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local tourism industry argued that the formation of the Partnership was occupying time and resources which would be better spent funding projects and events which stood to more immediately boost tourism. The organization started to accept grant proposals in September 2011 and has stated that it will continue to accept proposals until December 2011. The types of projects and items eligible for funding included advertising efforts outside of the six Mississippi coastal counties, event production, and economic research (MS Gulf Coast Regional Tourism Partnership 2011). 2011 saw few major events specifically intended to spur post-spill recovery staged in Biloxi/Gulfport and along the Mississippi Gulf Coast generally speaking. However, a number of regularly-held annual events, including the Blessing of the Fleet ceremony, Christmas