



Budget and Administrative Services Department Fiscal Services Division, Grants Section

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Charlotte County Marine Advisory Committee

Application for Grant funding for the FY2015/2016 Budget year from 10/1/2015

Please complete the following information and submit to the Charlotte County Fiscal Services Division Office by Thursday, February 5, 2015. All funding requests will be compiled and presented to the Marine Advisory Committee (MAC) at their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2015 (9:30 am, BCC Room 119). All departments/agencies requesting funds should have a representative present at the March 12th meeting to present their request and answer questions from the Committee. Blank copies of this Application can be found at <http://www.charlottecountyfl.com/BoardsCommittees/MAC/> then clicking on "Boater Improvement Fund Application Information."

Name of Organization: Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center
Principal Officer, President, Chairman etc.: Dorothea Zysko, Board President and Thomas Hecker, CEO
Address: 10941 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33955
Telephone number: (941) 575-5435 Email: thomas@checlorida.org or doris@checlorida.org

Amount of Funding Requested **\$21,760.00**

Total Cost of Project: **\$ 31,140.00**

Does your organization/department receive any other funding sources: YES If yes, please list: Southwest Florida Water Management District, public and business donations, and donations/discounts on goods and services from area marine business such as Punta Gorda Marina and Cape Haze Marina.

Project Location: Alligator Creek Location

Estimated Completion Date: June 2016

Purpose of Funding Requested: CHEC has implemented six, full day, summer camps and one (1/2 day camp for New Operation Cooper Street Kids.) These camps will begin in June and run through August and are designed to teach children over a six week period. Our Kayak based water based, summer programs are: **#1 "Learn to Fish."** This program includes knot tying, fish identification, cast netting, rods and reels, and more. All delivered in collaboration with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission through games, practice, & time on the water. **#2 "Kids Gone Coastal."** This program is designed for kids to get out and get wet while learning boating rules and safety. Learn all about our local estuary system and the creatures that live where the river meets the sea. Take home water conservation tips and improve the health of our local watershed. Become River Patrollers and learn outdoor leadership. **#3 "CHEC Rangers"** Collect scientific data, explore the river with a map & compass. They will roll up their sleeves and get involved in good river conservation. All children will be taught how to enter and exit a Kayak safely, basic paddle strokes, feeling comfortable in a kayak, and proper equipment fit.

In addition to our summer camps CHEC will play a huge role in the **Charlotte County**

Coastal Cleanup Programs in an effort to locate & remove tons of tires, appliances, & numerous other non-biodegradable debris from our fragile waterways. We support a comprehensive recycling & water quality testing program and teach this in our youth programs. It is our hope this generation of children will appreciate and understand the unique characteristics of our estuaries and its importance to the local economy.

If permits are required, list each required, it's type and status. Attach all permits that have been issued to this application along with the estimated length of time to complete the project by phase and a vicinity map. No Permits are required.

Benefit to the County: CHEC has expanded our programming to meet the needs of our growing student community. We are offering six (5 full day) summer camps and one (1/2 day camp this year.) If given this opportunity for funding - Our naturalists would continue to provide the skills and level of knowledge that will produce life-long kayaking, fishing, and boating enthusiasts.

Any operating costs associated with the project: Yes, see attached.

Other justification: _____

Signature of authorized individual responsible for this application, and should funding be granted, the person responsible for assurances that funds are spent as proposed.

Thomas Hecker
Thomas Hecker, CEO

4-28-15

BUDGET ESTIMATE DETAIL	Grant Funds Requested	Matching Funds	Total
Summer Camp Programs and Coastal Cleanup Programs			
10 Tandem Kayaks with Paddles and Life Jackets for 20 students & Teachers per class	12,380.00	0.00	12,380.00
Program Presentation Naturalist/Educators	9,380.00	9,380.00	18,760.00
	21,760.00		31,140.00



Fishing Kayaks

The Malibu Two XL Angler is one of the first tandem sit-on-tops specifically set up for kayak fishing. Over 450 lbs. of capacity plus great stability, adds up to a great choice for two anglers and their gear. Perfect for dads (and moms) who want to introduce the sport of fishing to their kids. You'll never want to fish alone again.

