

		PROJECT	PROPOSAL	PROJECT NAME	DESCRIPTION	LOC COUNTY	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	RESEARCH AND EDUCATION	SEAFOOD	SMALL BUSINESS	TOURISM	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	RESTORATION	INFRASTRUCTURE	INFRASTRUCTURE BUDGET PCT	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING AVAILABLE
New Additions	Economic Development	5995	8/20/2021	Gulfport-Biloxi Airport Project Ready Site Mitigation & Preparation	<p>The Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport owns a 241 acre economic development site that is contiguous with the runway and taxiway system ideally located in close proximity to Interstate 10 and the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport. The location is adjacent to the airfield and the airport's 9,002 ft main runway. Few economic development sites in Mississippi have access to this caliber of airfield infrastructure. (Attachment #1)</p> <p>Due to the proximity to the airfield environment, the ultimate planned use for the property is the implementation of an aerospace development for unmanned or piloted aircraft. Example facilities are aircraft manufacturing, aircraft fabrication, maintenance repair overhaul facility, flight training and flight testing.</p> <p>The 241 acres has been certified as a large industrial site through Mississippi Power's Project Ready program. This designation certifies that the Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority has performed due diligence demonstrating that the airport has met the guidelines that the site is ready for development. The Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority continues to enhance and improve the Project Ready site to entice and increase the attractiveness to potential developers.</p> <p>The last critical step in moving beyond a Project Ready site is for the site to be shovel ready. Working with interested developers, the Airport Authority has identified a 130-acre area of the Project Ready site for a prospective aerospace company that requires mitigation. (Attachment #2)</p> <p>On August 19, 2020, the Airport obtained the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) Section 404 permit (Attachment #4) to purchase wetland mitigation credits and prepare the property by clearing, grubbing and filling. (130.27 acres will be cleared and 85.4 acres will be filled of the 130.27 acre site) The Airport has five years to mitigate the site or a new permit application is required to be submitted to USACE. Not mitigating the 130 acres will present a time consuming, additional obstacle to bring a project to fruition thus reducing the competitiveness of South Mississippi for development. If the Gulfport-Biloxi Airport site is mitigated and shovel ready, it presents a variety of competitive advantages to other similar sites, such as speed, attractiveness and versatility. The site provides potential for one large industrial project or several smaller opportunities.</p> <p>Per discussions with prospective developers, site selection consultants and the Mississippi Development Authority it is constantly reiterated that the Airport Authority should continue to do its due diligence to further shorten the time for an industry to break ground for development. Ultimately, leveraging Restore Funds to mitigate the Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority Project Ready site will boost the property to shovel ready.</p>	Harrison	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	100	\$ 3,896,264.00	\$ -
New Additions	Economic Development	5996	8/20/2021	Gulfport-Biloxi Airport Project Ready Site Expansion/Facility Relocation	<p>The Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport owns a 241 acre economic development site that is contiguous with the runway and taxiway system ideally located in close proximity to Interstate 10 and the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport. (Attachment #1)</p> <p>The 241 acres has been certified as a large industrial site through Mississippi Power's Project Ready program. This designation certifies that the Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority (GBRAA) has performed initial due diligence demonstrating that the airport has met the guidelines that the site is ready for development. The Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority continues to enhance and improve the Project Ready site to entice and increase the attractiveness to potential developers.</p> <p>Due to the proximity to the airfield environment, the planned industrial use for the property is aerospace. Currently, there are approximately 5 acres north and contiguous to the Project Ready site in which an airport owned vehicle fleet maintenance facility is located. (Attachment #2) With the planned aeronautical industrial use of the 241 acre site, the Airport desires to incorporate and add this 5 acres to the Project Ready area. This will provide a desirable and additional option to aerospace developers as it enables additional access options to connect aviation industrial developments to the airport's 9002 ft runway. To incorporate this additional 5 acres GBRAA needs to relocate and demolish the aged vehicle fleet maintenance facility.</p> <p>Per discussions with prospective developers, site selection consultants and the Mississippi Development Authority it is constantly reiterated that the Airport Authority should continue to do its due diligence to further shorten the time for an industry to break ground for development. The following Restore Fund request aids in achieving this objective.</p>	Harrison	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	100	\$ 2,379,856.00	\$ 600,000.00
