



MEMORANDUM

To: Galveston County Commissioners' Court
From: Betsy Thomas, Grants Administration Manager
Court Date: June 9, 2025
RE: Parks and Cultural Services
Cycle 31 Coastal Management Program Grant Application
Gregory Park Improvement Project

BACKGROUND

The Texas General Land Office administers the Coastal Management Program (CMP) to improve the management of the state's coastal resources and ensure the long-term ecological and economic productivity of the coast.

SUMMARY

Galveston County is seeking grant funds from the CMP program to engineer-design and construct improvements at Gregory Park on Bolivar Peninsula that will include a restroom facility, playground, sidewalks and a parking lot. The application deadline was June 4th and grant staff is requesting ratification of the submission of the application.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

County Match	\$0.00
Grant Application Request	<u>\$770,000.00</u>
Total Estimated Project Amount	\$770,000.00

RECOMMENDATIONS

Professional Services requests the Court consider ratification of the County Judge's signature on required forms and submission of the FY 2025/2026 Cycle 31 Coastal Management Program grant application to the Texas General Land Office.

ATTACHEMENTS FOR WET SIGNATURE

☐ None

Application: Galveston County Gregory Park Access Enhancement Project

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CMP Cycle 31 GOMESA-Funded Project (PSM) Application

Summary

ID: 0000000080

Project Information

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Project Information

Entity Name

* If your Entity Name is not found in the list of selections, please scroll to the bottom of the list and select Other. Then enter your Entity's Name in the "Entity Name If Other" box below.

Galveston County

Entity Name If Other

Please only enter main institutions. Do not enter departments or divisions.

(No response)

Entity Type

County government within coastal zone boundary

Project County

Galveston

Funding Priority

Applicant must select both a Funding Priority and an associated Subpriority from the drop down list. Proposed projects **MUST** directly implement the selected priority.

Public Access

Enhancement/rehabilitation of existing public access points to beaches, bays, parks, and other public land through the creation of infrastructure or land acquisition.

Type of Project

Construction/Land Acquisition

Project Location

Give the address if applicable

Street Address	2292 State Highway 87
City	Crystal Beach
State	TX
Zip	77650

Is the project location within the Texas Coastal Zone Boundary (CZB)?

Please note the project must be located within the CZB to be eligible for CMP funding. A map of the CZB can be found in the current guidance document.

Yes

Project Coordinates

The latitude and longitude are required for construction/land acquisition projects.

When providing latitude and longitude, indicate the number of coordinates you will provide.

Please give a short description of each point if more than one latitude and longitude are provided.

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#1

	Latitude	Longitude
Coordinates	29.462554	-94.618846

Short Description

Gregory Park is a 15-acre community park on Bolivar Peninsula in the unincorporated community of Crystal Beach in Galveston County. The park currently has a baseball field and a 5,084 square foot pavilion with electrical and water hook-ups.

Public Ownership

1. Is the project located on property that is publicly owned or accessible via a publicly held easement?

Construction/land acquisition projects must occur on public or state-owned land and cannot occur on privately owned or federal land or land owned by a nonprofit organization unless there is a perpetual lease or conservation easement in place. Leases or conservation easements must be held by a regional, local, or state governmental entity and cannot be privately or federally held.

Yes

2. Who owns the Property?

Galveston County

3. If there is an easement in place, who holds the easement?

Entry to Gregory park occurs through Barbados Drive, which is a County-owed and maintained street.

4. Will this project make improvements to private property?

No

Ranking

If applying for more than one project, rank this project's priority.

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Texas Coastal Resiliency Master Plan

If the proposed work will implement a project listed in the current Texas Coastal Resiliency Master Plan, please enter the Master Plan Project ID.

Project is not currently listed in the Texas Coastal Resiliency master Plan

GOMESA Authorized Use

Which GOMESA Authorized Use will this project implement?

