



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 31, 2024

Sandy Quinn, Jr., Chairman
Gulf County Board of County Commissioners
1000 Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Blvd.
Port Joe, Florida 32456

Dear Mr. Quinn:

We have reviewed the amended Multiyear Implementation Plan from Gulf County submitted on December 14, 2023. We find that the Gulf County Multiyear Plan Amendment #4 is complete and appears to comply with the applicable requirements of the RESTORE Act, Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 CFR Part 34, and Treasury's guidance. As of the date of this letter, Treasury accepts Gulf County's Multiyear Plan Amendment #4.

We encourage you to refer to the Direct Component Funding Opportunity Announcements and Standard and Program-Specific Terms and Conditions on Treasury's RESTORE Act website at <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-markets-financial-institutions-and-fiscal-service/restore-act/direct-component/direct-component-resources> as you prepare your grant application.

We will post all accepted Multiyear Plans on Treasury's RESTORE Act website. In addition, please post Multiyear Plan Amendment #4 on your county's website and provide us with the web address so we can include the link on the Treasury RESTORE Act website.

Treasury's acceptance of this MIP Amendment is not a final determination of the eligibility of activities, projects, and programs for Direct Component grant funding and does not bind Treasury to obligate funds from the Trust Fund. Gulf County must submit a grant application to Treasury for Direct Component funding separately for the activities, projects, and programs listed in your accepted MIP through Treasury's RESTORE Grants Management System (RGMS). Treasury will review the application to determine if it complies with the applicable active Direct Component Funding Opportunity Announcement, including the applicable requirements of the RESTORE Act, Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 CFR Part 34, the Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR Part 200, other federal laws, regulations, and Treasury's policies on grants. Applicants may submit grant applications only for funds that are currently available for distribution from the Trust Fund, in accordance with allocations established under the RESTORE Act and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 CFR 34.302. Treasury will also conduct an independent appraisal on the value of the land that is being proposed for purchase and rehabilitation.

Treasury has determined that Lister Landing, project #8 on the matrix, does not meet the criteria to be covered by Treasury's Public Interest General Applicability Waiver from Application of Section 70914(a) of the Build America, Buy America Act to the RESTORE Act, Direct Component Infrastructure Projects That Were in the Funding Pipeline by May 14, 2022, ('Pipeline Waiver'), effective as of February 17, 2023. As such, Gulf County will need to comply with Build America, Buy America Act requirements for this project.

In the future, whenever a material change is required for this accepted Multiyear Implementation Plan Amendment, Gulf County must follow the same requirements for Treasury's acceptance of its initial Multiyear Implementation Plan, including those for public review and comment to ensure the amendment to your existing MIP is accepted by Treasury. For more information, see Treasury's Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Relating to the Direct Component Program, which sets forth guidance on the statutory and regulatory requirements related to MIPs We look forward to working with you. Please send any questions to restoreact@treasury.gov.

Sincerely,
**Maureen V.
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Maureen Klovers
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DATE & TIME OF MEETINGS: Fourth Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m., E.T.

December 12, 2023

Department of Treasury
RESTORE Act
Direct Component

RE: Gulf County MYIP Amendment-04

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC),

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) reviewed and approved the proposed project list for the MYIP Amendment-04 at the October 2, 2023. The proposed projects were developed based on public and stakeholder input in the initial MYIP process as well as matching projects proposed for the Restore Act and current needs for our area.

The Gulf County MYIP Amendment-04 was made available for public review and comment from October 26, 2023 until December 10, 2023. No public comments were received during this period.

The Gulf County BOCC accepted the MYIP Amendment-04, including each activity in the plan, and voted to approve it after consideration of public comments and meaningful input from the public after the 46-day public comment period. The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners voted to approve the MYIP Amendment-04 at the December 12, 2023 meeting.

Please accept this letter as Gulf County BOCC formally adopting the MYIP Amendment-04.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sherry Herring, Office of Management and Budget Director, at the following e-mail address: sherring@gulfcounty-fl.gov.

