

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE  
ANALYSIS OF BA-7 REQUEST  
Approved By JLCB**

**DEPARTMENT:** Culture, Recreation & Tourism

**AGENDA NO.:** 1

**AGENCY:** Tourism

**ANALYST:** Willie Marie Scott

<u>Means of Financing</u>		<u>Expenditures by Program</u>		<u>T. O.</u>
State General Fund:	\$0	Administrative	\$0	0
Interagency Transfers:	\$0	Marketing	\$50,000	0
Self-Generated Revenue:	\$0	Welcome Centers	\$0	0
Statutory Dedications:	\$0			
Federal Funds:	\$50,000			
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$50,000</u></b>	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$50,000</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>

**I. SUMMARY/COMMENTS**

The purpose of this BA-7 request is to increase expenditure authority in the Marketing Program within the Office of Tourism by \$50,000 in federal grant funds. The source is a U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration grant to update and enhance the LA Birding Trails. The grant's term is from 12/7/2020 to 12/6/2022 and the total amount of the grant is \$450,000 (\$360,000 federal/\$90,000 state match). The Office of Tourism will use funding currently allocated toward the birding trail as state match.

According to the Office of Tourism, the \$50,000 expenditure for FY 21 is subject to the completion of the requests for proposals (RFP) bid process to identify and award consultants. Listed below are the grant amounts and activities to be conducted under the terms of the grant:

\$300,000 to evaluate up to 300 birding sites, including the 254 birding sites on the Office of Tourism's four (4) birding trails; review and identify other birding websites; and compile all the information.

\$125,000 to develop content for a LA Birding Trail website.

\$15,000 to develop a printable and downloadable comprehensive birding list using ornithological guidelines from the LA Birding website.

\$10,000 to develop a PowerPoint presentation for local officials and groups, as well as portal and birding site manager training on birding and wildlife.

**II. IMPACT ON FUTURE FISCAL YEARS**

This is a one-time federal grant award allotment that is anticipated to be expended within a 2-year budget period. All unexpended budget amounts will be carried forward into the next fiscal year. All funds are due to be expended by 12/6/2022 in FY 23.

**III. LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE RECOMMENDATION**

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of this BA-7 request.

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DEPARTMENT: Wildlife & Fisheries

AGENDA NO.: 2

AGENCY: Office of Wildlife

ANALYST: Carter Albert

<u>Means of Financing</u>		<u>Expenditures by Program</u>		<u>T. O.</u>
State General Fund:	\$0	Wildlife	\$2,480,000	0
Interagency Transfers:	\$0			
Self-Generated Revenue:	\$0			
Statutory Dedications:	\$2,480,000			
Federal Funds:	\$0			
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$2,480,000</u></b>	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$2,480,000</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>

**I. SUMMARY/COMMENTS**

This is an after-the-fact BA-7 request. Of the \$2,480,000 requested, a total of \$295,553 has been expended and a total of \$1,183,744 has been encumbered through purchase orders in FY 21.

The purpose of this BA-7 is to increase budget authority in the statutorily dedicated Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge and Game Preserve Fund in the amount of \$2,480,000 in the Office of Wildlife and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF). This fund was created by RS 56:797 to pay for the cost of maintenance, policing, and improving the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, and the development of conditions suitable for improving such wildlife refuge and preserve. The revenue to this fund is received as royalty, rentals, or otherwise from leases for the exploration, development, or production of oil, gas, and other minerals on all or any portion of the lands in the parishes of Vermilion and Cameron comprising the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge. The current fund balance is \$21,950,382 as of 1/12/21.

The funds will be budgeted accordingly in order to fund major storm repairs needed to resume normal business operations at the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge due to extensive damage caused by Hurricanes Laura and Delta. The Department has expended \$295,553 and encumbered \$1,183,744 on limestone to repair roads within the refuge in order to have access to make further repairs within the refuge as well as allow public access. The limestone was delivered on December 7, 2020 to the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge.

The \$2,480,000 in funding will be budgeted for storm repairs as follows:

- East Goose Pasture roads-2,310 tons #610 limestone (\$100,000)
- Price Lake Road-34,374 tons #610 limestone (\$1,420,000)\*
- Price Lake Road-2,100 tons 1.5x3.0 inch limestone (\$90,000)\*
- Unit 2 road-10,858 tons #610 limestone (\$450,000)
- East/West Goose Pasture Pumps (\$95,000)
- East End Locks (\$235,000)
- Price Lake Bridge (\$10,000)
- Price Lake Walkways South (\$55,000)
- Price Lake Walkways North (\$15,000)
- Price Lake Tower (\$10,000)

\*A total of \$295,553 has been expended and \$1,183,744 has been encumbered

**II. IMPACT ON FUTURE FISCAL YEARS**

LDWF has indicated they will seek reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) once repairs are completed. To the extent that the department receives FEMA reimbursement, the Legislative Fiscal Office assumes some portion of \$2.48 M will be returned to the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge and Game Preserve Fund. Currently, the reimbursement rate is 75% - 25% for Hurricane Laura (DR-4559-LA).

**III. LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE RECOMMENDATION**

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of this BA-7.

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DEPARTMENT: Ancillary  
AGENCY: Risk Management

AGENDA NO.: 3  
ANALYST: Patrice Thomas

<u>Means of Financing</u>		<u>Expenditures by Program</u>		<u>T. O.</u>
State General Fund:	\$0	Risk Management	\$50,000,000	0
Interagency Transfers:	\$0			
Self-Generated Revenue:	\$50,000,000			
Statutory Dedications:	\$0			
Federal Funds:	\$0			
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$50,000,000</u></b>	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$50,000,000</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>

**I. SUMMARY/COMMENTS**

The purpose of the BA-7 request is to increase SGR by \$50 M within the Office of Risk Management (ORM) for second round of insurance advance payments from commercial insurance carriers related to property loss sustained to state-owned facilities during Hurricane Laura. ORM purchases commercial property insurance coverage to supplement the self-insurance fund and cover insured property losses that exceed self-insured retention. ORM has approximately 1,200 claims as a result of Hurricane Laura. The estimated damages to state-owned facilities from Hurricane Laura are estimated to exceed \$200 M. If this BA-7 request is approved, ORM will have received \$100 M of the estimated \$200 M of damages from commercial insurance carriers.

As of 1/15/2021, ORM has already received \$42.5 M advance from commercial insurers. The remaining \$7.5 M advance is expected to be received by mid-January 2021. ORM will use the second \$50 M advancement to continue repairs to facilities and structures on projects identified as priority projects as follows: McNeese State University, SOWELA Technical Community College, the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals, and three prisons within the Department of Corrections (Allen and Winn Correctional Centers as well as Dixon Correctional Institute).

The expenditures associated with this BA-7 request are budgeted in the Other Charges category to pay contractors and vendors for completed repairs to state-owned facilities.

**Commercial Property Insurance Coverage  
Advance Payment for Hurricane Laura**

\$ 50,000,000 - BA-7 Approved 12/18/2020  
\$ 50,000,000 - BA-7 Request 1/22/2021  
 \$100,000,000 - Total Advance Payments

**II. IMPACT ON FUTURE FISCAL YEARS**

The Legislative Fiscal Office anticipates this BA-7 request will be annualized in the FY 22 budget.

**III. LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE RECOMMENDATION**

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of this BA-7 request.