

**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 2, 2015
Subject: FY2017 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 FY2017 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 Department has identified several potential projects for FY2017 Tidelands Public Access funding. The typical 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) Continued 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. FY2017 applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 3, 2015.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Economic Development and Planning Department requests that City Council determine which project(s) that staff should include in an application(s) for FY2017 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 05-01-15

Project Name	Status	Funding Available	Status	Objective																
FY2010-P407 City Park Community Center Phase III	<i>(Ongoing- includes City Park and Town Commons)</i>	\$381,422.51 <i>(remaining balance)</i>	Funds available.	Ongoing improvements at Town Commons and City Park																
FY2014-P401-6GA Graveline Bayou Restoration Project	Awarded \$250,000.00 in December 2013. (Two other project requests not funded.)	Approved for \$250,000.00 Grant agreement authorized by Council.	Funds available.	<i>Original Proposal:</i> Removal of sediment accumulation from Graveline Bayou. <i>(Project scope changed to a recreational pier.)</i>																
FY2015-P501-16GA Shepard State Park Improvements	Requested \$250,000. Notified of \$250,000 award in April 2014.	Approved for \$250,000.00 Grant agreement authorized by Council.	Funds available.	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Splash Pad</td> <td>\$25,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Create new RV Sites</td> <td>\$50,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Signage and kiosks, possible kayak launch & rental area and blue way mapping</td> <td>\$25,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Improve perimeter security, improve site surveillance & improve site internet/Wi-Fi</td> <td>\$25,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trail, picnic area and park amenities</td> <td>\$35,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Restroom improvements</td> <td>\$40,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Improvements to Welcome Center/event areas</td> <td>\$50,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>\$250,000</td> </tr> </table>	Splash Pad	\$25,000	Create new RV Sites	\$50,000	Signage and kiosks, possible kayak launch & rental area and blue way mapping	\$25,000	Improve perimeter security, improve site surveillance & improve site internet/Wi-Fi	\$25,000	Trail, picnic area and park amenities	\$35,000	Restroom improvements	\$40,000	Improvements to Welcome Center/event areas	\$50,000	TOTAL	\$250,000
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FY2015-P501-18GA City Park Community Center Phase III* (Town Green)	Requested \$250,000. Notified of \$70,000 award in April 2014.	Approved for \$70,000.00 Grant agreement authorized by Council.	Funds available.	<i>Revised Proposal:</i> (2) Pavilions for Town Center																
FY2016 Shepard State Park	Requested \$250,000	Approved for \$100,000	Funds available in 2016.	<i>Proposed:</i> Playground, 2 pavilions, bathhouse <i>(Will need to submit revised scope due to reduced budget.)</i>																
FY2016 City Park Comm. Ctr. Ph. III	Requested \$250,000	Approved for \$250,000	Funds available in 2016.	<i>Proposed:</i> Parking and access roads, beach volleyball and Fire pits for Town Center																

Tidelands Funding for Town Commons Project (as of June 2015)

		Reallocation to FY2010	Reallocation- FY2013	FY2015 Approved	FY2016 (Approved)		
Activity	Total Expenditures	Phase I	Phase II (rev.)	Phase III	Funds not yet available	Total funded	Bal. Needed
		\$458,712.96	\$209,758.00	\$70,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$988,470.96	
Land acquisition* (rev.)	\$240,000.00	\$240,000.00				\$240,000.00	\$0.00
Master Plan	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00				\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Survey	\$15,712.96	\$15,712.96				\$15,712.96	\$0.00
Engineering	\$100,000.00		\$50,000.00			\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Clear/Grub Trees	\$40,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00			\$30,000.00	\$10,000.00
Clear/Grub Trees (underbrush)	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00			\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Trash Removal	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00			\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Dirt Work (fill, grade, ditch)	\$60,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$10,000.00			\$60,000.00	\$0.00
Seed/Sprig/Sod	\$70,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$10,000.00			\$60,000.00	\$10,000.00
Ponds/streams	\$200,000.00		\$20,000.00			\$20,000.00	\$180,000.00
Trails (mulch, etc.)	\$100,000.00		\$0.00			\$0.00	\$100,000.00
Entry Road Base, West	\$450,000.00	\$43,000.00	\$30,000.00		\$150,000.00	\$223,000.00	\$227,000.00
Entry Road, East	\$200,000.00			\$0.00		\$0.00	\$200,000.00
Parking	\$100,000.00		\$9,758.00	\$0.00		\$9,758.00	\$90,242.00
Sidewalks	\$200,000.00			\$0.00		\$0.00	\$200,000.00
Landscaping	\$100,000.00			\$0.00		\$0.00	\$100,000.00
						\$0.00	\$0.00
Water Lines	TBD		\$20,000.00	\$0.00		\$20,000.00	TBD
Sewer Lines	TBD		\$20,000.00	\$0.00		\$20,000.00	TBD
Power	TBD		\$20,000.00	\$0.00		\$20,000.00	TBD
Lights	TBD					\$0.00	TBD
						\$0.00	\$0.00
Bathrooms (2)	\$200,000.00					\$0.00	\$200,000.00
Pavilion (8)	\$400,000.00			\$70,000.00		\$70,000.00	\$330,000.00
Stage	\$300,000.00					\$0.00	\$300,000.00
Dining Court	\$200,000.00					\$0.00	\$200,000.00
Playground	\$100,000.00				\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Beach Volleyball	\$50,000.00				\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
						\$0.00	\$0.00
Signage for Grantor	TBD					\$0.00	TBD
City Park Restroom Upgrade	\$5,000.00	\$0.00				\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Total	\$3,180,712.96	\$458,712.96	\$209,758.00	\$70,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$988,470.96	\$2,252,242.00
TOTALS	\$3,240,712.96					\$3,240,712.96	
	incl. minimal estimates for water, sewer, power						