

		PROJECT	PROPOSAL DATE	PROJECT NAME	DESCRIPTION	LOC COUNTY	SMALL BUSINESS	TOURISM	WORLDWIDE DEVELOPMENT	WATER RESTORATION	INFRASTRUCTURE	INFRASTRUCTURE BUDGET PCT	TOURISM DEVELOPMENT	RESEARCH and EDUCATION	SEAFOOD	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING AVAILABLE		
New Additions	Small Business	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	Yes	Yes	No	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$ 3,896,264.00	\$ -
New Additions	Small Business	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	Yes	No	No	Yes	100	Yes	No	No	\$ 2,379,856.00	\$ 600,000.00		
New Additions	Small Business	5999	8/24/2021	Kila 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 Dedeaux Road and Kila 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 Kila Delisle Road to Kapalama Drive. The District has already initiated the process of requesting the Water Certificate for the area from Kila Delisle Road, down Kapalama Drive to Diamondhead City limits. Sanitary sewer System Expansion along Kila Delisle Road. This project would extend sewer service from Road 527 to the County line.</p>	Hancock	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	100	Yes	No	No	\$ 6,000,000.00	\$ 250,000.00		
New Additions	Small Business	6002	8/25/2021	Hwy 609 / Washington Avenue Gateway	<p>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 consider. 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 view-shed 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.</p>	Jackson	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	100	Yes	No	No	\$ 15,000,000.00	\$ 2,500,000.00		
New Additions	Small Business	6003	8/26/2021	Mississippi Cyber and Technology Center	<p>□ 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 Forces 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. □</p> <p>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 lease space for both industry and government entities. At completion, the MCTC will be a collaboration of 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 and 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 will put MS and the Gulf Coast region 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</p>		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		Yes	Yes	No	34.2	17.7		

New Additions	Small Business	6006	8/27/2021	Harrison County East-West Corridor	<p>Over the last 30 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 Music Venue, and the RW RV Park and Family Entertainment Center. By building a new corridor over 2000 acres will be available for new development.</p> <p>The East-West Corridor is approximately 27 miles long and up to +/-140 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 interconnecting 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 s include constructing a new roadway from Poppys Ferry Road to Veterans Blvd, with a bridge over the CSX Railroad connecting into I-10 Drive on the southeast of the CSX Railroad.</p> <p>The project is within an area of Biloxi with a growing concentration of the region's employment (with an estimated 42,500 jobs) including the Mississippi Gulf Coast Gaming Corridor (9 casino 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Project Need</p> <p>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 recapture 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 GRPC'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 premiere 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 preparedness 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	Yes	No	No	Yes		Yes	No	No	\$	-	\$	-
New Additions	Small Business	6007	8/27/2021	MH&LA Annual Convention & Expo	<p>MH&LA 46th 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 therefore 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.</p>	Harrison	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		Yes	Yes	No	\$	200,000.00	\$	-
New Additions	Small Business	6008	8/27/2021	MH&LA Lodging Package Program	<p>MH&LA - 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 Charter 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.</p>	Hancock, Mobile, Jackson, Pearl River, Harrison	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		Yes	No	Yes	\$	250,000.00	\$	-