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MISSISSIPPI TIDELANDS TRUST FUND PROGRAM

Request for Funding FY2018

Public Access Managed Project

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Project Number: _____
Submittal Number: _____
Average Merit Score: _____

PROJECT SUMMARY

1. Title of Project: *red outlines indicate required fields*

West Biloxi Festival Boardwalk and Boat Ramp

2. Location of Project:

City of Biloxi, Harrison County

3. Requesting Agency:

City of Biloxi

4. Requesting Agency Representative:

a. Name: Andrew "FoFo" Gilich, Mayor
b. Phone: 228-435-6254
c. Fax: 228-435-6129
d. Address: P.O. Box 429 Biloxi, MS 39533
e. Email: mayor@biloxi.ms.us

5. Project Manager:

a. Name: Gerald Blessey, City Attorney/Counsel for Economic Dev.
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6. Funding Requested:

\$ 1,000,000.00

7. Matching Funds:

\$ 1,000,000.00

8. Source of Matching Funds:

City (70% sales tax rebate, bonds)

9. Total Project Funds:

\$ 2,000,000.00

EXHIBIT

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10. Provide Brief Project Description/Overview:

This Tidelands project involves construction of a boardwalk that borders the seawall from Rodenberg Avenue to just past Camellia Street; construction of a boat ramp at the south end of Camellia; interval parking; and provision of covered pavilions, kiosks, and benches along the boardwalk. Low impact signage will identify shore birds, native plants and other natural resources of the project area.

Design of this project will be consistent with the other public improvements that form Biloxi's chain of waterfront amenities, preserving authentic Biloxi styles, standards and materials. Ultimately, the waterfront boardwalk will extend west to DeBuys Road, connecting Point Cadet with the Schooner Pier Complex, Tricentennial Park, the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor, Lighthouse Park, West Biloxi Festival Boardwalk Area and the Sand Beach to the City Limits.

11. LIST Project Goals/Objectives:

The goal is to provide a public, multi-use waterfront destination that will support beach festivals and other events and will expand the customer base of area businesses.

The objectives to accomplish this goal are:

- construct environmentally-sensitive public amenities along the seawall to improve pedestrian access to the beach and shoreline south of existing businesses;
- construct public parking areas at intervals to support access to the boardwalk;
- construct compatibly-designed covered pavilions, benches, kiosks and discreet educational signage.

12. LIST Project Benefits:

Project benefits include:

- improved public access to a tidelands affected area that is sheltered from view on the south side of Highway 90;
- expanded recreational opportunities for residents and visitors in a tidelands affected area that previously had limited access;
- alleviated congestion at area boat ramps through construction of a new ramp at Camellia Street
- increased economic activity for area businesses;
- expanded educational opportunities through low-impact signage



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13. LIST Project Tasks:

- Finalize design and specifications in cooperation with the Harrison County Sand Beach Division & apply for applicable permits
- Negotiate for and secure boardwalk easements
- Bid project & award contract(s)
- Construct interval parking areas, Camellia Street boat ramp, boardwalk and related amenities
- Install educational signage

14. Project Timetable/Milestones:

This project will be completed within two years of grant award and approval of permits:

- Finalize design in cooperation with the Harrison County Sand Beach Division; apply for applicable permits
- Complete bid specifications; bid project and award contract(s) - 4 months
- Negotiate for and secure boardwalk easements - concurrent with preceding items
- Construct interval parking areas, Camellia Street boat ramp, boardwalk and related amenities - 18 months
- Install educational signage and native plant landscaping - 2 months

15. If this project has been funded previously through Tidelands Trust Fund indicate which fiscal years: *(type N/A if not applicable)*

The City of Biloxi received partial funding for this project in FY2017.

16. Project Timing:



Short-term (3 years or less)



Deferred/long-term (3 – 5 years)



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17. Is this a Multi-Phase Project? Yes No

18. Is any part of this project located on private property? Yes No

19. Is there an existing lease between the requesting agency and property owner? Yes No

20. If required, are the plans approved by the DMR Permitting Office? Yes No

21. Will this project enhance an existing water-dependent activity? Yes No

Identify the activity:

swimming, wade fishing, boating, cast net throwing, paddle boarding, birding

22. Does this project coordinate with other existing or planned projects? Yes No

Identify the project(s):

It coordinates with the Harrison County Sand Beach Plan and projects identified in the Biloxi Comprehensive Plan to preserve and enhance public access to tidally affected areas.

