

**CITY OF BILOXI  
AGENDA ITEM  
FACT SHEET**

Item No.: 5L

Council Meeting Date: June 16, 2026

**ITEM TITLE:** RESOLUTION  
**INTRODUCED BY:** Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich  
**CONTACT PERSON:** Richard Weaver, Chief Administrative Officer  
 Christina Johnson, Port Manager

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION:**

Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources for Tidelands funding to be utilized in connection with upgrades to the fuel dock system in the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor

Resolution  Ordinance \_\_\_\_\_ Public Hearing \_\_\_\_\_ Routine Agenda \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibits for Review

Contract  Minutes \_\_\_\_\_ Plans/Maps \_\_\_\_\_ Deed \_\_\_\_\_ Lease \_\_\_\_\_

Other (Specify): Exhibit A: Application

Submittal Authorization: Council President \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval

**COUNCIL ACTION:** Motion By: \_\_\_\_\_ Second By: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote:	Councilmember	Yes	No	AFR	ABST	Councilmember	Yes	No	AFR	ABST
	Gray	___	___	___	___	Tisdale	___	___	___	___
	Marshall	___	___	___	___	Glavan	___	___	___	___
	Nail	___	___	___	___	Shoemaker	___	___	___	___
	Creel	___	___	___	___					

**ACTION TAKEN:**

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Resolution No.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES FOR TIDELANDS FUNDING TO BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH UPGRADES TO THE FUEL DOCK SYSTEM IN THE BILOXI SMALL CRAFT HARBOR

WHEREAS, the City of Biloxi (the "City") has identified a for need repairs and upgrades to the fuel dock system in the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor;

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to receive funding from the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (the "MDMR") under the Tidelands grant program, which has been established to improve public access to marine resources;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to submit the grant application, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A," requesting funding in the amount of Sixty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$60,000.00) from MDMR with no required match from the City;

WHEREAS, if awarded, the requested funding will be utilized by the City to clean and recondition the fuel storage tanks, replace pump risers and housing with longer lasting stainless steel, replace corroded connections and install a new monitoring system; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Christy LeBatard, Director of Engineering, that the City submit the request for funding described herein to MDMR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, THAT:

SECTION ONE: The statements, findings, determinations and conclusions contained in the preamble of this resolution are hereby adopted, ratified and incorporated herein.

SECTION TWO: The Mayor, on behalf of the City of Biloxi, is authorized to execute the grant application, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A," to the Mississippi

Department of Marine Resources, requesting grant funding in the amount of Sixty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$60,000.00), with no required match from the City of Biloxi.

SECTION THREE: The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution and to provide any information required by Mississippi Department of Marine Resources in order to complete its review of said application.

SECTION FOUR: This resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after adoption.



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# MISSISSIPPI TIDELANDS TRUST FUND PROGRAM Request for Funding FY2028

**EXHIBIT  
A**

Public Access     Managed Project

Official Use Only

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

## PROJECT SUMMARY

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

Small Craft Harbor Fuel System

**2. Location of Project:**

City of Biloxi, Harrison County

**3. Requesting Agency**

City of Biloxi

**3.a Select your Office (DMR Applicants Only)**

**4. Requesting Agency Representative:**

a. Name: A.M. Gililch Jr  
b. Phone: (228) 435-6254  
c. Fax: (228) 435-6129  
d. Address: P.O. Box 429 Biloxi, MS 39533  
e. Email: agilich@biloxi.ms.us

**5. Project Manager:**

a. Name: Christy LeBatard, PE  
b. Phone: (228) 435-6269  
c. Fax:  
d. Address: 214A Delauney Street, Biloxi, MS 39530  
e. Email: clebatard@biloxi.ms.us

**6. Funding Requested:**

\$ 60,000.00

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

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

**7. Matching Funds:**

\$ 0.00

**8. Source of Matching Funds:**

**9. Total Project Funds**

\$ 60,000.00

**Joint Project Information**

Is this a Joint Project?

Yes  No

If yes, enter the agency:

Other Agency's Contact:

rquave@biloxi.ms.us



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## Request for Funding FY2028

### PROJECT SUMMARY

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

The Biloxi Small Craft Harbor is one of only three locations with the City of Biloxi where marine fuel is available. Although the City leases the fuel dock, it is responsible for repairs and upgrades, while receiving no income from fuel sales. The fuel system at this location is owned by the City and is in need of certain updates to prolong its life. The harshness of the salt-water environment has led to corrosion in the fuel storage tanks and riser pipes. In addition, the monitoring system is nearly obsolete, making the acquisition of parts for repairs costly and difficult. This monitoring system is vital to the prevention of leaks and spills which would negatively impact the marine environment. If grant funding is awarded, the City will utilize the funds to clean and recondition the fuel storage tanks, replace pump risers and housing with longer lasting stainless steel, replace corroded connections and install a new monitoring system.

