determines that the Grantee fails or has failed to comply with the terms and/or conditions set forth herein, the Grantee shall become ineligible to receive any remaining payments under the Agreement and/or receive any new grants from the State during the first complete grant cycle following the determination of non-compliance. The Grantee shall submit to the State a full accounting of the grant funds expended. The State will issue a written determination specifying the amount of grant funds, if any, that must be returned to the State by the Grantee. Subsequent failure of the Grantee to meet the State's requirements for the timely and appropriate resolution of non- compliance findings shall result in legal action, including but not limited to, reporting all monies not returned to the State by the Grantee to the appropriate state agencies, the Attorney General, the Legislative Auditor, and state and local law enforcement agencies. If the Grantee defaults on the Agreement, breaches the terms of the Agreement, or ceases to do business, it shall be required to repay funds to the State, in accordance with the terms set by the State.

25. Force Majeure

Neither party hereto shall be liable to the other party for any failure, inability, or delay in performing its obligations under the Agreement if caused by an act of God, war, strike, lock-out, fire, terrorism or threat of terrorism (or any security measure connected thereto), pandemic (or any government restrictions connected thereto), or any other events or circumstances not within the reasonable control of the party affected, whether similar or dissimilar to any of the foregoing, but due diligence shall be used in mitigating any losses.

26. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the state of Louisiana, including but not limited to La. R.S. 39:1551-1755; rules and regulations; executive orders; standard terms and conditions; special terms and conditions; and this Agreement. Venue of any action brought, after exhaustion of administrative remedies, with regard to this Agreement shall be in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, state of Louisiana.

27. E-Verify

The Grantee acknowledges and agrees to comply with the provisions of La. R.S. 38:2212.10, as applicable, and federal law pertaining to E-Verify in the performance of services under this Agreement.

28. Grantee's Cooperation

The Grantee has the duty to fully cooperate with the State and provide any and all requested information, documentation, etc. to the State when requested. This applies even if this Agreement is terminated and/or a lawsuit is filed. Specifically, the Grantee shall neither limit nor impede the State's right to audit, nor shall the Grantee withhold State-owned documents.

29. Compliance with Act 467 of the 2025 Regular Session (La. R.S. 39:89.1-89.4)

A. The Grantee acknowledges and agrees that it is subject to the requirements of Act 467 of the 2025 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, codified at La. R.S. 39:89.1 through 89.4, as may be amended, and any rules or regulations promulgated by the Division of Administration to implement such provisions (collectively, "Act 467").

B. The Grantee represents and warrants that it is, and shall remain for the duration of this Agreement, in compliance with all applicable provisions of Act 467, including but not limited to compliance with the Louisiana Audit Law, La. R.S. 24:513, et seq., if applicable. The Grantee shall timely provide any reports, certifications, or documentation required by Act 467 or requested by the State to verify such compliance.

C. The Grantee further agrees that no funds received pursuant to this Agreement shall be used, directly or indirectly, for:

   i. lobbying or political purposes;

   ii. making or facilitating campaign contributions; or

   iii. making payments to public officials in violation of the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics, La. R.S. 42:1101, et seq.

D. Failure by the Grantee to comply with any provision of Act 467 or this Section shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement. In addition to any other remedies available under this Agreement or applicable law, the State may immediately suspend or terminate this Agreement and withhold or recover funds.

E. The Grantee acknowledges that, pursuant to Act 467, a violation may result in the Grantee being deemed ineligible to receive disbursements of state funds for a period of three (3) years from the date of determination of noncompliance, or until such time as the Grantee demonstrates compliance, whichever occurs first.

30. Confidentiality

A. The Grantee shall protect from unauthorized use and disclosure all information relating to the State's operations and data (e.g. financial, statistical, personal, technical, etc.) that becomes available to the Grantee in carrying out this Agreement. The Grantee shall use protecting measures that are the same or more effective than those used by the State. The Grantee is not required to protect information or data that is publicly available outside the scope of this Agreement; already rightfully in the Grantee's possession; independently developed by the Grantee outside the scope of this Agreement; or rightfully obtained from third parties.

