

GULF COUNTY RESTORE ACT PROJECT PRE-PROPOSAL FORM

Project Name: Florida Scallop & Music Festival

Submitting Entity: Gulf County Chamber of Commerce

I. Please select one or more eligible activity that the project is classified under:

Restoration and protection of the natural resources, ecosystems, fisheries, marine and wildlife habitats, beaches, and coastal wetlands of the Gulf Coast region.

Mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife and natural resources.

Implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal or comprehensive conservation management plan, including fisheries monitoring.

Workforce development and job creation.

Improvements to or on State parks located in coastal areas affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

X Infrastructure projects benefitting the economy or ecological resources, including port infrastructure.

Coastal flood protection and related infrastructure.

Planning assistance.

X Promotion of tourism and seafood in the Gulf Coast region.

II. Please provide an executive summary of the project. Describe/quantify the economic (jobs, infrastructure, tourism, etc.) and environmental benefits (habitat, quality, knowledge, long-term sustainability, etc.).

It is the objective of the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce to promote our area as destination where visitors and local alike can enjoy the many unique and beautiful aspects of our natural landscape while supporting local businesses. It is through marketing special events that we enlarge the attention to our area to increase the local economy.

After many 16 successful years operating the Florida Scallop & Music Festival, the Gulf County Chamber of Commerce is seeking to create a Private organization "Gulf Fest, LLC" to handle all "Events" and be a sustainable group that the Gulf County Chamber can seed with profits from previous years festivals. It would also save the Chamber operating account in the event of a loss. It would have its own board and would operate independently from the chamber. In order to accomplish this we are requesting funding for a festival director and office space needs.

III. Please provide a cost summary/budget. Detail any matching/cooperative funds available for use, and any cooperative support from governmental or other agencies.

In order to full fund this organization for one year the budget is as follows:

Festival Director: 20 hours/ week @ \$20/ hour/ year	\$20,800
Office Rent:	\$12,000
Total:	\$32,800

IV. Please provide a timeline for project completion. Explain the technical and environmental feasibility (including any permitting considerations) of the project.

Ideally we would like to begin in August 2013. This would provide us with the resources to invest into our 2014 Florida Scallop & Music Festival that will be held the first week in August.

V. Please provide the qualifications of the Submitting Entity, the financial feasibility/sustainability and the economic feasibility and sustainability of the project (probability of success, etc.).

The Gulf County Chamber of Commerce is a 501 (c) (6) that exist exclusively as an economic driver for our local business community. Our organization is in its 77th year of operation and is funded through membership dues, city and county funding, and corporation sponsorships.

The results of the Gulf Fest, LLC organization will be measurable through the event revenue directly and indirectly through bed tax collections and local business revenue. We believe that the increased revenues will help launch this event into a self sustaining, annual festival that will grow substantially.

VI. Please provide the anticipated results of the project, and whether it is included in a City of Port St. Joe, City of Wewahitchka or Gulf County Comprehensive and Mitigation Plan?

The results of the improved management of the Florida Scallop & Music Festival through Gulf Fest, LLC. will be reflected in increased number of attendees and ultimately increased revenue for local business. This project aligns with both The City of Port St. Joe and Gulf County plans as events promotions feeds directly into Tourism Marketing and can be measured though bed tax collections and local business revenues.

Submitted By:


Signature

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February 27, 2013

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**PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY AND PUBLIC ACCESS ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR
GULF COUNTY RESTORE ACT APPLICANTS**

I, Paula Ramsey Pickett the undersigned authority and/or representative of the entity Gulf County Chamber of Commerce and or the individual who has submitted the Gulf County RESTORE Act Proposal/Pre-Proposal titled Scallop Festival hereby acknowledge, consent and accept the following representations that coincide with my/our submission for consideration, evaluation and possible recommendation and approval by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners for funding from the RESTORE Act distribution that strictly complies with the guidelines and regulations set forth under the Restoration and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012:

1. I/We am the authorized representative of the application/pre-proposal referenced above.
2. I/We have thoroughly reviewed and familiarized myself and/or my entity on which I have submitted the application/pre-proposal on behalf of with the entirety of the Gulf County Public Records policy.
3. I/We have thoroughly reviewed and familiarized myself and/or my entity on which I have submitted the application/pre-proposal on behalf of with the entirety of the Florida Statute Chapter 119 which controls and permits public access to information.
4. I/We hereby acknowledge, consent and agree to the controlling policies and statutes above as well as the free and open exchange of any and all submissions provided hereunder this application/pre-proposal and all information exchanged hereafter including but not limited to further amendments to these proposals as well as surveys, studies, research, data production, books, drawings, property records, work papers, county owner lists, files, forms, reports, accounts, documents, manuals, handbooks, instructions, printouts relating in any manner for the production of the application. In addition, all papers, notes, data, reference material, documentation, programs, printouts, and all other media and forms of expression that in any way include, incorporate or reflect any confidential information of what ultimately shall become the Gulf County plans for use and application of the RESTORE Act funding.
5. I/We acknowledge, agree and fully consent to cooperate with the appointed Gulf County RESTORE ACT committee, county officials and staff as a continuing obligation and condition of final review for this RESTORE Act application/pre-proposal.
6. I/We have submitted this acknowledgment to Gulf County RESTORE Act Committee and the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners for the purpose and intent of receiving an evaluation, review and possible recommendations for anticipated funding from the Restoration and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012.


Signature of RESTORE Act Applicant

Date: 27-Feb-13

Paula Ramsey Pickett
Printed Name