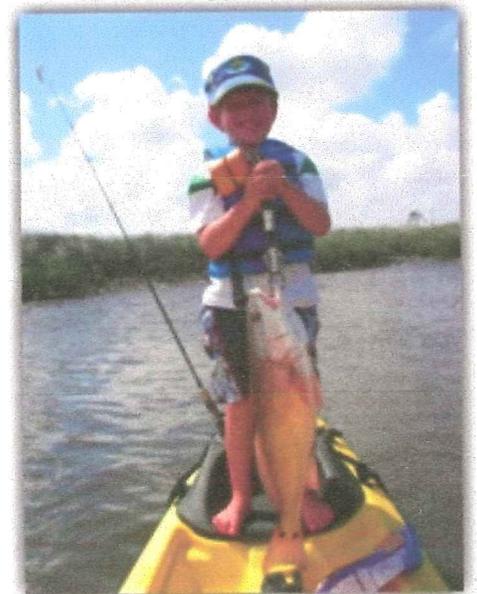


Malibu Two XL™

Length: 13' 4" | 4.1 m

Width: 34" | 86.4 cm

Weight: 68 lbs | 30.8 kg



Kayaks for the Bi-Annual Coastal Clean-up for Keep Charlotte Beautiful



Trash in Mangrove roots, hard to reach with canoes and boats

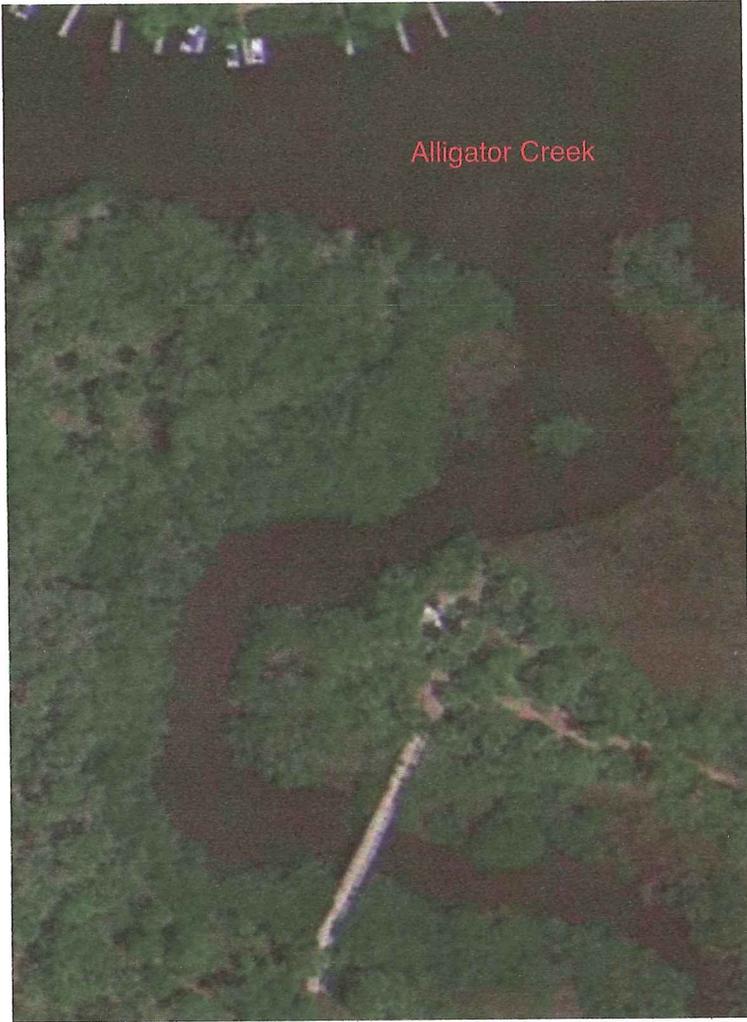


Old Canoes act as barges as trash receptacles

