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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*

Biloxi Small Craft Harbor Expansion

2. Location of Project:

City of Biloxi, Harrison County
(downtown Biloxi)

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.
b. Phone: 228-435-6256
c. Fax: 228-435-6129
d. Address: P.O. Box 429 Biloxi, MS 39533
e. Email: gblessey@biloxi.ms.us

6. Funding Requested:

\$ 3,500,000.00

7. Matching Funds:

\$ 3,500,000.00

8. Source of Matching Funds:

federal/state grants, City of Biloxi

9. Total Project Funds:

\$ 7,000,000.00

EXHIBIT
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10. Provide Brief Project Description/Overview:

Through this Tidelands project, the City will upgrade and expand the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor, which is centrally located on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in downtown Biloxi, to allow all Biloxi-based charter boats to berth in the public marina that is located in closest proximity to several major casino resorts and hotels and has direct access to Interstate 10 via I-110. The project will involve adding slips east of the current harbor and reconfiguring existing slips to accommodate all charter boats currently operating out of Biloxi. This consolidation will support expansion of the charter boat industry. The reconfigured harbor will include improvements such as fish weighing, cleaning and display areas and public restrooms as well as a fisherman's market for retail sales of charter supplies and "fresh off the boat" seafood. Signage and displays about Gulf of Mexico deep-water species and ecology and the cultural history of Gulf Coast fishing will enhance the harbor for the benefit of the general public. In addition to supporting increased charter boat activity, new open-air pavilions, parking and landscaping will encourage the public to enjoy the marina and its waterfront views. A water's edge boardwalk will be installed to provide uninterrupted pedestrian access around existing development to the Pan American Clipper dock at the I-110 Loop.

11. LIST Project Goals/Objectives:

The project goals are:

- to improve public access to tidelands affected areas as a means of diversifying affordable, family-oriented activities on the Mississippi Gulf Coast; and
- to support the growth of Biloxi's charter fishing industry for the benefit of residents and tourists.

By implementing the following objectives, the goals will be achieved:

- expand and reconfigure the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor to add approximately 60 slips to allow the consolidation of all Biloxi-based charter boat operations into one location;
- provide new public amenities at the harbor, including construction of a water's edge boardwalk to connect the existing boardwalk east of the marina to the I-110 Loop, to encourage residents and visitors to enjoy this tidelands affected area,
- showcase deep sea fishery ecology through educational signage, displays, festivals and seasonal activities.

12. LIST Project Benefits:

Project benefits are:

- improved public access to a tidally affected area in downtown Biloxi and preserved public access to the waterfront through the new water's edge boardwalk to connect the existing boardwalk east of the marina to the Pan American Clipper dock at I-110
- improved use of public waterfront space and resources through consolidation of charter boats into one location;
- expanded, affordable family-oriented activities on the waterfront;
- an expanded and more successful charter fishing industry;
- greater availability of boat slips at other marinas for transient boaters and recreational boaters; and
- expanded public educational opportunities to promote the preservation and conservation of the Mississippi's natural resources and marine environment.



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13. LIST Project Tasks:

- a) Finalize design & bid specifications
- b) acquire littoral rights & lease Tidelands area east of the existing harbor & concurrently apply for permits
- b) bid & award contracts
- c) bid project & award contract
- d) coordinate construction to minimal disruption of existing use of harbor
- e) research, design & install educational signage, public pavilions & landscaping

14. Project Timetable/Milestones:

This project will be completed within three years of grant award and approval of required permits, as detailed below:

- a) Finalize design & bid specifications - 6 -8 months
- b) acquire littoral rights; lease Tidelands area east of the existing harbor & apply for permits - concurrent with item a) above
- c) bid & award contracts - 4 months
- d) coordinate construction to minimal disruption of existing use of harbor - 24 months
- e) research, design & install educational signage, public pavilions & landscaping - concurrent with item d) above

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:

Boating, fishing, marine-related tours, public access to the waterfront, birding,

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

Identify the project(s):

The project coordinates with planned projects identified in the Biloxi Comprehensive Plan, the updated Harrison County Sand Beach Plan and efforts of the 3-county Mississippi Coast Regional Tourism Partnership.