Sincerely,



Sandy Quinn, Jr.
Gulf County BOCC Chairman

RESTORE ACT Direct Component Multiyear Plan Matrix — Department of the Treasury										
Applicant Name: Gulf County Board of County Commissioners										
OMB Approval No. 1505-0250										
1. MULTYEAR PLAN VERSION (INITIAL OR AMENDMENT NUMBER): Amendment #04										
3. CUMULATIVE DIRECT COMPONENT ALLOCATION AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO APPLICANT: \$5,162,865.31										
4. TOTAL ALLOCATIONS PLUS KNOWN FUNDS NOT YET DEPOSITED IN TRUST FUND FOR DIRECT COMPONENT: \$18,854,787.35										
5. Primary Direct Component Eligible Activity Further Described in Application (Static Field)										
6. Activity Title (Static Field)										
7. Location (Static Field)										
8. Estimated Total Funding Contributions For Proposed Activity(ies) (refer to instructions)										
8a. Direct Component Contribution										
8b. Other RESTORE Act Contribution										
8c. Other Third Party Contribution										
8d. Total Contribution										
9. Proposed Start Date mm/dd/yyyy										
10. Proposed End Date mm/dd/yyyy										
11. Status (refer to instructions)										
Planning assistance	Direct Component Planning Assistance	Gulf County, FL	\$499,221.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$499,221.84	12-2015	05-2017	Closed. Funded in Award #RDCGR100003.	
Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure	St. Joseph Peninsula Beach Restoration	St. Joseph Peninsula, Gulf County, FL	\$2,781,379.60	\$0.00	\$9,608,000.00	\$12,389,379.60	11-2018	10-2021	Closed. Funded in Award #RDCGR190069.	
Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	Gulf County Public Safety Center	Gulf County, FL	\$1,210,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,210,000.00	04-2019	04-2021	Closed. Funded in Award #RDCGR100080.	
Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing	Howard Creek Lower Landing	Gulf County, FL	\$671,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$671,000.00	10-2020	09-2021	Closed. Funded in Award #RDCGR100134.	
Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	Water Systems Improvements	Gulf County, FL	\$3,069,983.00	\$0.00	\$12,035,041.00	\$15,105,024.00	Within 6 months of approved MYIP	48 months after award	Amendment #03 - working on application.	
Planning assistance	Airport Pre-Construction	Gulf County, FL	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$975,000.00	\$1,975,000.00	Within 6 months of approved MYIP	12 months after project begins	Amendment #03 - working on application.	
Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure	Airport Construction	Gulf County, FL	\$867,882.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$867,882.31	Within 12 months after airport planning project is complete and permits have been obtained	48 months after award	Amendment #03 - on hold until pre-construction activity is completed.	
Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing	Lister Landing	Gulf County, FL	\$225,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225,000.00	Within 6 months of approved MYIP	12 months after project begins	Amendment #04 - New activity	

RESTORE ACT Direct Component Multiyear Plan Narrative

Department of the Treasury

OMB Approval No. 1505-0250

Directions: Use this form for the Initial Multiyear Plan and any subsequent amendments to an accepted Multiyear Plan. For amendments, include only new and/or materially modified activities.

Multiyear Plan Version (Initial or Amendment Number):	04
Date of Initial Multiyear Plan Acceptance:	2/17/2017
Date of Last Multiyear Plan Acceptance:	8/8/2023

Eligible Applicant Name:	Gulf County Board of County Commissioners
Name and Contact Information of the Person to be contacted (POC) on matters concerning this Multiyear Implementation Plan:	
POC Name:	Clay Smallwood
POC Title:	Assistant County Administrator
POC Email:	csmallwood@gulfcounty-fl.gov
POC Phone:	850-229-6106

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:

1. A description of each activity, including the need, purpose, objective(s), milestones and location. Include map showing the location of each activity.

It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners and Staff of Gulf County, Florida to implement the (1) proposed project in this MYP Amendment-04. The project is expected to be performed during a 4-year period and may be completed in phases as funding becomes available.

Lister Landing

Description: Gulf County is a rural, sparsely populated coastal county with abundant natural resources. For these reasons, the county is experiencing a growth in nature-based tourism, especially fishing-related activities. Existing recreational opportunities are often over capacity during seasonal influxes of visitors. The property called Lister Landing is privately owned, but the County is currently leasing a small portion of the property. The owners are now wishing to sell the property, and the County wishes to purchase the property so that it can be publicly owned and open for public use. The purchase would include 10 acres of property and waterfront access. The property also includes a small, secondary boat ramp that could be improved and utilized in the future. The County also plans to improve the area by adding a small picnic area and bench(es) to create an area that will promote use of the boat ramp.

There is another property that works in tandem with the property the County is wanting to purchase. The owners of the other property do not wish to sell, and the County leases that property from them, because the most-used boat ramp is on that property; however, there is no parking available on this property. The Lister Landing property that the County wants to purchase will act as a public access point and provide parking for the boat ramp.

Need: The County currently leases two pieces of property that provides boating services in Gulf County. One property is open to selling to the County, but the other property wishes to stay in a long-term lease agreement with the County. Purchasing the one property will allow permanent public access and parking for the boat ramp that exists on the other property that is leased. By purchasing this property, it will also give us future opportunity to establish our own boat ramp if the other property no longer wishes to lease.

