

**CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM**

To: Samantha Abell, City Manager
From: Patty Huffman, Grants and Projects Manager
Through: Chandra Nicholson, Director of Economic Development and Planning
Date: June 11, 2014
Subject: FY2016 Mississippi Tidelands Trust Fund Applications

REQUEST:

The Economic Development and Planning Department requests City Council authorization to submit one or more applications to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources for FY2016 Tidelands Public Access 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 Economic Development and Planning Dept. has identified several potential projects for FY2016 Tidelands Public Access funding. The maximum request amount per project is \$250,000. If more than one project is authorized by City Council for an application, priorities must be assigned to the funding requests (i.e., 1st priority, 2nd priority, 3rd priority). Potential projects include:

- 1) Continued improvements to the new Town Green Commons (Town Center)
- 2) Improvements to George Martin City Park
- 3) Continued improvements to Shepard State Park amenities/infrastructure
- 4) Any combination of the above; or
- 5) Other tidelands area impacted projects

All three parks listed above have been approved previously for Tidelands funding. Projects must be completed within a five year period of performance. FY2016 applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2014.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Economic Development and Planning Department requests that City Council determine which project(s) staff should include in one or more grant applications for FY2016 Tidelands Public Access funding. If more than one grant application is recommended by City Council, priorities must be included.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Summary of Open Tidelands Funded Projects

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As of 06-11-14

Project Name- FY2010 and reallocations	Status	Total Funding Needed	Funds Available	Action	Objective
FY2010-P407 City Park Community Ctr. Phase III (Town Green)	Awarded- Ongoing	\$3,020,120.00 (for Phase II and III).	\$394,878.51	This project serves as the basis for ongoing work at City Park and Town Center.	Town Green Project

Project Name- FY2014	Status	Total Funding Needed	Funding	Action	Objective
FY2014-P401- 6GA Graveline Bayou Restoration Project	Awarded \$250,000.00 in December 2013. (Two other project requests not funded.)	To Be Determined	Grant agreement signed.	Funds available.	Removal of sediment accumulation from Graveline Bayou.
Project Names- FY2105	Status	Total Funding Needed	Funding	Action	Objective
FY2015-P501- 16GA Shepard State Park Improvements	Requested \$250,000. Notified of \$250,000 award in April 2014.	\$250,000.00 (Current phase)	Grant Agreement available in Dec. 2014.	Funds available in 2015.	Road work, water lines, sewer lines, power, lights, clearing of underbrush, bathroom, pavilion, small play area
FY2015-P501- 18GA City Park Community Center Phase III (Town Green)	Requested \$250,000. Notified of \$70,000 award in April 2014.	See FY2010- P407 (continuation project)	Grant Agreement available in Dec. 2014.	Funds available in 2015.	Infrastructure improvements