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Mississippi Gulf Coast MPO
Local Public Agencies within
Hancock, Harrison and Jackson Counties

RE: Call for Projects - FY 2018 Highway Infrastructure Program Funds

Dear MPO member,

The Mississippi Gulf Coast MPO has been authorized to program \$907,877 to transportation projects on the Gulf Coast from the U.S. Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, 2018. This federal funding can be used at an 80/20 ratio under the same regulations as our Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds.

The funds from this apportionment are available for obligation until September 30, 2021. Any amounts not obligated on or before September 30, 2021, shall lapse. This means that project readiness will be a highly rated criteria for these funds.

For this funding opportunity, GRPC is looking for projects that address the MPO goal to *support the economic vitality of the region*. Eligible projects are those that address an immediate transportation need that is critical to economic development. Projects will be scored based on the degree of quantifiable, generated economic impact and opportunity made possible by transportation project.

The application deadline for this funding will be March 14, 2019. Project programming will occur at the June 27th MPO meeting. I have attached a project application and information sheet for this opportunity.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thanks,

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GRPC