New Additions	Economic Development	5997	8/24/2021	Gulf Coast Workforce Connect	<p>Galloping technological change, combined with the COVID-19 pandemic, is transforming the global economy and posing a momentous opportunity for Mississippians. Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (MGCCC) seeks to offer a reconnection of its citizens at risk of being stranded permanently on the wrong side of the technological divide. MGCCC is currently offering a variety of learning necessary to succeed in the 21st century. As a primary provider of job-focused education and training, Gulf Coast Workforce Connect seeks to provide a facility that would serve as the connection for colleges and universities to serve the citizens of the Gulf Coast in Jackson County and offer premiere spaces for workforce training in building industry, high school, community college, and universities. This facility and the Gulf Coast Workforce Connect project would be located on MGCCC's Jackson County (JC) Campus, the project is an investment of \$24,500,000.</p> <p>The Gulf Coast's economic recovery is dependent, in part, on expanding opportunities to obtain bachelor's degrees in critical fields, which will also help to future-proof the region. The postsecondary freshman and sophomore years are covered by MGCCC. However, expanding new opportunities at the junior and senior level will offer greater depth, breadth, and choice to local citizens. For example, future engineers living on the Gulf Coast now have an affordable option for earning a world-renowned education close to home. Mississippi State University's (MSU) Bagley College of Engineering is now offering three Bachelor of Science degrees through a collaboration with Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Students can complete a two-year Associate of Science degree from MGCCC before enrolling in electrical, mechanical, or industrial engineering classes that will result in bachelor's degrees from MSU. These classes are currently offered on MGCCC's JC Campus by Bagley College faculty or through synchronous online delivery from MSU's Starkville campus. However, the popularity of this engineering program has quickly outgrown the usable space on the JC Campus. These three engineering programs would represent the first three university degrees located in the Gulf Coast Workforce Connect facility, and this will lead the way to incorporate other college and/or university offerings in Jackson County. The research area in the new structure will help faculty continue to stay on the leading edge of new technologies and support economic development on the Gulf Coast, while training future leaders in key fields. This will make an immediate impact on the region and represents graduates who will help create and maintain systems that raise the standard of living for all Gulf Coast residents.</p> <p>In addition to universities, the Gulf Coast Workforce Connect facility will bring together business/industry, community college, universities, and high schools in a single physical location in an ecosystem that does not currently exist. As a state-of-the-art, interactive learning facility, the building will span 70,000 square feet, featuring approximately eight unique labs equipped to prepare students for the most in-demand manufacturing careers. The facility and equipment will be custom-built and automation principles that underpin smart factories (i.e., Industry 4.0), while supporting various fields such as materials science, metrology, and maker spaces for hands-on fabrication. The building will feature the latest models of industry-standard equipment in non-minimized equipment or out-of-date models. Students will learn on the same equipment they will encounter in the workplace, reducing employers' needs to provide additional training on the job. The facility will host educational programming that evolves from industry partners working with MGCCC and universities. The programming will range from manufacturing exposure to training for the most in-demand technician-level positions (e.g., advanced manufacturing) taught by experienced professionals with extensive industry experience.</p> <p>Among the many lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, a primary lesson is that social distancing and shutdowns make teaching classes and training very difficult, almost impossible for some hard skills (e.g., welding). However, MGCCC identified solutions to teach classes, train workers, and create skill attainment remotely. The wealth of experience in teaching students and training highly skilled workers positioned MGCCC to shift to remote training while ensuring rigor throughout the pandemic. In order to facilitate remote training in response to COVID-19, the learning spaces in the Gulf Coast Workforce Connect building will also feature technology enhanced (aka, HyFlex) classrooms that allow for seamless synchronous communication with students, incumbent workers, and business/industry remotely. That is, the HyFlex classrooms will allow stakeholders to remotely engage in the class activities.</p>	Jackson	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	100	\$ 24,500,000.00	\$ -
New Additions	Economic Development	5999	8/24/2021	Kiln Utility and Fire District Water and Sewer Infrastructure Expansion Project	<p>This project consists of the following infrastructure improvements, expansions and upgrades to the existing utility infrastructure system: Water System Expansion along Fire Tower Road, Dog Patch Road Fenton Dedekens Road and Kiln Delisle Road. This project would extend 8" pvc water lines along these roads to provide adequate flow and pressure as well as fire protection to currently unserved areas. Kapalama Road Water extension. This project would extend an 8" water line along Kiln Delisle Road to Kapalama Drive. The District has already initiated the process of requesting the Water Certificate for the area from Kiln Delisle Road, down Kapalama Drive to Diamondhead City limits. Sanitary sewer System Expansion along Kiln Delisle Road. This project would extend sewer service from Road 527 to the County line.</p>	Hancock	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	100	\$ 6,000,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	
New Additions	Economic Development	6000	8/24/2021	Broadwater Marina Restoration Project	<p>On October 09, 2020, Governor Tate Reeves and Biloxi Mayor Folo Gilch announced the ULMUSIC Broadwater Hotel at a media event in Biloxi. During the announcement, Governor Reeves described the project as "the kind of bold project we need here in our great State and on this beautiful Mississippi Gulf Coast." The redeveloped Broadwater is a \$1.15 billion capital investment that will bring 2,500 permanent jobs and more than 1,000 construction jobs.</p> <p>The project development program includes redeveloping the former Broadwater Beach Hotel, Marina, and Golf Course into a 266-acre tourism and recreational complex with a world-class performing arts and entertainmentarium, marina, golf course, spa, full-service hotel, convention center, and conference rooms.