B. Under no circumstance shall the Grantee discuss and/or release information to the media concerning this Agreement without prior express written approval of the State.

31. Continuing Obligation

The Grantee has a continuing obligation to disclose any suspensions or debarment by any government entity, including but not limited to General Services Administration (GSA). Failure to disclose may constitute grounds for suspension and/or termination of this Agreement and debarment from future Agreements.

32. Eligibility Status

The Grantee, and each tier of Sub-grantees, shall certify that it is not on the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Non-procurement Programs promulgated in accordance with Executive Orders 12549 and 12689, "Debarment and Suspension," as set forth at 24 C.F.R. § 24.

33. Code of Ethics

The Grantee acknowledges that Chapter 15 of Title 42 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (La. R.S. 42:1101 *et seq.*, Code of Governmental Ethics) may apply to the Grantee in the performance of the activities called for in this Agreement. The Grantee agrees to immediately notify the State if potential violations of the Code of Governmental Ethics arise at any time during the term of this Agreement.

34. Severability

If any term or condition of this Agreement or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other terms, conditions, or applications which can be given effect without the invalid term, condition, or application. To this end, the terms and conditions of this Agreement are declared severable.

35. Cybersecurity Training

A. In accordance with La. R.S. 42:1267(B)(3) and the state of Louisiana's Information Security Policy, if the Grantee, or any of its employees, agents, or subcontractors will have access to state government information technology assets, the Grantee's employees, agents, or subcontractors with such access must complete cybersecurity training annually, and the Grantee must present evidence of such compliance annually and upon request. The Grantee may use the cybersecurity training course offered by the Louisiana Department of State Civil Service without additional cost.

B. For purposes of this section, "access to state government information technology assets" means the possession of credentials, equipment, or authorization to access the internal workings of state information technology systems or networks. Examples would include but not be limited to State- issued laptops, VPN credentials to access the state network, badging to access the state's telecommunications closets or systems, or permissions to maintain or modify IT systems used by the state. Final determination of scope inclusions or exclusions relative to access to state government information technology assets will be made by the Office of Technology Services.

36. Execution

This Agreement is not effective until executed by all parties.

The parties agree and consent to the use of electronic signatures solely for the purposes of executing the Agreement and any related transactional document. Such electronic signature shall be deemed to have the same full and binding effect as a handwritten signature.

City of Thibodaux

Signed by:
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Exhibit A

KLB Beautification Grant Program: Guidelines

1. Through the Keep Louisiana Beautiful 2026-27 Beautification Grant Program ("Program"), DCRT will award grants that provide reimbursement-based financial assistance to Louisiana parishes and municipalities up to a maximum of $10,000 per grant award for eligible expenses incurred in the 2026-27 fiscal year to help improve the appearance of communities throughout Louisiana by creating beautiful, well-maintained public spaces.
2. Eligible expenses are costs associated with purchase of native trees, shrubs, and perennial plants. Priority planting projects include improving and beautifying entry points to cities, highway corridors and medians, downtown roadways and intersections, and other highly visible and highly used public spaces. Projects must have diverse community support, volunteer involvement, collaboration with stakeholders and benefit to community members.
3. Examples of eligible expenses and ineligible expenses in the KLB Beautification Grant Program include:
   A. Eligible for Funding:
      i. Trees, shrubs and perennial plants with a minimum of 25% of plants used in the Project being native to Louisiana
      ii. Soil, mulch, pavers, irrigation, and landscaping materials not to exceed 25% of the grant request
      iii. Welcome sign materials, when incorporated into a planting project, not to exceed 25% of the grant request
      iv. Contract labor to assist with the Project, not to exceed 25% of the grant request.

   B. Ineligible for Funding:
      i. Projects on private property
      ii. Annual plants
4. **Terms and Requirements:** Failure to abide by all the requirements and/or submit the completed Final Report by May 7, 2027, will result in non-reimbursement for this grant and ineligibility for subsequent KLB grants. To be awarded a grant, applicants agree to the following:
   A. Gardens and plantings must be on public property. Applying for this grant must be pre-approved by the applying entity's highest authorizing official. A letter from the highest authorizing official, approving use of the public space for this grant project and agreeing to maintain the project must be uploaded with this application.