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

- Goal #1: Repair and update the fuel system
- Goal #2: Continue providing fuel in the Small Craft Harbor
- Goal #3: Prevent fuel leaks and spills

#### 12. LIST Project Benefits:

The proposed repairs and updates will ensure that fuel continues to be available in the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor. As fuel is necessary for recreational boaters and marine tourism, the availability of fuel promotes public access to the vast marine resources of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.



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### PROJECT SUMMARY

#### 13. LIST Project Tasks:

- Task #1 Recondition fuel storage tanks
- Task #2 Replace pump risers and housings with loner last stainless steel
- Task #3 Replace corroded hardware and connections
- Task #4 Replace the fuel monitoring system

#### 14. Project Timetable/Milestones:

We anticipate that all work will be performed within one year of award.

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

N/A

#### 16. Project Timing:

- Short-term (3 years or less)       Deferred/long-term (3 – 5 years)



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### APPLICATION SUMMARY QUESTIONNAIRE

17. Is this a Multi-Phase Project?  Yes  No

18. Is any part of this project located on private property?  Yes  No

19. Is there an existing lease between the requesting agency and property owner?  Yes  No

20. If required, are the plans approved by the DMR Permitting Office?  Yes  No

21. Will this project enhance an existing water-dependent activity?  Yes  No

Identify the activity:

The availability of fuel in the Small Craft Harbor promotes recreational boating and marine tourism

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

Identify the project(s):

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

If yes, what acreage:

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

Recreational boaters and marine tourism and charters

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

This project will ensure the availability of fuel in the Small Craft Harbor.



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### APPLICATION SUMMARY QUESTIONNAIRE

**26. Project Category:**

(more than one may apply)

- Conservation
- Reclamation
- Preservation
- Acquisition
- Education
- Public Access
- Public Improvement
- Other (Identify)

Marine tourism

**27. Current status of architectural/ engineering plans & specifications for this project (if applicable):**  
(check one from each group)

- Group 1:
- Completed
  - In Progress
  - Ready to Bid
  - Other (identify)

- Group 2:
- Paid for
  - Funds budgeted
  - Funds not budgeted

**28. Categorize the benefits from 12:**

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

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

- Yes
- No

If yes, identify:

**30. In what way does this project meet the goals and objectives of the Department of Marine Resources and the Secretary of State's Office, which include enhancing, protecting, conserving and providing public access to tidelands affected areas?**

This project meets the goal and objectives of DMR and Secretary of State by improving public access to marine resources.



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## MISSISSIPPI TIDELANDS TRUST FUND PROGRAM Request for Funding FY2028

### APPLICATION SUMMARY

**31. Summarize, in paragraph form, your Tidelands Application below. Give additional detail from TTF-1 Section 7 and include how the project will meet the requirements of the Public Trust Tidelands Act and the potential benefits that would be derived from receipt of Tidelands Trust Funds.**

Although the 243 miles of waterfront within Biloxi city limits, there are only three locations in Biloxi where recreational boaters, marine tours, charter boats and commercial fishing boats can obtain the fuel that makes accessing our marine resources possible. Repairs and updates to the fuel system in the Biloxi Small Craft harbor will help to ensure this necessary commodity remains available and easily accessible.

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32. Estimated number of years to completion:

33. Estimated Completion Date:

34. Prioritize if your agency has submitted multiple projects

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### 35. SIGNATURES

Project Manager:    
Signature Date

Requesting Agency Representative:    
Signature Date

36. Attach project schematics or drawings as appropriate

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



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### BUDGET

Category	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Salaries, wages, Fringe						\$ 0.00
Travel						\$ 0.00
Architecture & Engineering						\$ 0.00
Legal						\$ 0.00
Consulting						\$ 0.00
Construction						\$ 0.00
Site Work						\$ 0.00
Equipment	50000					\$ 50,000.00
Land Acquisition						\$ 0.00
Indirects						\$ 0.00
Other	10000					\$ 10,000.00
<b>Total</b>	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 60,000.00

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

**Instructions:**

1. If project will be completed in one year, complete only the "Year 1" budget column.
2. If project will be completed in two years, complete "Year 1" and "Year 2" columns.
3. Follow the same process as above for "Year 3", "Year 4", and "Year 5", if project will not be completed for 5 years.
4. \*This should be completed only if you plan to reallocate existing funds to this project.
5. \*\*This should only be completed if you were awarded funds in previous Tidelands year for other phases of this same project.
6. \*\*\*Refer only to matching funds secured for this project.



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## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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**2. Location of Project:**

City of Biloxi, Harrison County

**3. Requesting Agency:**

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**6. Funding Requested:**

\$ 60,000.00

**7. Matching Funds:**

\$ 0.00

**8. Source of Matching Funds:**

**9. Total Project Funds:**

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