</p> <p>In August of 2005, during Hurricane Katrina, the former Broadwater Marina site in west Biloxi, bordering U.S. Highway 90 and the Mississippi Sound, suffered severe bulkhead damage, and silting of the marina basin and the related channel to the Mississippi Sound, for which there was no insurance. In April of 2010, and for many months after that, the site again suffered from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, an Outer Continental Shelf activity that directly harmed the Mississippi Sound and the Broadwater Marina site. Subsequent unnamed and named storms like Hurricane Zeta have added to the disaster. The Broadwater Marina Restoration Project is all located within the Public Trust Tidelands south of Highway 90. The State of Mississippi owns these 10-acres of Public Trust Tidelands, which the Secretary of State manages. The project includes infrastructure needs for the redevelopment of the existing derelict marina into a world class marina. This application for RESTORE Act funds will provide bulkhead repair, dredging, and breakwater improvements at the Broadwater Marina. These improvements will directly provide hurricane protection, safety, improved operations, and a more friendly environment for boaters, anglers, and public access. Indirectly, these improvements will assist in giving boaters, tourists, charter operators, and others access to the Mississippi Sound and the Gulf of Mexico. Other enhancements to the Broadwater property, both north, and south of Hwy. 90 will be made through a private investment of more than \$1.15 Billion as part of the ULMUSIC development. This project represents a unique opportunity for recovering public dollars to aid in developing a facility that will have tremendous return in the form of increased Tidelands lease revenue, city, county, and state tax revenues, and more employment opportunities in the coastal and surrounding counties.</p> <p>Uses of Funds: Dredging & Breakwater Restoration - Rebuild the functionality of the Broadwater Marina by restoring the necessary channel and basin depth of 8' below MLW. Funds will replace the western breakwater to restore functionality for a small craft marina. Replacing the breakwater will allow for a calmer marina basin and mitigate silting.</p> <p>Perimeter Bulkhead Repairs - This will repair the perimeter bulkhead located on the south side of the site that was damaged in Hurricane Zeta and other storms. The current condition is that a portion of the bulkhead is leaning southward with broken tie-rods. There is separation between individual bulkhead panels with soil escaping to the Mississippi Sound. Repairs will strengthen the wall and its foundation to prevent failure of the wall by falling to the south and will fill voids/cracks in the wall to maintain its integrity and to retain the soil which it was originally designed to hold.</p> <p>Marina Bulkhead Repairs - This will repair a portion of the marina bulkhead located at the northeastern portion of the marina basin that was damaged in Hurricane Zeta and other storms. Currently, the bulkhead is leaning toward the basin, and settlement of pavement and soil has occurred on the land side of the bulkhead. Soil settlement indicates that there are multiple cracks in the wall where the soil is escaping. The repairs will restore the bulkhead by replacing tie rods or bracing, filling the walls voids/cracks, and backfill the material lost into the marina.</p> <p>Drainage Repairs - The stormwater drainage system for the upland portion of the site have been damaged in recent storms and hurricanes. The damaged drainage system is located adjacent to the perimeter bulkhead at the sound end of the site. The leaning perimeter bulkhead has caused the drainage culverts, inlets, and junction boxes to become disconnected. These repairs will restore the drainage system and the connectivity of the overall drainage system.</p> <p>Score Pad & Earthwork - The area immediately upland of the eastern and southern perimeter bulkheads were damaged during Hurricane Zeta by wave scour that overtopped the bulkhead. The condition is that a large trench of earth has been eroded from the upland side of these bulkheads. Instead of draining toward the drainage system, currently, rainfall collects along the upland side of the bulkhead. This runoff soaks into the ground, eventually bleeding through joints in the bulkhead panels. There is a significant concern soil loss through bulkhead joints because of its condition. The repair will backfill eroded soil and construct a concrete score pad along the upland side of the bulkhead. The score pad will protect the bulkhead, and adjacent land during future hurricanes and tropical weather.</p>	Harrison	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	69	\$ 5,678,850.00	\$ -	

New Additions	Economic Development	6002	8/25/2021	Hwy 609 / Washington Avenue Gateway	There are some 10 north south routes off of I-10 to the Gulf of Mexico. This gateway is one of the shortest routes and connects with Downtown Ocean Springs. The current gateway roadway is a five lane roadway with a center turn lane. It does not offer pedestrian walkways, multiuse trails, lighting, landscape, and other aesthetically pleasing views. In order to improve the connection to one of the most sought after Downtown's in America this gateway to the Gulf needs to be improved. Besides providing safety, traffic signals upgrades, and other features environmental consideration will be considered. Such as cool pavement technology to allow for cooler stormwater discharge and possible stormwater quantity improvements. There are 7 signalized intersections on this corridor south of I-10, with 5 of 7 signals have heads mounted on span wire. Traffic signal upgrades are needed to help improve the durability and effectiveness of these traffic control devices, particularly during high wind events/hurricanes. Many of the traffic devices added to the corridor in recent years have been to specifically address restricting left turn traffic movements. The use of slotted concrete curb, flexible delineators, and quick curb are effective at enforcing these left turn restrictions but are not aesthetic components of the roadway system. Current traffic volumes are in excess of 30,000 vpd on the route. Crash studies have shown that when traffic volumes exceed approximately 20,000 vpd, the crash rate is significantly higher as a result of the increased conflict potential within the shared center turn lane. Conversion to a raised curb median is an effective method of reducing crash rates and increasing safety. Improvements to the corridor are also recommended to help to brand the roadway to improve the viewshed for traffic traveling to and from the area and incorporate more permanent left turn restrictions into the design of the roadway. No improvements are planned for the bascule bridge portion of the route. The project can be built in two phases.	Jackson	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	100	\$	15,000,000.00	\$	2,500,000.00	
