		PROJECT	PROPOSAL I	PROJECT NAME	DESCRIPTION	LOC COUNTY	TOURISM	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	fcor RESTORATION	INFRASTRUCTURE	INFRASTRUCTURE BUDGET PCT	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	RESEARCH and EDUCATION	SEAFOOD	SMALL BUSINESS	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING AVAILABLE
New Additions	Tourism	5995	8/20/2021	Gulfport-Biloxi Airport Project Ready Site Mitigation & Preparation	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) 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. 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. 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) 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. 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.	Harrison	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		Yes	No	No	Yes	$ 3,896,264.00	$ -
New Additions	Tourism	5996	8/20/2021	Gulfport-Biloxi Airport Project Ready Site Expansion/Facility Relocation	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) 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. 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. 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.	Harrison	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	100	Yes	No	No	Yes	$ 2,379,856.00	$ 600,000.00
New Additions	Tourism	6000	8/24/2021	Broadwater Marina Restoration Project	On October 09, 2020, Governor Tate Reeves and Biloxi's Mayor Fofo Gilich announced the UMUSIC 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. 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 entertainment Atrium, marina, golf course, spa, full-service hotel, convention center, and conference rooms. 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 disrepair. The Broadwater Marina Restoration Project is all located within the Public Trust Tidelands south of Highway 90. The State of Mississippi owns these 30-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 UMUSIC 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. Usages 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. 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. Marina Bulkhead Repairs - This will repair a portion of the marina bulkhead located at the northwestern 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 wall's voids/cracks, and backfill the material lost into the marina. 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. Scour 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 scour pad along the upland side of the bulkhead. The scour pad will protect the bulkhead, and adjacent land during future hurricanes and tropical weather.	Harrison	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	69	Yes	No	Yes	No	$ 5,678,850.00	$ -
New Additions	Tourism	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 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.	Jackson	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	100	Yes	No	No	Yes	$ 15,000,000.00	$ 2,500,000.00
New Additions	Tourism	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 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. 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 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	34.2	17.7

New Additions	Tourism	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 to 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 of walk-through metal detectors and wands for event security use. This will enable us to scan all guests entering 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	Yes	No	Yes	100	Yes	No	No	No	$ 1,400,000.00	$ 280,000.00
New Additions	Tourism	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://gstc.jekyllisland.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 â€" 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 350,000 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 preeminent 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 of 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 ground 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 -MSAQ's 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 â€" create approximately 10 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 fundraising 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	$ 5,500,000.00	$ -
New Additions	Tourism	6006	8/27/2021	Harrison County East-West Corridor	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. 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 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 Baseball 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 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: 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	No	No	Yes		Yes	No	No	Yes	$ -	$ -
New Additions	Tourism	6007	8/27/2021	MH&LA Annual Convention & Expo	MH&LA â€" 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 extend needed to the advantage of all involved.	Harrison	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		Yes	Yes	No	Yes	$ 200,000.00	$ -
New Additions	Tourism	6008	8/27/2021	MH&LA Lodging Package Program	MH&LA â€" 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. □	Hancock, Mobile, Jackson, Pearl River, Harrison	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		Yes	No	Yes	Yes	$ 250,000.00	$ -
New Additions	Tourism	6012	8/27/2021	Mississippi Coast Model Railroad Museum/Tourism/Economic Development/Infrastructure	The Mississippi Coast Model Railroad Museum Project (Tourism/Economic Development/Infrastructure) Requesting: $1.5 M The Mississippi Model Railroad Museum project is being developed at the intersection of Hewes Avenue and Pass Road on a piece of property that was once plain #8-18 in the neighborhood of Manhattan Addition, established in 1905. The project supports the Tourism, Economic Development and Infrastructure categories of the RESTORE emphasis. The current property at 615 Pass Road, sits mostly in the Pat Harrison Waterway in Harrison County on the corner of the first intersection guests typically stop at as they leave the Gulfport Airport going toward the beaches. Transforming the existing property into the world-class model railroad museum it can become will attract tourists, build economic development in the area, and can also spark revitalization interest of the established businesses currently there. But this museum will not only stimulate economic development or attract tourists and locals, it will also educate guests that visit. In keeping with the mission of the museum, visitors will learn about the history of trains in Mississippi and in the United States, their value in our past communities, 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 stop with those elements. Another element that will be strongly incorporated into the experiences throughout the museum will introduce 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. Those displays would highlight STEM educational elements that build scientific knowledge grown through model railroading. Additionally, the museum will drive 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 displays at home, they can also attend â€œRail Classesâ€ in the museum's workshop. They may even visit the â€œRail Librarysâ€ to research rail history or modeling how-to's while at the museum. 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 state of Mississippi, but it could also draw tourists and model railroad enthusiasts from across the country, or even the world. Currently this construction project has been privately underwritten by community donors, Richard Mueller and Glenn Mueller (founders of RPM Pizza on 5th Street, Gulfport, MS) to bring in intricate model railroad displays. One currently under production for the museum will cost over $1M alone. It will present landmarks that move, light up, or spin across the display found from Mobile Bay to Canal Street in New Orleans. The history of the coast will also be presented through train exhibits, so that â€œchildren of all ageâ€ learn about the importance of the railroads and how that value continues today. Additional layouts already received total over $2M in value (or a total of $3M contributed) making these museum displays some of the most interactive, educational exhibits of model railroads that can be found. No other funding sources have been secured 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 projects hiring professionals to fill 5 1.0 FTE and 4 .5 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 areas such as birthday parties, party characters, balloon designers, florists, and bakeries that will expand the economic impact of the Museum. Through supporting other community professionals, the overall budget of the Museum is projected to send almost $700,000 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 Pass Road, an area that has slipped more toward decay than inspiration. The staff is already working with the City of Gulfport to provide missing sidewalks around the museum property and improve intersections for pedestrians. The parking lot of the Museum has been drawn to include green spaces while adding attractive outdoor lighting, and hardscapes that will include new sidewalks bordering it. A member of the Pass Road Merchants' Association, the staff will be collaboratively working with other merchant members to upgrade their own properties or storefronts. Once begun, the changes will also encourage new merchants to locate to Pass Road. Then as new merchants move into Gulfport, property values should begin to increase the tax base in that area for the city. The far-reaching effects of completing the $8,500,000 Mississippi Coast Model Railroad Museum project has the potential to create a premiere tourist destination for the coast of South Mississippi that will bring new tourists and revenue. The museum currently has $4,100,000 invested; receiving funding through the RESTORE grants will allow MCMRM to take this museum to a level unmatched by any other in Mississippi.	Harrison	Yes	No	No	Yes		Yes	Yes	No	No	$ 8,500,000.00	$ 4,100,000.00