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**Governor Crist Announces Additional Funding from BP
for Gulf Recovery Response Efforts**

~\$25-million block grant to provide for state preparation and response costs ~

TALLAHASSEE –Governor Charlie Crist today signed a memorandum of understanding with BP, committing an additional \$25-million block grant for state preparation and response costs to combat the impacts of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The grant follows Governor Crist's June 3rd request for additional funding from BP to support recovery efforts.

"This additional funding will continue Florida's efforts to respond in a timely manner to guard our shores and natural resources from the potential impacts of this disaster," Governor Crist said. "Our state team continues to work daily to protect our beaches and the health and well-being of our residents and visitors."

Yesterday, Governor Crist provided the opening remarks at a meeting of the Gulf Oil Spill Economic Recovery Task Force. The Governor called on task force members to use their experience and expertise to develop strategies to reduce the impact to Florida's environment and economy. Created by [Executive Order 10-101](#), the task force will facilitate efforts by Florida businesses and industries in recovering from lost business and revenues due to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

For the most up-to-date information on Florida's Deepwater Horizon response, as well as health and safety tips, visit www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon. For information on the Gulf Oil Spill Economic Recovery Task Force, go to www.flgov.com/gulfrecoverytaskforce.

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