New Additions	Economic Development	6003	8/26/2021	Mississippi Cyber and Technology Center	Senate Bill 2951 of the 2021 Mississippi Legislative Session through the MS Gulf Coast Restoration Fund appropriated \$13,500,000 to assist Mississippi State University with the continuation of the Mississippi Cyber Center Initiative which in total is a \$34.2 million project. Initial funding of \$3,500,000 was established in Senate Bill 2977 of the 2020 Mississippi Legislative Session through the MS Gulf Coast Recovery Fund. The initial phase consists of establishing/purchasing of equipment and software for a secure Cyber Range in collaboration with the MS Gulf Coast Community College (MGCCC) to assist Keesler AFB with training and educating approximately 8,700 of the Air Force and Department of Defense cyber professionals each year. The initial phase will also establish, by purchasing equipment and software, a Cyber Forensics Center as part of the MS Cyber Center which is a vital component to address cyber capabilities and capacity for state agencies. Another part of this initiative is a Systems Operations Lab that will be established by MGCCC through a GEER Grant that will also support Keesler. The establishment of the Cyber Range, cyber forensics center and the systems operation lab will allow for the teaching of new classes at the MGCCC facility. This initial phase sets the foundation for the Mississippi Cyber Initiative (MCI) to be executed at the Mississippi Cyber center and other areas across the state. This initial phase will advance the goals of the MCI which include promoting economic development for the Gulf Coast region and the State, providing cyber workforce training and education, addressing complex cyber issues for the State and increasing public awareness through outreach. The initial phase has been started by defining specs for equipment and initiating the procurement process. The execution of the initial funding of \$3.5 million which is part of the larger initiative should be completed by 03/31/2022. The \$13.5 million appropriation will be used as partial funding for the construction of the \$30 million cyber center. A portion of this funding will be used for initial architectural, design and engineering costs to position this project as shovel ready and will be able to proceed once the remaining funds are secured. The remaining portion of the funds will be used to fully establish, design, construct, equip, build out and operate the Mississippi Cyber and Technology Center (MCTC) by leveraging local, state and federal resources. This four-story facility will be approximately 100,000 sq. feet and will be located adjacent to Keesler AFB. It will have a secure controlled space, a secure cyber range, a forensics lab, classrooms, collaboration areas, incubator space, conference areas, and lounge space for both industry and government entities. Upon completion, the MCTC will be a collaborative industry, academia and governmental entities performing education and certificate training, workforce training, research and development, security, testing and business services related to cyber security. This project has the support of local, state and federal leaders and will serve as a Center of Excellence for not only the MS Gulf Coast but for the State of MS. This collaboration of multiple local, state, military, education institutions, research facilities, and industry will enhance research and innovative technologies related to cyber in the region, state nationally and secure it as a long term financially sustainable entity. The MCTC will be a long-term economic driver that will create jobs, have a positive impact on the tax base and create a positive return on investment. The creation of the MS Cyber Center at the forefront of attacking cybersecurity issues thus attracting high-tech industries, companies and startups and creating high-tech opportunities for the region and MS. It will be a catalyst for private sector investment and job creation in the high-tech sector. This initiative will help enhance Keesler AFB as one of the premier training centers for the Air Force which trains 28,000 airmen and leadership per year in over 30 different career fields. It will also establish the Gulf Coast region as the hub for cyber job opportunities for personnel separating from the military which will generate an experienced workforce, address critical cyber needs, and help keep tax dollars in the state.		Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		\$	34.20	\$	17.70
New Additions	Economic Development	6004	8/26/2021	MCCC - Parking Lot Safety & Security Improvements	Safety and security are now an important criterion for meeting planners, promoters, show managers and attendees for events that are held where large quantities of people can become targets. The purpose of this project would be to add and convert all existing parking lot lighting to high efficiency and high intensity security lighting. In addition, we will incorporate a security camera system that will monitor all activity in our parking lots and on the extension of the Coliseum and Convention Center. We also will increase our inventory light-through metal detectors and walk-through metal detectors and use. This will enable us to meet guests queuing at the Coliseum & Convention Center when hosting multiple events at a time. The additional lighting, improved lighting, and security cameras will be another way to meet the criteria we now have to meet to host certain events. Since the portal first opened, security and safety have escalated as an absolute requirement for event planners. This will enable us to attract more Coliseum and Convention Center events that welcome more guests to the MS Gulf Coast driving economic growth, creating more jobs, and facilitating additional business for our region.	Harrison	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	100	\$	1,400,000.00	\$	280,000.00	