23. Will this project involve impacting, filling, or dredging coastal wetlands? Yes No

If yes, what acreage:

24. Identify the constituency or interest group(s) which this project will serve:

The general public, especially beach-going residents and tourists

25. Identify the service that this project will provide to the group(s) identified in 24:

Improved public access to a tidelands affected area is the primary service provided, but the project also will expand affordable recreational opportunities for residents and visitors, will expand boaters' access to the Mississippi Sound, and will stimulate increased business in the area through pedestrian linkages, public amenities and additional public parking.



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26. Project Category:

(more than one may apply)

- Conservation
- Reclamation
- Preservation
- Acquisition
- Education
- Public Access
- Public Improvement
- Other (Identify)

**27. Current status of architectural/
engineering plans & specifications
for this project (if applicable):
(check one from each group)**

- Group 1:
- Completed
 - In Progress
 - Ready to Bid
 - Other (identify)

- Group 2:
- Paid for
 - Funds budgeted
 - Funds not budgeted

28. Categorize the benefits from 12:

- Environmental
- Economic
- Safety
- Public
- Other (identify)

Recreational

**29. Have other State or Federal funding
sources been identified for the project?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, identify:

70% Mississippi sales tax rebate program

30. In what way does this project meet the goals and objectives of the Department of Marine Resources and the Secretary of State's Office, which include enhancing, protecting, conserving and providing public access to tidelands affected areas?

The project meets the State agency goals and objectives by improving public access to a tidelands affected area and expanding use of existing waterfront resources. Educational signage also will improve public awareness of and appreciation for the Coast's natural resources.



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31. Summarize, in paragraph form, your Tidelands Application below. Give additional detail from TTF-1 Section 7 and include how the project will meet the requirements of the Public Trust Tidelands Act and the potential benefits that would be derived from receipt of Tidelands Trust Funds.

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The project aims to increase public access to this portion of the beach through construction of a boardwalk with linking walkways to adjacent businesses and to new public parking areas located at intervals with appropriate signage. Construction of a boat ramp at Camellia Street will provide access to the Mississippi Sound for the boating and fishing public.

The boardwalk will border the edge of the sand beach along the seawall, south of existing commercial development. It will provide a pedestrian venue to facilitate access to the beach and it will be a destination in itself that will draw people to the area and increase business. It also will be a setting for festivals and other outdoor community activities.

Two pavilions will be constructed along the boardwalk, one east of Veterans Avenue and one near the Camellia Street boat ramp. These will support field trips, festivals and general recreation. The boardwalk will have intermittent shaded areas, benches and kiosks. Small signage will explain beach ecology in the area, including identification of native plants and shoreline birds.

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32. Estimated number of years to completion:

33. Estimated Completion Date:

34. Prioritize if your agency has submitted multiple projects

35. SIGNATURES

Project Manager:

Signature

Date

Requesting Agency Representative:

Signature

Date

36. Attach project schematics or drawings as appropriate



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BUDGET

Category	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Salaries, wages, Fringe						\$ 0.00
Travel						\$ 0.00
Architecture & Engineering						\$ 0.00
Legal						\$ 0.00
Consulting						\$ 0.00
Construction						\$ 0.00
Site Work						\$ 0.00
Equipment						\$ 0.00
Land Acquisition						\$ 0.00
Indirects						\$ 0.00
Other	1000000	1000000				\$ 2,000,000.00
Total	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,000,000.00

Funding Sources	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Tidelands Funding Reallocated (Project #: _____, Year _____)						\$ 0.00
Tidelands Funding Awarded	500000	500000				\$ 1,000,000.00
Federal Grants Funding						\$ 0.00
FEMA Funding						\$ 0.00
MEMA Funding						\$ 0.00
CDBG Funding						\$ 0.00
In-Kind Donations						\$ 0.00
Other	500000	500000				\$ 1,000,000.00
Total	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,000,000.00

Instructions:

1. If project will be completed in one year, complete only the "Year 1" budget column.
2. If project will be completed in two years, complete "Year 1" and "Year 2" columns.
3. Follow the same process as above for "Year 3", "Year 4", and "Year 5", if project will not be completed for 5 years.

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