Mitigation of the impact of OCS activities through the funding of onshore infrastructure Projects

Contact Information

Project Manager

Salutation (Optional)	Ms.
First	Julie
MI	(No response)
Last	Walker
Title	Parks and Cultural Services Director
Street Address	4102 FM 519
City	La Marque
State	Texas
Zip Code	77568
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Project Description

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This is my form.

Goal Statement

In 1-3 sentences, provide a clear, concise statement of what this project will accomplish. Consider this the "elevator pitch" for the proposed project. Example: *The goal of this project is to increase public access by building three pavilions in the County park. This project will complete engineering and design, permitting and construction.*

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The goal of this project is to enhance community infrastructure in Gregory Park, located in the unincorporated Bolivar Peninsula area, by constructing a new playground, restroom facility, parking lot, and accessible sidewalks. These improvements will provide safe, inclusive recreational opportunities and essential amenities for residents and visitors of all ages. This investment aims to foster community well-being, encourage outdoor activity, and support equitable access to public spaces.

Background

Provide historical and contextual information needed to understand the project. Describe contextual happenings such as how or why the issue arose, how long it has existed, activities going on in the area, stresses impacting the issue, etc.

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Gregory Park outgrew Bolivar's largest festival and was left with a pavilion and a port-o-let. As one of the few parks on the west end of the Bolivar Peninsula, a lack of amenities for the community caused concern and brought the community together for one goal, make Gregory Park a destination park for the residents of Bolivar. In 2019, funds were used to build a new ball field for little league baseball. In 2021, soccer goals were added, so a soccer league could be started. In 2023, members of the Chamber of Commerce and community met with Parks department to see what else could be added to make this centralized park on Bolivar a safe and fun place for people of all ages. This has led us here to add more amenities to an ever-growing Bolivar Peninsula and with the community support, this will be a huge success.

Project Need

Explain why this project is needed. Describe the economic or ecological need for the work proposed. Describe who needs the project, why they need it, and what they will do with the outcomes and results.

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Gregory Park lacks adequate infrastructure to comfortably serve the local community and visitors with no amenities. Now that the festival has moved, it's the perfect time to create a much-needed accessible park that serves the community and visitors alike. The current baseball field and soccer field are used year-round with no permanent restroom facility, which poses hygiene and convenience issues, especially during games and community events. Additionally, the absence of accessible sidewalks and a designated parking lot makes the park difficult to navigate for individuals with mobility challenges and creates safety concerns for all users. Adding a playground enhances growth of the community and provides a safe place for kids to go before, during, and after other games. Upgrading these facilities is essential to ensure that Gregory Park is a safe, inclusive, and welcoming public space for everyone on the Bolivar Peninsula.

Project Benefit

Describe how the project provides ecological or economic benefits. Describe how the project would directly and/or indirectly result in the stated benefit(s). When discussing ecological benefits, specifically describe which Coastal Natural Resource Areas (CNRAs) will benefit and how. Also describe the economic benefits the project will have on the local or regional community (i.e., direct, indirect, temporary, permanent, and/or cumulative).

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The Gregory Park improvement project offers both ecological and economic benefits to the Bolivar Peninsula community. Environmentally, the project will incorporate sustainable design elements such as permeable paving in the parking lot and native landscaping around sidewalks and play areas, reducing stormwater runoff and supporting local biodiversity. Economically, the upgraded amenities will attract more visitors and community events, boosting local small businesses and increasing the area's appeal as a family-friendly destination, which can contribute to long-term economic development in this unincorporated region. While all the new amenities will bring more visitors to the park, the parking lot will serve the biggest need in getting more visitors to the park, but also provide direct benefits for the residents when there are games and community events.

Funding Priority Implementation

Explain exactly how the proposed project will implement the specific funding priority selected above. Use keywords from the selected funding priority and/or subpriority to clearly describe the direct and specific way the priority will be achieved.

Note: Projects should not indirectly implement a funding priority. The CMP is looking for direct implementation of the exact listed funding priority. For example, if the "Living shoreline construction and/or post-construction effectiveness monitoring" subpriority is selected, please write "This project will construct a living shoreline at XX location, directly implementing the subpriority selected."

