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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*

Tricentennial Park Public Access Improvements

**2. Location of Project:**

360-386 Beach Boulevard/US Highway 90  
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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d. Address: P.O. Box 429 Biloxi, MS 39533  
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**6. Funding Requested:**

\$ 1,420,000.00

**7. Matching Funds:**

\$ 1,420,000.00

**8. Source of Matching Funds:**

Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art

**9. Total Project Funds:**

\$ 2,840,000.00

**EXHIBIT**  
**A4**



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#### 10. Provide Brief Project Description/Overview:

In 2001, the City of Biloxi established Tricentennial Park on an eight-acre City-owned tract of land located north of Highway 90 in East Biloxi to create a contiguous park-like setting for the future Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art (OOMA), the historic Tullis-Toledano Manor and a proposed Schooner Pier Complex to be located south of the highway. The park's purposes were to expand access to publicly-owned property and to develop it as a multi-use educational and recreational resource showcasing the history and cultural heritage of Biloxi. With Katrina's destruction of Tullis-Toledano Manor, the City is working with OOMA to re-purpose the former site of the manor into a public space that preserves the viewshed and magnificent live oak trees while providing an open area for the public to enjoy nature, family activities and educational resources. Pedestrian access will be provided to reconnect the once-tidally-influenced park to the waterfront with a pedestrian walkover across Highway 90. Public access to the park will be expanded by installation of a wide sidewalk along the north side of the service drive from Oak Street to the Museum. Native plant species will be installed and signage will interpret the site's historical, cultural and archaeological significance and improve knowledge about preserving and restoring wetlands and tidelands affected areas.

#### 11. LIST Project Goals/Objectives:

There are three project goals:

- 1) expand public access to Tricentennial Park;
- 2) expand public educational opportunities and recreational uses at the park; and
- 3) re-establish landscaping with native plants appropriate to the site.

The following objectives will be accomplished to achieve the three goals:

- 1) construct an elevated pedestrian walkover across Highway 90 and a wide sidewalk on the north side of the service road;
- 2) install walkways, lighting and irrigation in park; re-establish native plants;
- 3) develop educational material about the site's historical, cultural and archaeological significance and about preserving and restoring wetlands and tidelands affected areas. Educational information will be presented in a variety of ways including interpretive kiosks with signage, photographs and art, native plant identification and special exhibits/displays.

#### 12. LIST Project Benefits:

Benefits are:

- expanded access to a once-tidally-affected area and reconnection of the site to the waterfront
- expanded public educational opportunities;
- enhancement of public park and recreational space that is easily accessed from Highway 90;
- preservation of the Mississippi Sound and Deer Island viewshed; and
- economic development in East Biloxi stimulated by Tricentennial Park improvements and programmed activities.



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#### 13. LIST Project Tasks:

- Finalize design & apply for permits
- bid & award contracts;
- construct Highway 90 pedestrian walkover and service road sidewalk;
- install walkways, lighting and irrigation;
- outline the foundations of the Tullis-Toledano Manor and outbuildings; preserve existing tiled floors;
- install appropriate plants; enhance park landscaping with native plants;
- install interpretive kiosks/gazebos and educational signage.

#### 14. Project Timetable/Milestones:

Project implementation will be complete within three years of grant award and permit approval:

Year 1: Complete design and apply for permits; complete specifications, bid & award contracts; initiate construction of Highway 90 pedestrian walkover, service road sidewalk and park walkways concurrent with installation of lighting and irrigation system; initiate development of educational and interpretive material for kiosks and signage

Year 2: Complete pedestrian walkover, sidewalk, walkways and lighting installation; complete foundation identification of Tullis-Toledano Manor buildings and tiled floor preservation; construct educational gazebos; finalize educational and interpretive material and order signage

Year 3: Install native plant landscaping throughout the park; install educational and interpretive material.

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

N/A

#### 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:

The signalized crosswalk will reconnect Tricentennial Park with the waterfront, providing park visitors with safe access to water-dependent activities on the shoreline. (Construction of US Highway 90 severed the property from the Mississippi Sound.)