New Additions	Economic Development	6005	8/27/2021	Mississippi Aquarium's Turtle Rescue & Education Center	Mississippi Aquarium's goal is to build and open a state-of-the-art turtle rescue, rehabilitation, and education center that serves as an epicenter for the Gulf Coast turtle education, rescue, and rehabilitation efforts. The Center will be modeled after the successful Georgia Sea Turtle Center (https://gsc.jckylblind.com/) located on Jekyll Island, Georgia, Loggerhead MarineLife Center (https://marinelife.org/) in Juno Beach, Florida, and the Turtle Hospital (https://www.turtlehospital.org/) located in Marathon, Florida. Each of these is a stand-alone facility supported through a variety of revenue sources including a strong tourism effort. These centers are based in tourism sectors within their communities and have stimulated economic development in and around the area. The Turtle Rescue Center (TRC) will be a support facility for the Aquarium to provide regional and national rehabilitation for turtles at a need that NOAA and US Fish & Wildlife have identified. The TRC will complement the Aquarium and the Aquarium's Aquatic Research Center (ARC) in developing a first-class attraction, science and research center, as well as a comprehensive educational facility. The educational opportunities will include K-12 programming, outreach, and field trip opportunities. In addition, the Aquarium's staff of professionals will be used to train future aquatic veterinarians in collaboration with state institutions and provide veterinary intern and extern rotations. The Center will capitalize on the visitor attendance that comes to the Aquarium. First year attendance for the Aquarium is expected to surpass 150,000 visitors and we will take advantage of creating combined experiences, educational and field trip opportunities, and combined ticketing options. Establishing the Turtle Rescue Center adjacent to the Aquarium's main campus will allow guests to experience daily rescue and rehabilitation operations first-hand, including intake, triage, and advanced medical procedures. Once turtles are rehabilitated, community-focused events will be established to engage the public in re-introductions of turtles to the Gulf Coast. Objective 1: Create infrastructure for a prementum turtle rescue, rehabilitation, and education center on the Gulf Coast. Provide a foundation for a scalable rehabilitation and rescue operation with dedicated and expert staff to care for stranded or injured turtles with space to rehabilitate a minimum of 30 turtles at all sizes. Increase regional and nationwide capacity to receive and rehabilitate turtles from AZA partners and/or established rescue and rehabilitation facilities. The Turtle Rescue Center can serve as an epicenter during emergency scenarios - environmental disasters, unusual mortality events, or mass stranding events and the Aquarium's Animal Research Center (ARC) can provide additional capacity and holding space. Establish educational opportunities for aquarium guests, school groups, students, and community members, tourists, and visitors to the coast. Objective 2: Utilize TRC as a grant zero for enhanced mortality investigations and provide early detection and response to anthropogenic threats and emergency events in Mississippi. Increase capacity for local stranding response and allow for mortality investigations, addressing restorations outlined for turtles in collaboration with local, state and federal authorities. Provide world-class veterinary care to Mississippi's stranded turtles to reduce injuries and mortalities. MSAQV veterinarians are both trained by turtle experts in medicine, biology, stranding, and rehabilitation. Both have worked at world renowned facilities across the country and are experts in advanced medical capabilities. Advanced treatment can be provided in a dedicated hospital including radiology, endoscopy, CT scanner, a surgical suite, in addition to access to a mobile necropsy unit, field and in-house laboratory, and infectious disease diagnostic capacity. As Education, Conservation and Community are the pillars of the Aquarium, a priority will be on publishing scientific findings with a comprehensive collaboration with local and national stakeholders. Objective 3: Create economic development at the site. Create approximately 20 full-time, 10-20 part-time jobs including a veterinarian, vet tech, advanced life support, retail, and education staff. Create new revenue and tax stream that will support the local economy and community. Preliminary plans for a facility of this nature are already available via contacts around the country. Additional funding through the Aquatic Research Foundation will happen in coordination with this proposal. Approximate budget: \$5.5M	Harrison	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	\$	5,000,000.00	\$	-
New Additions	Economic Development	6006	8/27/2021	Harrison County East-West Corridor	Over the last 50 years community leaders have discussed building an East-West Corridor through Harrison County, Mississippi. The current private-public partnership opportunities have never been better along the CSX Railroad Corridor. Within Gulfport and Biloxi there are at least three large developments proposed, including the redevelopment of the Great Southern Club Golf Course, the Broadwater Mosaik Venue, and the RW RV Park and Family Entertainment Center. By building a new corridor over 2000 acres will be available for new development. The East-West Corridor is approximately 27 miles long and up to 6140 feet wide, connecting the coastal cities of Biloxi, Gulfport, Long Beach, and Pass Christian. The current focus will be a 12.6-mile portion of the corridor intersecting the CTA Transit Centers in Gulfport and Biloxi by means of both highway and transit elements. Within the 12.6-mile corridor, a 1.56-mile segment with independent utility has been chosen for this application. The scope for this include constructing a new roadway from Popp's Ferry Road to Veterans Blvd. with a bridge over the CSX Railroad connecting into Irish Hill Drive on the southside of the CSX Railroad. The project is within an area of Biloxi with a growing concentration of the region's employment (with an estimated 62,500 jobs) including the Mississippi Gulf Coast gaming corridor (9 casinos and 10,600 related jobs) and the region's core tourist attractions: hotels, restaurants, and museums; the Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum and Convention Center; a continuous sand beach; and the Edgewater Mall. The overall corridor contains an active rail line, local streets, and key transportation facilities. It also passes several redevelopment areas identified as major development nodes to include the City of Biloxi Downtown District, several resort hotels, and the MGM BeachBall Stadium. The corridor includes connection to the nearby Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi with has just recently completed a Joint Land Use Study to establish parameters for compatible future development adjacent to their installations. Project Need Provide a more direct home-work route. Ongoing development and local efforts