

**CITY OF GAUTIER  
MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Samantha Abell, City Manager  
**From:** Patty Huffman, Grants and Projects Manager  
**Through:** Eric Meyer, Director of Economic Development and Planning  
**Date:** June 10, 2013  
**Subject:** FY2015 Mississippi Tidelands Trust Fund Applications

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**REQUEST:**

The Economic Development and Planning Department requests City Council authorization to submit two (2) applications to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources for FY2015 Tidelands Public Access funding and two (2) applications for FY2015 Tidelands Management Project funding.

**BACKGROUND:**

“The purpose of the fund is to ensure that monies derived from the public trust tidelands assessments shall be used for the benefit of preserving and protecting the tidelands and submerged lands found within the three (3) most southern counties of the state. Funds shall be disbursed by the commission for new and extra programs of tidelands management, such as conservation, reclamation, preservation, acquisition, education or the enhancement of public access to the public trust tidelands or public improvement projects as they relate to those lands.”

**DISCUSSION:**

The City of Gautier has identified two (2) projects for FY2015 Tidelands Public Access funding:

- 1) Continued improvements to the Town Green property (up to \$250,000.00)
- 2) Infrastructure improvements to Shepard State Park (Up to \$250,000.00)

The City of Gautier has identified two (2) projects for FY2015 Tidelands Management Project funding for educational purposes:

- 1) Town Green educational exhibits and interactive learning centers (Up to \$200,000.00)
- 2) Shepard State Park educational centers and exhibits (Up to \$200,000.00)

Applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 1, 2013.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Economic Development and Planning Department staff recommends that City Council authorize submission of all four (4) requests for funding to the Department of Marine Resources for FY2015 Tidelands funding. The City Council may:

1. Authorize submission of all four (4) funding requests as proposed;
2. Authorize submission of one or more funding requests;
3. Disapprove submission of any funding requests.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

N/A