

BP Deepwater Horizon Response - \$25 million MS Block Grant Program

The Purpose of the Mississippi British Petroleum Deepwater Horizon Response Block Grant (MSBPDHRBG) program is to expedite and accelerate the implementation of an approved Area Contingency Plan (ACP) and "other sensitive areas" related to Deepwater Horizon Response activities. The MSBPDHRBG program will be administered jointly by the Mississippi Department of Environment Quality (MDEQ) and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) Executive Directors on behalf of the Governor of Mississippi.

Only county or municipal governments located in the Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties of Mississippi are eligible for grant awards, on a cost reimbursable basis. Eligible County or municipal governments shall submit applications to: Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Ave, Biloxi, MS 39530. Sub-grants will initially run from the date of declared state of emergency through 12/31/2010. Applications must contain the following minimum elements:

- Grantee information
- Narrative description of the proposed activity and expected outcomes consistent with the principals described below.
- Supporting practical and technical information
- Schedule of implementation
- Cost of proposed activities
- Applications may be submitted in electronic format

Potential activities to be considered for funding by MSBPDHRBG grants shall be evaluated based on the following principles:

- Enhance the delivery, preparation, mitigation, response and recovery efforts to effect substantial beneficial impacts on the coastal environment from this event.
- Coordinate and facilitate effective response to protect the sensitive coastal environments of Mississippi threatened by the Deep Water Horizon (DWH) spill.
- Work in coordination with the efforts of the responsible party, British Petroleum (BP).
- Support administrative and operational costs incurred in management and implementation of mitigation and response strategies to combat the spill (including but not limited to the environmental vulnerabilities outlined in the Area Contingency Plan (ACP) and other sensitive areas).
- Have reasonable potential to be effective in mitigating impacts from DWH spill and based on reasonable practical and technical principles.

MSBPDHRBG applications shall be evaluated by the Technical Efficacy Committee (TEC). The purpose of the TEC is to evaluate the practical and technical merit of the proposal and to make recommendations to the Executive Directors of the MDEQ and MDMR. The Executive Directors, collaboratively, shall further evaluate all proposals and approve or deny applications after considering recommendations of the TEC, Departmental staffs and consistency with the stated purpose of this grant program.

Successful applications shall be funded by the following process:

Approved applications shall be sent to the MDMR Administrative Services Office (ASO) for verification of availability of funds and tracking purposes.

The Sub-Grant Recipients will be required to contact the MDMR ASO to update existing vendor information or register as a new vendor for the State of Mississippi.

The MDMR will issue sub-grant agreements based on the approved applications. Attached is an example of a sub-grant agreement.

Sub-Grant Recipients will submit invoices, along with supporting documentation/receipts to the MDMR, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530. Documentation and invoices will be verified to assure all outlined criteria for reimbursement, as stated in the Mississippi British Petroleum Deepwater Horizon Response Block Grant (MSBPDHGB), are met. Following approval, the MDMR will submit the invoices to the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) for payment to be issued to the Sub-Grant Recipients.

Sub-grants will initially run from the date the city declared a state of emergency through 12/31/2010. Sub-grants can be amended for additional time if necessary.

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