in emerging economic development districts will increase the number of potential jobs and residents. An alternative east-west corridor to the existing Pass Road and US 90 routes assures improved access between jobs and residences and allows US 90 to reconfigure its position as the region's scenic byway. The corridor creates mobility options for landlocked neighborhoods currently without immediate access to a major thoroughfare or transit route. The purpose for this project includes: Provide an interconnected, functional, and practical multimodal corridor, jointly developed by FTA, FHWA, MDOT, and other local partners, to support automobiles, transit, bicycles, and pedestrians within Harrison County to mitigate existing and future traffic congestion on Beach Boulevard (US 90) and Pass Road. Increase overall east-west mobility in Harrison County and supporting the GRC's Long Range Transportation Plan and CTA's Transit Development Plan recommendations for a more effective system of transportation service options. Encourage a reduction in the percentage of commuters using Beach Boulevard (US 90) in order to enhance this corridor's function and role as the region's premier scenic highway. Use a combination of transit-oriented and sustainable community development practices in potential economic development districts and at activity generator sites along the corridor in order to connect jobs, housing, community facilities, recreation areas and cultural/entertainment venues. Create new economic development districts oriented to the multimodal corridor that support community objectives for housing, commercial development and improved access to community facilities and tourist venues. Facilitate the evacuation of Harrison County during hurricanes and other emergencies as well as offer an additional location to stage and distribute services required to assure pre-event preparations and post-event response activities. Establish corridor typology which allows for expansion, over time, into the cities of Long Beach and Pass Christian as well as along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.	Harrison	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes		\$	-	\$	-

New Additions	Economic Development	6007	8/27/2021	MH&LA Annual Convention & Expo	MH&LA is the Mississippi Hotel & Lodging Association, headquartered in Biloxi, MS is a Non-Profit chartered in the State of Mississippi in 1930 to promote the common goals of the Lodging Industry throughout the State. MH&LA has been unable to hold its Annual Convention & Expo to the degree theretofore practiced due to the economic damages suffered by the Lodgings & Tourism businesses, and, consequently to MH&LA itself. With the adequate funding being requested, MH&LA proposes to once again host its Annual Convention & Expo on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in late Spring 2022 to the level and degree, serving to Educate, Train and Certification of the Lodgings and Tourism related businesses through the Educational Seminars (at the Convention and continuing throughout the Year). The Seminars would include but not be limited to (a) Presentations by the MS DOR (Department of Revenue) and Tax Experts to update the attendees on the ever-changing requirements such as all applicable Taxes, Tax-Exempt guidelines, etc. (b) Presentations by the MS DES (Department of Employment Security) and Labor & Employment Experts to apprise the industry of the latest in Employment Laws. The knowledge and Certifications achieved by the Lodging & Tourism partners will certainly raise the level of expertise, proficiency and professionalism of the Lodgings and their Owners & Operators, benefiting the entire State, and its Tax Base. Without the funding requested, MH&LA is unable to proceed with its MH&LA Annual Convention & Expo to the extent needed to the advantage of all involved.	Harrison	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	\$	200,000.00	\$	-
New Additions	Economic Development	6008	8/27/2021	MH&LA Lodging Package Program	MH&LA is the Mississippi Hotel & Lodging Association, headquartered in Biloxi, MS is a Non-Profit Association chartered in the State of Mississippi in 1930 to promote the common goals of the Lodging Industry throughout the State. MH&LA proposes to re-introduce its MH&LA Lodging Package Program, including Chamber Boats, Attractions, Museums, Events and Golf Courses whereby the Lodgings would form and promote Packages generating business to these Tourism entities on the Coast, many of which were significantly negatively impacted by the Environmental and Economic Damages as a result of the BP Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill and subsequent incidents. MH&LA has documented expertise and proficiency in operating the Package Program, based upon the success of its Golf Package Program which generated over \$3.5 million each year in Green & Cart Fees to the 30 participating Golf Courses, not including F&B, Retail Sales, as well as Lodging Revenue and Taxes (over 65,000 Room Nights annually). Similar results could be produced using the same model and template, adding the other Tourism segments listed hereinabove. The requested funds would facilitate the operations, marketing, advertising and other components of the Program. □	Hancock,Mobile,Jack	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	\$	250,000.00	\$	-
New Additions	Economic Development	6009	8/27/2021	Jackson County Workforce Project	The Jackson County Economic Development Foundation is a private 501(c)(3) development corporation whose primary purpose is to address the economic development needs of Jackson County and its municipalities. Toward that end, the Foundation has identified workforce development as the number one issue facing not only the county, but also the state of Mississippi and the nation as a whole. Through comprehensive data analysis and field interviews, the Foundation has recognized the need to address workforce gaps within the county, to increase labor force participation rates, to provide clear career pathways for students and adult learners, and to increase the skills training of the county's labor shed. The JCEDF proposes to meet these goals by developing a comprehensive workforce program of work, which will serve as the umbrella initiative for several components of a workforce strategy: 1. CAREER PATHWAYS: 464ePassion. Purpose, Paycheck 464 This ongoing program provides career coaching in each of Jackson County's seven high schools along with a dynamic mobile application through Merit which features a resume component and TikTok-style videos that introduce high school students to real-time employees of local employers such as Chevron, Ingalls, and others. While funding for this program has been secured for one year, the JCEDF is requesting additional funding to continue this program beyond its first year. Proposed budget: \$750,000. 