



# MISSISSIPPI TIDELANDS TRUST FUND PROGRAM

## Request for Funding FY2025

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Official Use Only

Project Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Average Merit Score: \_\_\_\_\_  
Requesting Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

### PROJECT SUMMARY

**1. Title of Project:**      *red outlines indicate required fields*

Lily Pond Public Access Improvements

**2. Location of Project:**

Diamondhead Drive N, Diamondhead, MS

**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) 222-5120
- c. Fax: (228) 222-4390
- 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: NA
- d. Address: 407 HWY 90, Bay Saint Louis, MS 39520
- e. Email: jason@jjc-eng.com

**6. Funding Requested:**

\$ 500,000.00

**6a. Requested Funding for Required Match:**

**6b. Amount Above Matching Funds:**

**7. Matching Funds:**

**8. Source of Matching Funds:**

**9. Total Project Funds**

\$ 500,000.00

**Joint Project Information**

Is this a Joint Project?

Yes       No

If yes, enter the agency:

**Other Agency's Contact:**



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#### 10. Provide Brief Project Description/Overview:

The City of Diamondhead would like to improve public access to Lily Pond and Montjoy Creek by adding a pathway from the pond to Montjoy Creek. In addition, the City would like to add an ADA accessible pier with a fishing platform, parking and shade structures for residents and visitors of Diamondhead to utilize. Diamondhead also plans to landscape the pond with its native species and aerate the pond with a mechanical water feature.

#### 11. LIST Project Goals/Objectives:

- Increase public access to Lily Pond
- Increase access to Montjoy Creek
- Support the growth of the native habitat in Lily Pond

#### 12. LIST Project Benefits:

- Support communities and businesses through ecotourism
- Enhance property values of the communities by connecting them to open space areas
- Allowing passive recreational use
- Reduce medical costs by encouraging exercise and other healthy outdoor activities
- It will make the city a more attractive place to live and provide additional public access to the local marine environment
- An ADA compliant pathway allows everyone the chance to enjoy the trails
- Support natural habitat in Lilly Pond



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#### 13. LIST Project Tasks:

1. Preliminary Design
2. Conceptual Layout
3. Permitting
4. Construction
5. Closeout

#### 14. Project Timetable/Milestones:

- Preliminary Design - 1 months  
Conceptual Layout - 1 months  
Permitting - 3 months  
Construction - 6 months  
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)

N/A

#### 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?  Yes  No

Identify the activity:

Ecotourism and fishing

22. Does this project coordinate with other existing or planned projects?  Yes  No

Identify the project(s):

Montjoy Creek Nature Trail

23. Will this project involve impacting, filling, or dredging coastal wetlands?  Yes  No

If yes, what acreage:

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

Local residents, tourists, anglers, nature enthusiasts, walkers, birders, ecotourists

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

The improvements to Lily Pond provide a new form of access for these interest groups to this nature spot.



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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?

This 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.**

The City of Diamondhead would like to improve public access to Lily Pond by adding a pathway from Montjoy Creek to the pond, allowing visitors or residents of Diamondhead to enjoy the outdoors without disrupting the environment. Providing this type of access supports the community and local businesses through ecotourism. The addition of an ADA accessible pier with a fishing platform, parking and shade structures provides a recreational area in nature for local residents, tourists, anglers, nature enthusiasts, walkers, and birders for generations to come. Landscaping the pond with its native species and aerating the pond with a water feature will help the existing habitat in the pond thrive. The proposed project is centered around inclusive access to nature and supporting the habitat that exists in Lily Pond.



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32. Estimated number of years to completion:

1

33. Estimated Completion Date:

6/25

34. Prioritize if your agency has submitted multiple projects

1

## 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.

**CLICK TO SUBMIT FORM TO [tidelandsapp@dmr.ms.gov](mailto:tidelandsapp@dmr.ms.gov)**



**\*\*Before submitting application, please make sure to complete the Budget form on page 8.**



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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	50000					\$ 50,000.00
Legal						\$ 0.00
Consulting						\$ 0.00
Construction	450000					\$ 450,000.00
Site Work						\$ 0.00
Equipment						\$ 0.00
Land Acquisition						\$ 0.00
Indirects						\$ 0.00
Other						\$ 0.00
<b>Total</b>	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500,000.00

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
<b>Total</b>	\$ 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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