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MISSISSIPPI TIDELANDS TRUST FUND PROGRAM

Request for Funding FY2027

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Managed Project

Official Use Only

Project Number: _____

Average Merit Score: _____

Requesting Agency: _____

PROJECT SUMMARY

1. Title of Project:

red outlines indicate required fields

Rotten Bayou Nature Trail

2. Location of Project:

Diamondhead, MS

Lat: 30.380459, Long: -89.384443

3. Requesting Agency

City of Diamondhead

3.a Select your Office (DMR Applicants Only)

4. Requesting Agency Representative:

a. Name: Jon McCraw

b. Phone: 228-222-4626

c. Fax: _____

d. Address: 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS 39525

e. Email: jmccraw@diamondhead.ms.gov

5. Project Manager:

a. Name: Jason Chiniche

b. Phone: 228-467-6755

c. Fax: _____

d. Address: 407 Hwy 90 Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

e. Email: jason@chiniche.com

6. Funding Requested:

\$ 500,000.00

6a. Requested Funding for Required Match:

6b. Amount Above Matching Funds:

7. Matching Funds:

\$ 500,000.00

8. Source of Matching Funds:

MS Outdoor Stewardship Trust

9. Total Project Funds

\$ 1,000,000.00

Joint Project Information

Is this a Joint Project?

Yes

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No

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If yes, enter the agency:

Other Agency's Contact:



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10. Provide Brief Project Description/Overview:

The City of Diamondhead is proposing a nature trail that will stretch approximately 2.6 miles, linking Montjoy Creek Natural Trail to Noma Drive Boat Launch, to Noma Drive multi-modal path. the trail will be tailored to walkers, hikers, fishermen, bird watchers, and other nature enthusiast withing the community. It will feature access points to waterways and low lying regions, incorporating pedestrian bridges, boardwalks, natural elements, and viewing platform/rest area equipped with benches.

11. LIST Project Goals/Objectives:

- Enhance public access to recreational activities
- Promote outdoor activities for families and visitors
- Develop ecotourism

12. LIST Project Benefits:

- Connects to popular recreational areas, creating a continuous natural corridor
- Supports communities and businesses through ecotourism
- Supports local habitat in the area



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13. LIST Project Tasks:

1. Preliminary Design
2. Design and Engineering
3. Permitting
4. Construction
5. Closeout

14. Project Timetable/Milestones:

1. Preliminary Design - 1 month
2. Design and Engineering - 3 months
3. Permitting - 3 months
4. Construction - 6 months
5. Closeout - 1 month

15. If this project has been funded previously through Tidelands Trust Fund indicate which fiscal years: *(type N/A if not applicable)*

FY24 - P510-12

16. Project Timing:



Short-term (3 years or less)



Deferred/long-term (3 – 5 years)



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APPLICATION SUMMARY QUESTIONNAIRE

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?
Identify the activity:

Ecotourism, Fishing, and Bird Watching

22. Does this project coordinate with other existing or planned projects?
Identify the project(s):

Montjoy Creek Nature Trail and Noma Drive Boat Launch Waterfront Improvements

23. Will this project involve impacting, filling, or dredging coastal wetlands? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If yes, what acreage:

1 Acre

24. Identify the constituency or interest group(s) which this project will serve:

Local residents, tourists, nature enthusiasts, bird watchers, hikers, and ecotourists.

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

The nature trail will provide public access to the above groups.



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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)

Planning

- Group 2:**
- ☐ Paid for
 - ☐ Funds budgeted
 - ☒ Funds not budgeted

28. Categorize the benefits from 12:

- ☒ Environmental
- ☒ Economic
- ☒ Safety
- ☒ Public
- ☐ Other (identify)

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

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

If yes, identify:

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?

The project meets the goals and objectives of the DMR and SOS by enhancing, protecting, and providing public access to tidelands affected areas for local residents, tourists, and nature enthusiasts.



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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.

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32. Estimated number of years to completion:

33. Estimated Completion Date:

34. Prioritize if your agency has submitted multiple projects

35. SIGNATURES

Project Manager:

Signature

Date

Requesting Agency Representative:

Signature

Date

36. Attach project schematics or drawings as appropriate

*Progress notes must be submitted semi-annually on Public Access projects and DMR projects, and quarterly on Managed projects.



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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	200000					\$ 200,000.00
Legal						\$ 0.00
Consulting						\$ 0.00
Construction	800000					\$ 800,000.00
Site Work						\$ 0.00
Equipment						\$ 0.00
Land Acquisition						\$ 0.00
Indirects						\$ 0.00
Other						\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000,000.00

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

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.
4. *This should be completed only if you plan to reallocate existing funds to this project.
5. **This should only be completed if you were awarded funds in previous Tidelands year for other phases of this same project.
6. ***Refer only to matching funds secured for this project.



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