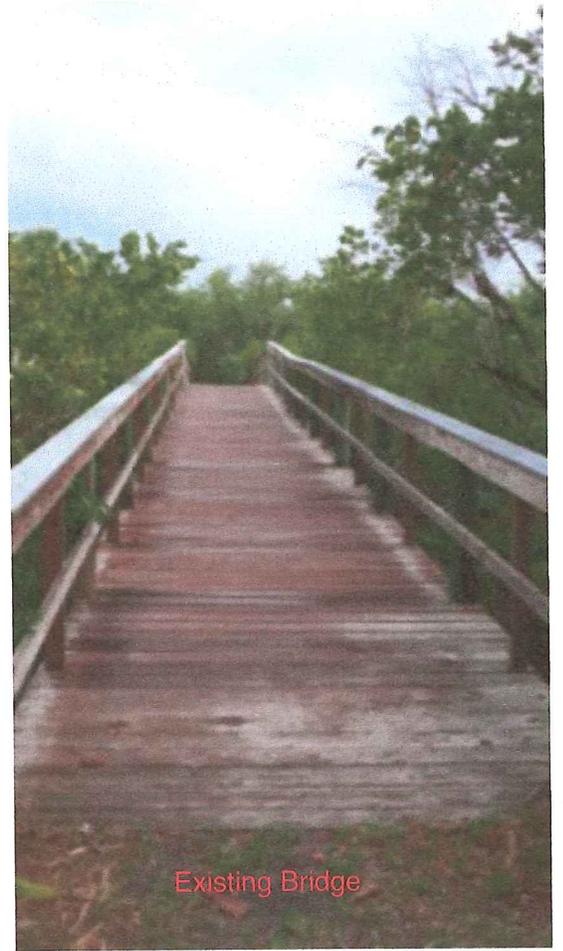


**Successful day with volunteers,
we usually fill a 40 yard dumpster**

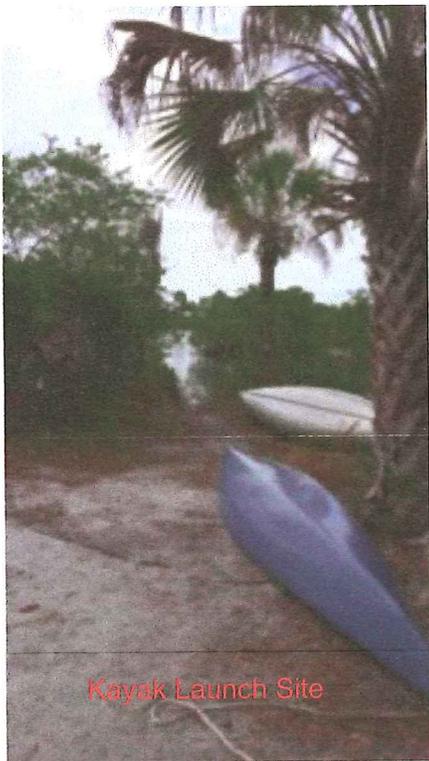




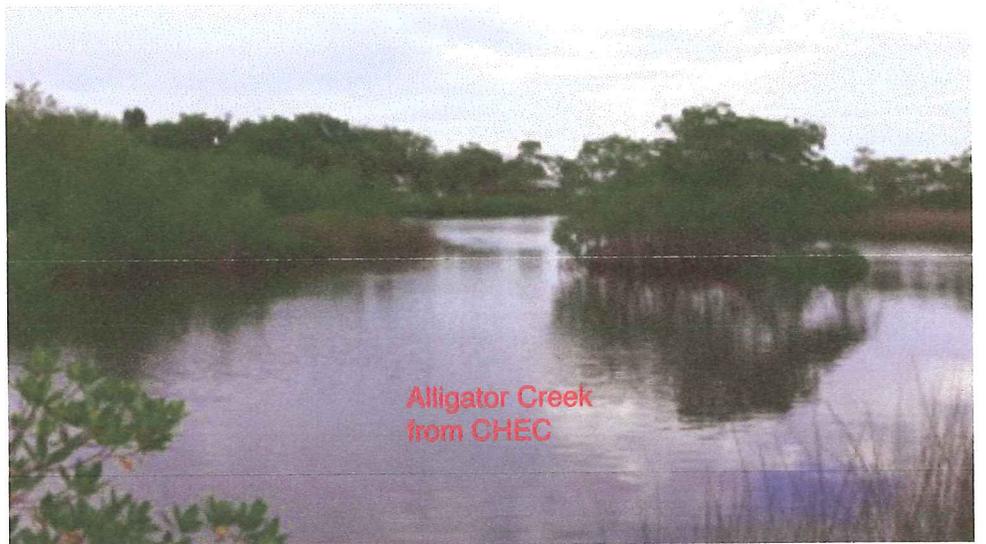
Alligator Creek



Existing Bridge



Kayak Launch Site



Alligator Creek
from CHEC

Proposed Kayak Program Location