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Adding a restroom, playground, sidewalks, and parking lot to Gregory Park will significantly enhance access point creation by making the park a functional, inclusive, and welcoming entry hub for community engagement. The parking lot provides a safe, designated area for vehicles, improving convenience and accessibility for residents and visitors, including those with disabilities. Sidewalks create safe, navigable pathways that connect all amenities and can serve as links to nearby neighborhoods or trails, while the playground and restroom encourage longer visits, turning the park into a true destination and access node for recreation, events, and community programs.

Timeline

Describe how the project will be structured to ensure it is completed within 3-years. **(Word Limit: 100)**

Once awarded, the County will go through 8 weeks of procurement to select an engineer to design and lead the project. Anticipated completion of the RFP for construction would take 2 months. Preconstruction meeting and mobilization will take 2 weeks. Project completion should take no more than 12 months. This includes the amenities selections, manufacturing, shipping, and installation. That is a total of 75 weeks which correlates to roughly 1.5 years for project completion, well within the 3-year deadline.

Outcomes

Describe the expected tangible project outcomes.

If presenting a construction/land acquisition project, explain what will be constructed, restored, or acquired by the end of the 3-year contract.

If presenting a non-construction project, explain the tangible item the research, data collection, mapping, etc. will produce.

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At the end of the project we will have built a new 2-stall restroom facility, a new playground with pour-in-place surfacing and ADA borders, a new parking lot with accessible parking spots, and a new ADA sidewalk system that will connect the ballfield, parking lot, restroom, playground, and other future amenities.

Public Access

Will members of the public need to pay a fee to access the project site?

No

Is the project site gated or fenced in?

No

Project Permitting

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Does this project require permitting? If uncertain, please refer to the current guidance document.

No

List all known federal, state, and local permits, authorizations, waivers, determinations and ongoing consultations required to completed the proposed project. If any of these items have been obtained, include the permit's execution and expiration dates.

The project is on County-owned property in the unincorporated part of the county so the County Engineering Department will provide a permit that will test the concrete for the restroom and sidewalks. There will be a TDLR inspection required all components.

PSM - Tabular Budget

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Section Heading

Salaries

Total Salaries = \$

Please use whole dollar amounts without commas (e.g. 5000).

0

Fringe Benefits

Total Fringe Benefit Cost = \$

Please use whole dollar amounts without commas (e.g. 5000).

0

Travel

Total Travel Cost = \$

Please use whole dollar amounts without commas (e.g. 5000).

0

Supplies

Total Supplies Cost = \$

Please use whole dollar amounts without commas (e.g. 5000).

5000

Equipment

Total Equipment Cost = \$

Please use whole dollar amounts without commas (e.g. 5000).

0

Contractual

Total Contractual Cost = \$

Please use whole dollar amounts without commas (e.g. 5000).

765000

Other

Total Other Cost = \$

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0

Indirect Costs

Total Indirect Costs = \$

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0

Total Direct Costs

Total Direct Costs = \$770000

Total Project Costs

Total Project Costs = \$770000

Upload Additional Documentation

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Location Map

Map showing project location. Include latitude and longitude information, if applicable.

Required for all projects.

[Gregory Park Mapping.docx](#)

Filename: Gregory Park Mapping.docx **Size:** 4.7 MB

Permits

If permits and/or environmental clearances have already been applied for or acquired, upload copies of the relevant documents.

Letters of Support

- All projects are required to submit 1-3 letters of support
- Letters should describe the project's relevance/impact within the project area
- Should be signed by an executive of the entity
- Should be dated within one year of the application submission deadline
- Should be distinct in messaging and not contain "canned" language

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Optional Additional Supporting Documents Upload

Construction/Land acquisition Project - Additional Requirements

Project Site Plan/Designs

Include drawings of the project site that depict property and/or easement lines and other facilities on site, identify CNRAs and include a legend describing existing and proposed components of the project. Include project designs, if applicable.

[Gregory Park Drawing.docx](#)

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Photos of Project Site

[Gregory Park Location Imaging.docx](#)

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