

**TRIUMPH GULF COAST, INC. PRE-APPLICATION FORM**

Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. (“Triumph Gulf Coast”) has created a pre-application process to provide initial consideration of potential ideas for projects or programs that may seek an award of funding. Applicants are required to participate in the pre-application process. Notwithstanding the response from Triumph Gulf Coast on the pre-application form, an Applicant may still elect to submit an Application.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

Name of Individual/Entity/Organization: City of Carrabelle - Carrabelle Airport

Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization: The Carrabelle Airport is owned and operated by the City of Carrabelle and serves as a gateway to the Gulf region in Franklin County.

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Names of co-applicants, partners or other entities, organizations that will have a role in the proposed project or program: None

**REQUIRED EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

In a maximum of three (3) pages, please describe the proposed project or program, including (i) the amount of funds being sought from Triumph Gulf Coast; (ii) the amount and identity of other sources of funds for the proposed project or program; (iii) the location of the project or program; (iv) summary description of the proposed program, including how the program will be transformational and promote economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties, and (v) a summary timeline for the proposed project or program.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

This pre-application process will **not** result in an award of funding by Triumph Gulf Coast. Rather, this process is designed to facilitate submission of ideas for potential projects or programs before the Applicant expends time and/or resources to complete a full Application. All Applicants for funding are required to complete an Application, which will be scored, and then considered for award in the discretion of Triumph Gulf Coast Board.

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Funding Request Narrative for the Carrabelle Airport Project

### Carrabelle Airport, Carrabelle, Florida

November 6, 2017

Amount Requested: \$30,000.00

Matching Funds: \$75,000.00 from the Carrabelle Airport

Location: The proposed project is at the Carrabelle Airport in Franklin County, Florida, which is about 1.5 miles southwest of the City of Carrabelle (Figure 1). Airport coordinates are 29.843141°, -84.696391°. The project area includes wooded land northeast and south of the runway (Figure 2). The land to the south of the runway is recommended to be cleared for the ability to develop additional apron and hangar space, as is being proposed in the Airport Master Plan that is being developed. These development projects will be funded by FDOT and will enhance the economic viability of the airport through increased revenue diversification. The land to the north and northeast of the runway is proposed to have the trees removed to keep the airport licensed and eligible for funding through FDOT. (Note: The airport was issued a “special license” at last airport inspection because of the encroaching trees. If the encroaching trees are not removed the airport will not pass inspection in April 2018).

Figure 1. Project Location Map



Figure 2. Project Area Map



Summary Description: The Carrabelle Airport is seeking funding to implement a series of projects to improve airport operability and expand airport services through the removal of trees around the airport property. The project is a component of and supports the development of the Airport Master Plan, which is currently being funded by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Tree removal is one of the first steps of upgrading and expanding the airport and its services to contribute to the economic enhancement and diversification of Franklin County and the City of Carrabelle.

The proposed project consists removing vegetation and clearing land to support improving airport operability and increase airport services. The airport proposes to remove trees encroaching the runway to improve visibility and safety. The proposed project also includes removing vegetation adjacent to the current apron to support additional airport improvements. This project will also improve airport drainage allowing for increased operational safety for the airport. Additionally, trees that are removed can be sold for profit by the airport to use as additional funding sources.

The proposed project contributes to economic enhancement and diversification in Franklin County and the City of Carrabelle. The additional hanger space and new tenants this project supports would help to increase airport revenue and employment in the area. One key aspect of this project allowing for the potential connection to the existing industrial building located near the airport. The property is owned by the City and having connections to the airport would allow for increased options for industrial development. Additionally, related industries, such as tourism, will also benefit from additional airport

services. Furthermore, the proposed project supports implementation of the FDOT funded Airport Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan. The Carrabelle Airport recognizes through this plan a need to expand the airport to better serve the region.

Expanding the airport will also improve the justification for the airport for inclusion in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS), which makes available Federal grants under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP). This funding would greatly enhance the operability of the airport through additional funding sources and federal operational standards.

Timeline/Schedule: It is anticipated that this project would be completed within six months of funding being received.