2. WORKFORCE GAPS & LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES: The JCEDF proposes to shore up gaps in the current workforce pipeline by targeting specific populations and Census tracts where labor force participation rates are lowest. These populations include TANF-eligible individuals, those with a minor criminal record, high school dropouts, minorities such as non-native English speakers and women, and others. The JCEDF will partner with organizations such as community action agencies, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, and other nonprofits to identify candidates for this program. Funding will be used to provide wrap-around services that alleviate barriers to workforce training, such as childcare and transportation, as well as to pay for soft and technical skills training with local training partners such as MGCCC. Proposed budget: \$1,500,000. 3. INCREASE SKILLS TRAINING CAPACITY: Jackson County is the only area in the state of Mississippi with three U.S. Department of Labor-recognized apprenticeship programs, in addition to other programs (such as those available through Ingalls, Halter Marine, Rolls Royce, Singing River Health Systems, etc). The JCEDF proposes to expand these apprenticeship programs by providing additional funding to increase capacity. By increasing funding streams, these programs will be able to expand and target non-traditional populations, such as the under- and unemployed and women, by offering training at night and weekends via additional instructors and mentors. Proposed budget: \$1,000,000.	Jackson	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	\$	3,250,000.00	\$	-
New Additions	Economic Development	6010	8/27/2021	Phase I Hancock County Technology Park at Stennis Airport-JALBTCX Building	In 2017, Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission (HCPIHC) developed the Aviation and Aerospace Optimization Plan with a core focus of becoming a prime location for unmanned systems and cornerstone of Mississippi's Space Strategy. The strategy would focus on asset development and master planning to benefit the region and develop innovation, entrepreneurship, and small businesses at Stennis International Airport. Over the last several years, we have delivered capital improvement projects such as a new 26,000SF Maintenance Repair and Overhaul Hangar (SRAM), near completion of a new 12,000SF Corporate Hangar (SR1M). HCPIHC has planned capital investment for a new multiple use parallel 4,000 foot runway (SR3M), acquisition of three hangars known as Project, Huchinson and Packaging Hangars (SR2M) in FY21, a 617,551 General Aviation Hangar (SR500k) in FY22, and formal application for license to the FAA for use of Hancock Stennis Airport as a commercial aerospace. These investments have aligned with other federal and state leadership creating a central vision for the Aerospace Plan. Furthermore, Pearl River Community College with local, state and federal support will soon break ground on the Phil Bryant Aviation and Aerospace Academy at Stennis Airport which will include an additional 18,000SF hangar to train and improve our region's talent pipeline and future generations. The optimization plan will not just focus on capital investment, business recruitment and workforce development but also include development and efforts at Stennis International Airport. In 2019, Hancock Port & Harbor was awarded \$250,000 in Site Development Grants from Mississippi Department of Transportation to develop a technical plan for infrastructure development, parcel siting and wetlands mitigation planning at the newly acquired 846-acre site at the Stennis International Airport (totals 1,246 acres); includes cultural resources and endangered species assessments which included \$250,000 in matching funds from Hancock County Port & Harbor. As a result of these efforts, Hancock County Port & Harbor has identified a proposed 40 acre high-performance technology park at Stennis Airport. The proposed park will accommodate current needs and growth for existing tenants and space for future technology growth, operations and manufacturing in walkable proximity to our growing aviation and aerospace development and regional workforce initiatives. The concept is designed to be built in several phases from the overall master plan over the next decade. Hancock County has been home to aviation and space exploration for over fifty years, and the technology park will further solidify our plan to remain the cornerstone for Mississippi's leader in aerospace research and development, oceanographic data, and geographic information systems. The site is near completion of all surveys, Geotech, delineation, and permits. Phase I of Hancock County Technology Park consists of development of a 10,651 SF building for Joint Airborne Lidar Bathymetry Technical Center of Expertise (JALBTCX) which has outgrown our existing technology and business incubator. HCPIHC recently began work on building design and site work for the Phase I-JALBTCX project which will be complete and ready for bid by January 2022. Our existing tenants such as Department of the Army (JALBTCX) and Woolpert have committed letters of intent to occupy the proposed project upon completion to accommodate current and future growth. HCPIHC is requesting \$4,000,000.00 in construction funds with a local match of \$444,890.00 for construction if request is awarded in 2022. Upon award, project will be advertised and begin construction in spring/summer of 2022 and estimated completion in summer 2023 and continue the growth and trend of strategic investments at Stennis Airport to improve our regional cluster.	Hancock	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	\$	4,444,890.00	\$	444,890.00
New Additions	Economic Development	6011	8/27/2021	Facility Expansion at Trent Lott International Airport	The Jackson County Economic Development Foundation is a private 501(c)(3) development corporation whose primary purpose is to address the economic development needs of Jackson County and its municipalities. The Jackson County Economic Development Foundation is planning for a major facility expansion at the Trent Lott International Airport. This expansion will consist of developing a facility to support a program(s) to be located in Moss Point, Jackson County, Mississippi. The estimated cost of the project is anticipated to be \$10 million dollars. The cost estimate is current as of August 2021.	Jackson	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	\$	10,000,000.00	\$	-	
