



RESTORE Act Projects

The Gulf Coast Discovery Center, Phase I

Project Description

This project involves the programming, exhibit concept, and development guide necessary for the initial phase of a 9,000 sq. ft. LEED certified Marine Interpretive Center. The facility will showcase the Pensacola Bay Watershed with a specific focus on the Gulf of Mexico and its marine life. It will serve as a gathering place for marine education, sustainable seafood cooking demonstrations, and exploration of Navarre Beach through guided and self-guided tours.

The proposed facility will meet a need on Navarre Beach for a family attraction that can accommodate large groups and has qualified staff for environmental and marine education. The Northwest Florida Marine Education and Discovery and Gulf Ecosystems, Inc. (NWFL Marine EDGE) tested the destination visitor market over a two-year period and estimates such a facility will see 20,000 visitors annually.



RESTORE Direct Component Funding Allocation

\$95,243