   B. A Grant Agreement must be signed between the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (DCRT) and the grant recipient before reimbursable work or purchases can begin on the grant project. Grantee must abide by the approved grant budget documented in the Agreement.

   C. All Grantees must attend a mandatory scheduled webinar before KLB will issue the Agreement.

   D. A minimum 15% in-kind or cash match, or equivalent volunteer hours value is required.

E. Any project that requests funding for a "Welcome" sign must include some type of planting (garden or trees) to enhance the area surrounding the signage.

F. A small sign provided by KLB must be staked in the garden area acknowledging KLB's and the Lt. Governor's support of the project for at least one month after the project has been completed. A photo of the sign at the final project site must be uploaded in the Final Report.

G. A grant award acknowledgement letter must be sent to Grantee's state representatives and senator informing them that the Grantee received that grant from KLB and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. A copy must be uploaded with the Final Report.

H. A press release announcing that the Grantee received a grant from KLB and the Office of the Lt. Governor must be sent to the local media. A copy must be uploaded with the Final Report.

I. Two social media posts must be made:

   i. By 30 days after Grant Agreement is executed, the Grantee must announce on their social media channels that they received a Beautification Grant from KLB and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and describe how the grant will help the community.

   ii. At the conclusion of the project, Grantee must make a second social media post announcing the outcome and photos of the completed project.

   iii. Both social media posts must be tagged as follows: The Grantee must tag @LouisianaLtGov, and Keep Louisiana Beautiful - on Facebook and Instagram tag @keeplouisianabeautiful and - on Twitter tag @keeplabeautiful.

   iv. Photos of both media posts must be uploaded in the Final Report.

J. "Before" photographs of the proposed project site must be submitted with the application, and "after" photographs of the project, including the KLB acknowledgement sign, must be submitted with the Final Report.

K. Beautification Grant projects must be completed on or before May 7, 2027.

L. Changes in grant scope and/or budget as outlined in the Agreement must be pre-approved by KLB.

M. A completed Final Report, photographs, press release, acknowledgement letters, social media photos and reimbursement request with proper receipts and documentation must be submitted to KLB by May 7, 2027. The Final Report may be submitted before the deadline upon project completion but will not be accepted after May 7, 2027.

N. Grantees must register for, conduct, and submit a report for a KLB Love the Boot Week event scheduled for April 17-25, 2027. The Love the Boot event name and number will be required in the Final Report.

5. **Grant Cycle:** The grant cycle begins once-the Grant Agreement is signed by the Grantee and executed by the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism's Appointing Authority. The grant cycle ends for all Grantees on May 7, 2027.

Exhibit B

KLB Beautification Grant Program: Approved Project Description – City of Thibodaux

The beautification project will be located at Thibodaux City Hall (310 West 2nd Street), which houses the Mayor's office, City Council chambers, Finance, Grants, and Marketing departments. It is located in the heart of Downtown Thibodaux, which includes many businesses, restaurants, and parish facilities. The City of Thibodaux and Downtown Thibodaux are hosts to many events that occur year-round surrounding City Hall.

The City of Thibodaux's proposed beautification project is greatly needed in front of City Hall. This area is a highly trafficked area that could use upgrading. The project will include a revitalized flower bed on both sides of the soon to be renovated ADA-compliant ramp leading to the entrance. It also includes a new flower bed in front of the City Hall welcome sign. The current landscaping needs updating and refurbishment to enhance the building's appearance.

Exhibit C

KLB Beautification Grant Program: Approved Budget – City of Thibodaux

City of Thibodaux	Approved Budget Items	Amount
	15 gal Holly	$1,323.00
	3 gal Butterfly Iris	$192.00
	3 gal Distylium	$1,995.00
	7 gal Variegated Pitts	$715.00
	7 gal sweet olive	$780.00
	7 gal Crotan	$520.00
	3 gal azalea	$456.00
	Cypress Mulch	$1,275.00
	Potting Soil	$700.00
	7 gal Camelia	$1,105.00
	1 gal Lantana	$414.00
	Soil Conditioner	$468.00
	Fertilizer	$57.00
TOTAL		**$10,000.00**