Purpose: To acquire a public access point that will have access to boating services and create a small picnic area.

Objective: The objective of the project is to improve public access and grow nature-based tourism industry in Gulf County. By purchasing the property, the County can ensure that the property is maintained and accessible to the public in perpetuity. It will also allow the County to improve the property by adding a small picnic area and bench(es).

Milestones: 1) Conduct site assessment and appraisal, if current appraisal is not accepted; 2) complete purchase of land and improvement of small picnic area; 3) promotion of free permanent access point on County website; 4) file periodic reports to grantor; 5) complete project closeout and file report with Treasury.

Location: Please see attached map.

2. How the applicant made the multiyear plan available for 45 days for public review and comment, in a manner calculated to obtain broad-based participation from individuals, businesses, Indian tribes, and non-profit organizations, such as through public meetings, presentations in languages other than English, and postings on the Internet. The applicant will need to submit documentation (e.g., a copy of public notices) to demonstrate that it made its multiyear plan available to the public for at least 45 days. In addition, describe how each activity in the multiyear plan was approved after consideration of all meaningful input from the public and submit documentation (e.g., a letter from the applicant's leadership approving submission of the multiyear plan to Treasury or a resolution approving the applicant's multiyear plan).

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners reviewed and approved the proposed project list for the MYIP amendment at a special meeting on October 2, 2023. Public Comments were allowed as is per common practice at all County Commission Meetings. The proposed projects were developed based on public and stakeholder input in the initial MYIP process as well as matching projects proposed for the Restore Act and current needs for our area.

The document was made available to the public for review and comment from October 26, 2023 until December 10, 2023 (a 46-day period).

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners published NOTICE that the Draft MYIP was available for the Public's review and comment during the 45-day period at the following locations:

- Gulf County RESTORE Act website: <https://www.gulfcountyrestore.com> and the main County website: <https://www.gulfcounty-fl.gov>
- The Star, the local news publication, <https://gulfcounty.news>
- Information packet posted for the BOCC meetings held October 24, 2023 and November 28, 2023.

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners accepted and approved the MYIP Amendment #04, including each activity in the plan, after consideration of public comments and meaningful input from the public after the 46-day public comment period. The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners voted to approve the MYIP Amendment-04 on December 12, 2023. There were no public comments received during the 46-day public comment period.

3. How each activity included in the applicant's multiyear plan narrative meets all the requirements under the RESTORE Act, including a description of how each activity is eligible for funding based on the geographic location of each activity and how each activity qualifies for at least one of the eligible activities under the RESTORE Act.

Lister Landing

Primary Eligible Activity: Promotion of tourism in the Gulf Coast Region, including recreational fishing. This acquisition promotes tourism by providing a public access point and parking to a boating venue for tourists to utilize that will be free to the public and owned and maintained by the County. It will also create a small picnic area and bench(es) that can be enjoyed by citizens and tourists.

Geographic Requirement: The access point would be located in Gulf County. Please see attached map.

4. Criteria the applicant will use to evaluate the success of the activities included in the multiyear plan narrative in helping to restore and protect the Gulf Coast Region impacted by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Lister Landing

The performance measures that will be used to measure the success of the activity include:

- Number of permanent free public access points/parking created
- Number of small picnic area and bench(es) created

5. How the activities included in the multiyear plan narrative were prioritized and list the criteria used to establish the priorities.

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, with staff, and the County's RESTORE Act Committee and outside consultants, developed the initial MYIP for Gulf County. From the original list of proposed projects, (1) project was accepted in the initial MYIP submitted in 2017. The proposed projects in the MYIP Amendment include some of the

projects proposed in the initial process, and further refined by the Board of County Commissioners and staff. As the Board of County Commissioners has moved through this process, project priorities have changed due to local factors and developed priorities. These priorities include new water infrastructure, airport access, and public access to a boating venue. While the BOCC remains committed to all projects originally outlined in the MYIP, need and necessity has required the Board to re-evaluate timing and priorities. The projects in this MYIP- Amendment #04 were prioritized and approved by the Board of County Commissioners at the October 2, 2023 meeting.

6. If applicable, describe the amount and current status of funding from other sources (e.g., other RESTORE Act contribution, other third party contribution) and provide a description of the specific portion of the project to be funded by the RESTORE Act Direct Component.

Lister Landing

The Direct Component funds will be used to cover the costs of the land acquisition and small picnic area of Lister Landing.