

**CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM**

To: Paula Yancey, Interim City Manager
From: April Havens, Grants and Projects Manager
Through: Chandra Nicholson, Director of Economic Development and Planning
Date: June 14, 2016
Subject: FY2018 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 FY2018 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. FY2018 applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 1, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Economic Development and Planning Department requests that City Council determine which project(s) that staff should include in an application(s) for FY2018 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 06-01-16

Project Name	Status	Funds Awarded	Action	Objective
FY2010 City Park Community Ctr. Phase III (FY2010-P407)	Funds reallocated to FY16-P618-02. Closed.	Original Award: \$50,000, plus allocations	Reallocated remainder (\$348,811.50) to FY2016 project.	Town Green Project
FY2014 Graveline Bayou Restoration Project (FY2014-P401-6GA)	Reallocation in progress.	Original Award: \$250,000	In process of reallocating remaining funds to log cabin project.	Sand transport study and public pier. Council has requested these funds be reallocated to log cabin project. Reallocation request is in progress.
FY2015 Shepard State Park Improvements (FY2015-P501-16GA)	Open	Original Award: \$250,000		Log cabin relocation and renovations, other amenities to Shepard State Park
FY2015 City Park Community Ctr. Phase III (FY2015-P501-18GA)	Open	Original Award: \$70,000	No funds expended to date.	Two pavilions at Town Commons Park, which will be constructed once park amenities begin to be developed.
FY2016 City Park Community Ctr. Phase III (FY16-P618-02)	Open	Original Award: \$187,500, plus allocations	\$348,811.50 reallocated from FY2010-P407.	Infrastructure and amenities for Towns Common Park, including parking access drives, a playground, beach volleyball area, and fire pits. Other approved uses: City Park Splash Pad, City Park senior center coordinator cottage, entrance signage.

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FY2016 Shepard State Park Improvements (FY16-P618-01)	Open	Original Award: \$75,000	No funds expended to date.	Bath house, playground, and pavilions.
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*For FY2017, the City made two Tidelands applications. The City requested \$250,000 for the Mary Walker Bayou Parks Project to add amenities to the new Town Commons Park including a large water feature, walkways and pedestrian bridge and other needed improvements to City Park, such as a security camera system and roll-down cage gates on the restroom building near the pier. The City also requested \$250,000 for Shepard State Park for log cabin improvements, improved road access, fencing and gates for increased security, a new kayak launch, and upgrades to maintenance facilities.