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

Identify the project(s):

Projects identified in the Biloxi Comprehensive Plan and the Harrison County Sand Beach Plan include several that restore and enhance public access to the waterfront and coordinate with the goals of this project.

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 including all residents of and visitors to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, especially families, visitors to the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art and the Schooner Pier Complex.

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

The project will provide the public with safe, direct access to the waterfront from an enhanced 8-acre park as well as provide expanded recreational and educational opportunities for the public, especially families. The project also will stimulate economic redevelopment in East Biloxi.



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### 26. Project Category:

(more than one may apply)

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

Education

### 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)

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

- Yes
- No

If yes, identify:

### 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 goals and objectives of the State of Mississippi by enhancing and conserving an eight-acre site that once was tidally-influenced. The project will improve public access and restore a portion of it as a wetlands garden environment. The educational component of the project will inform the public about the value of protecting and conserving tidally affected areas.



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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.**

Tricentennial Park, located on the north side of Highway 90 in East Biloxi, was purchased to preserve public access to valuable waterfront property that boasted the restored, historic Tullis-Toledano Manor and some of Biloxi's finest old live oak trees. Damage from Hurricane Katrina in 2005 destroyed the Manor and its outbuildings, but many of the oaks survived and the site continues to serve a public purpose by preserving unobstructed views of the Mississippi Sound. Through this project, the City seeks to improve the eight-acre site to complement activities of the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art (located on the west side of the site); to reconnect the once tidally-influenced park area with the waterfront through safe pedestrian access across Highway 90; and to enhance opportunities for family and recreational activities under the branches of the Live Oaks.

Pedestrian access will be provided to reconnect the park to the waterfront with a pedestrian walkover across Highway 90. A wide sidewalk will be installed on the north side of the service road from Oak Street to the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art. Other project improvements include lighting, irrigation and pervious paver walkways, educational signage, and passive park amenities such as benches. Throughout the site, native plant landscaping will be installed and discreet signage will identify plants historic uses. Interpretive signage will identify the benefits of restoring and/or preserving wetlands and tidelands affected areas and will showcase the site's historical, cultural and archaeological significance through photographs, timelines and art.

Design of this project will be consistent with the other public improvements that form Biloxi's chain of amenities along the Highway 90 waterfront, from Point Cadet to DeBuys Road, featuring authentic design details, standards and materials. Tricentennial Park will become a prominent link in that chain, enhanced by the presence of the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art.

The project meets the requirements of the Public Trust Tidelands Act in several areas: by preserving natural scenic qualities in the coastal area and public education of the same; by favoring the preservation of the coastal wetlands and ecosystems; and by conserving the air and waters of the state, and protecting, maintaining, and improving their quality for public use including recreational and other beneficial uses.

Benefits derived from implementation of this Tidelands Trust Fund Project include, but are not limited to, improved public access to a public park with magnificent views of the Mississippi Sound and Deer Island; expanded public recreational park space for picnics and other leisure activities; signage to educate the public about the value of the Coast's natural resources and habitats as well as the site's significance. In addition, increased visitation to this site as a result of project implementation is anticipated to have regional economic benefits, such as job creation and increased sales tax collections, by stimulating redevelopment in East Biloxi.



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32. Estimated number of years to completion:

three

33. Estimated Completion Date:

Spring 2021

34. Prioritize if your agency has submitted multiple projects

This project is the City of Biloxi's priority # 4.

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### 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	1500000	750000	590000			\$ 2,840,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,500,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 750,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 590,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,840,000.00</b>

Funding Sources	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Tidelands Funding Reallocated (Project #: _____, Year _____)						\$ 0.00
Tidelands Funding Awarded	800000	420000	200000			\$ 1,420,000.00
Federal Grants Funding						\$ 0.00
FEMA Funding						\$ 0.00
MEMA Funding						\$ 0.00
CDBG Funding						\$ 0.00
In-Kind Donations						\$ 0.00
Other	700000	330000	390000			\$ 1,420,000.00
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**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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