New Additions	Economic Development	6012	8/27/2021	Mississippi Coast Model Railroad Museum/Tourism Economic Development/Infrastructure	The Mississippi Coast Model Railroad Museum Project (Tourism/Economic Development/Infrastructure) Budgeting: \$1.5M The Mississippi Model Railroad Museum project is being developed at the intersection of Hives Avenue and Paul Road on a piece of property that was once plots #8-18 in the neighborhood of Mandarin Addition, established in 1965. The project supports the Tourism, Economic Development and Infrastructure categories of the RESTORE plan. The current property at 415 Paul Road, sits nearby in the Paul Harrison Waters in Harrison County on the corner of the first intersection points typically stay as they leave the Gulfport Airport going toward the beaches. Transforming the existing property into the world class model railroad museum can become a vital tourism, build economic development in the area, and can also spark revitalization interest of the established business community there. But the museum will not only stimulate economic development or attract tourists and locals, it will also attract guests that visit. In keeping with the museum of the history in Mississippi and in the United States, their value in our past centuries, and those in the present. Additionally, this museum will also provide an attraction that brings families together to laugh and learn, parents and children, grandparents and children, and teachers' students. The museum, however, will not only offer these elements. Another element that will strongly incorporated into the experience throughout the museum is interactive Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) activities to encourage guests to explore STEM areas through modeling concepts. The funding request from RESTORE would support the \$1.5M needed to design, fabricate, and install STEM interactive displays throughout the museum. These displays would highlight STEM educational elements that build scientific knowledge grows through model railroading. Additionally, the museum will allow the creation of programming and activities that build workforce development skills also through STEM engagement concepts developed through building display models. These interactive displays will teach elements of electricity, CAD design, architecture, engineering, design, geography, physics, and math which are heavily drawn upon when creating model displays. Throughout the museum, interactive displays will be designed and installed to allow guests hands-on experiences in all these areas. If guests that want to create their own model railroad display at home, they are also offered the ability to do so in the museum's workshop. They may even use the digital 3D printer to manufacture or 3D print their own model railroad. Upon completion, the model railroad museum in Gulfport, Mississippi, will be recognized as the largest model railroad museum currently in the United States. That distinction alone will put the state of Mississippi out front of the model railroad competition. Hosting the largest model railroad museum in the United States will attract visitors from around the entire Mississippi Gulf Coast, but could also draw tourists and model railroad enthusiasts from across the country, or even the world. Currently the construction project has been primarily undertaken by community donors, Richard Mueller and Brad Chaffler (founders of PAPA Pizzeria) on the Street, Gulfport, MS) in being to create model railroad display. One currently under production for the museum will cost over \$1M alone. It will present hundreds of feet more, light up, open across the display found from Mobile Bay to Canal Street in New Orleans. The history of the canal will also be presented through train exhibits, so that beneficiaries of all ages learn about the importance of the railroad and how it has shaped our country. Additional guests already received local area STEM activities through model railroading, including the educational exhibits of model railroads that can be found. No other funding sources have been necessary to date. Establishing a world-class model railroad museum will be a strong attraction site for tourists coming to the Coast of Mississippi. But the Mississippi Coast Model Railroad Museum will also impact economic development in South Mississippi when it opens in 2023. The Museum project being professionals to fill 5 1/2 FTE and 4 5/8 FTE positions in guest services within 30 days of opening in January of 2023. Additionally, preferred caterers will be selected for group rentals and events along with others to enhance the experience in research such as holiday parties, party showers, birthday dinners, events, and fundraisers that will support the economic impact of the Museum. Through supporting other community professionals, the overall budget of \$1,500,000.00 back into the local economy during the first year of operation. The Railroad Museum Project is designed to also serve as a catalyst for community revitalization of Paul Road, an area that has slipped some toward decay than regeneration. The staff is already working with the City of Gulfport to provide missing sidewalks around the museum property and improve introductions for pedestrians. The parking lot of the Museum has been drawn to include guest spaces while adding attractive outdoor lighting, and landscaping that will include new sidewalks bordering it. A member of the Paul Road Mechanical Association, the staff will collaboratively working with other merchant members to upgrade their own properties or storefronts. Once begun, the changes will also encourage new merchants to locate in Paul Road. There as new merchants move into Gulfport, property values should begin to increase the tax base in that area for the city. The resulting effects of completing the \$1,500,000 Mississippi Coast Model Railroad Museum project has the potential to create a permanent tourist destination for the coast of South Mississippi that will bring new visitors and revenue. The museum currently has \$4,000,000 reserved, awaiting funding through the RESTORE grants will allow MEMM to take this museum to a level unmatched by other in Mississippi.	Harrison	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	\$	8,500,000.00	\$	4,100,000.00