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 the charter boat industry, marine tour operators, recreational fishermen, residents who enjoy the waterfront, and the millions of people who comprise the Mississippi Gulf Coast tourism industry

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

Convenient and safe public access to the waterfront is the primary service provided to the general public. With consolidated charter boat services and an expanded variety of boat slip sizes to meet market demands, the highly-visible, easily-accessed harbor will support growth of the charter boat industry and will be family-friendly to serve the general public.



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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)

Educational

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

- Yes
- No

If yes, identify:

RESTORE Act, NRDA and NFWF

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?

It increases public accessibility to fishing, boating and enjoying the natural, cultural and scenic qualities of a saltwater marina. The new harbor also provides a venue for marine educational activities supported through tour boats, signage and displays about deep-sea fishing and ecology, including fisheries conservation and the history and culture of deep-sea fishing in the Gulf. Marina expansion activities will include use of best management practices to protect and conserve the tidally affected area.



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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.

Through this Tidelands project, the City will renovate and expand the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor to allow all Biloxi-based charter boats to berth together in one central harbor located on Biloxi's Lateral Channel with direct access to East and West Channels. Highway 90 binds the harbor to the north and provides direct access to the harbor from I-110. The project involves adding slips east of the harbor and reconfiguring existing slips to accommodate all of Biloxi's existing charter boats. A demand study is underway to identify the number and sizes of slips to accommodate charter boat industry.

The Biloxi Small Craft Harbor is bordered on the west by a casino resort and parking garage, which hinders accessibility and obscures its visibility to the public. Expanding the harbor to the east not only will provide needed new slips, but will improve safety for those entering and exiting the public marina through an enhanced presence on Highway 90. Rather than being tucked away from sight as it is now, improved visibility will allow the harbor to become a resource for downtown Biloxi, encouraging the community and its visitors to enjoy the waterfront amenities that showcase the Gulf, offer a variety of marine-related services including boat charters, and feature educational information about Biloxi's marine and cultural heritage. The boardwalk that currently ends at the east side of the harbor will be extended along the water's edge around existing development to provide uninterrupted public access west to the Pan American Clipper Dock at the I-110 Loop and beyond.

In addition to approximately 60 new slips, the renovated harbor will have public restrooms and facilities to weigh, display and clean fish. Other public amenities will include staging areas for sports fishing tournaments and other marine-related events such as children's fishing rodeos. Space will be available for "off the boat" seafood sales and retail venues for ice and other typical supplies to support charter boat fishing. Educational information about Gulf of Mexico deep-water species, local ecology and the cultural history of deep-sea fishing in the Mississippi Sound will be prominently displayed throughout the complex to present an authentic interpretation of Biloxi to the public.

The new Biloxi Small Craft Harbor will be a prominent link in a chain of amenities located along Highway 90 from central Biloxi to Point Cadet, which includes the historic downtown district, the Biloxi Town Green, Tricentennial Park with the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art, the Schooner Pier Complex, the Point Cadet Marina and Sunrise Park that includes the Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum and Biloxi Fishing Bridge. Biloxi's Comprehensive Plan identifies improved access to the waterfront and expansion of recreational opportunities as top priorities, both of which will be supported through this project.

The project meets the requirements of the Public Trust Tidelands Act by providing improved public access to tidally-affected areas to support boating, fishing and viewing and also by expanding educational opportunities through signage, displays and venues for educational programs, field trips and tours. The design of the new harbor will include energy efficiency improvements, modern waste disposal methods and best management practices for storm water management and tidelands conservation and protection; it also will showcase authentic Biloxi through vernacular design standards and materials.



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32. Estimated number of years to completion:

3

33. Estimated Completion Date:

Spring 2021

34. Prioritize if your agency has submitted multiple projects

This project is the City of Biloxi's priority #5

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	4000000	2000000	1000000			\$ 7,000,000.00
Total	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,000,000.00

Funding Sources	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Tidelands Funding Reallocated (Project #: _____, Year _____)						\$ 0.00
Tidelands Funding Awarded	2000000	1000000	500000			\$ 3,500,000.00
Federal Grants Funding						\$ 0.00
FEMA Funding						\$ 0.00
MEMA Funding						\$ 0.00
CDBG Funding						\$ 0.00
In-Kind Donations						\$ 0.00
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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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