

## 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: Walton County School District

Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization: Walton County School District is a public school, providing education at the kindergarten (K) through senior (12) levels as well as public postsecondary, technical college (post-secondary adult career-technical) programs to students

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Names of co-applicants, partners or other entities, organizations that will have a role in the proposed project or program: Emerald Coast Technical College, CareerSource, Okaloosa-Walton;

Walton County Board of County Commissioners

### **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 Proposed Project: Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.**

**Empowering Education and Transforming Economic Opportunities through Triumph**

Walton County School District proposes to develop educational/ training opportunities that will facilitate the region's current and future economic growth by expanding occupational preparation programs available to students at the postsecondary level and fostering both career exploration and preparation at the K-12 level. Expansion of technical college offerings and certifications that prepare students for current and future occupations in the health sciences and technology related industries provides a foundation for these students to invest one year or less in training, and then leverage technical certificates into associate's and bachelor's degrees through state-approved articulation agreements, thereby increasing the educational levels of the workforce and providing for transferrable, sustainable workforce skills that benefit employers in the region while facilitating the availability of a long-term talent supply.

Extending STEM coursework to include those critical thinking and design elements intrinsic in expanded arts/mathematics curriculum (STEAM) will help in making sure that all students in the elementary grades are fully literate and sufficiently prepared for the academic challenges of middle school and high school. Sufficient academic preparation can then expedite student success in career programs. Well-defined career pathways that begin in middle school/high school will facilitate student entry into postsecondary education and training/occupational programs that address the current and evolving economic development needs. Expansion of technical skills training and well-defined pathways for the student will provide for cost effective use of resources and maximum economic benefits to both the regional business community and the individual student.

**Amount of Funds being Sought from Triumph Gulf Coast:**

This proposed project is seeking **\$2.931 million** from Triumph Gulf Coast to provide the initial, quick response to those "urgent, common" needs in helping establish a new, vibrant economy for the northwest Florida region (Northwest Florida Forward, Strategic Plan 1.3). Career ladders begun by STEAM (**Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math**) programs in the elementary schools throughout the Walton County School District, strengthened by the middle/high school career education program offerings, and further defined by the targeted, region specific technical college programs in health sciences and IT/business will help the region benefit from cultivating its own skilled talent pipeline/

Through this Triumph Gulf Coast project, all elementary school students will have access to the innovative, critical thinking strategies intrinsic in STEAM curriculum. Initiating this portion of the proposal is projected to require **\$142,000** to help establish maker spaces and provide for needed professional development for teachers. Further definition of the STEAM curriculum through a focus in the health sciences, IT, and the arts at the district magnet school will require an initial investment of **\$350,000.00**. To intensify and support the current district offerings in IT/Technology/Business and health sciences programs, the requested initial investment is **\$239,000.00**.

The solid foundation afforded through these K-12 offerings will be refined through expansion of program offerings at Emerald Coast Technical College. The college currently enjoys a reputation of integrity in addressing regional workforce needs with an overall program completion, placement, and licensure rate of 91%, 92%, and 88%, respectively for the programs offered in 2016. This proposal is requesting supplemental funds to expand offerings in the health sciences and IT/business. Additional classrooms and laboratory space will make it possible to offer additional students the opportunity to benefit from these programs and to address regional workforce needs. Successful programs are already offered in practical nursing, patient care technician, and pharmacy technician. Additional facility space will provide for program offerings in surgical technician, medical laboratory assisting, medical coder/biller, phlebotomy, and IV therapy. This initial expansion will require **\$2.2 million**.

**The Amount and Identity of Other Sources of Funds for the Proposed Project:**

In addition to the support noted by CareerSource Okaloosa/Walton, Healthmark Regional Medical Center, Choctawhatchee Electric Cooperative, Inc., the Walton County Economic Development Alliance, the Walton County Board of County Commissioners, the City of DeFuniak Springs, and the Honorable Senator George B. Gainer, the Walton County School District will support the project with in-kind and matching funds amounting to **\$650,000** for pre-construction planning and project management. Contingent upon award, the Walton County Board of County Commissioners can commit **\$1 million** to further the project.

**The Location of the Project:**

The location of the project is **Walton County, Florida**. While the schools are all located in Walton County, the entire northwest Florida region will benefit. This is especially true of the expanded postsecondary career education program offerings that will be afforded through the project. The college currently provides short-term, rigorous career preparation programs to students throughout the panhandle of Florida as well as to neighboring Alabama students.

**Summary Description of the Proposed Transformational Project and How it Will Promote Economic Recovery, Diversification, and Enhancement of the Region:**

Viable, region-responsive career ladders will be expanded for both K-12 and adult students in the region. Development of the substructures of the region's economy through expansion of health sciences career preparation programs and rigorous K-12 career pathways helps address both short-term labor shortages and also long-term development of a robust, well-prepared labor force that can attract industry that will provide a diversified, vibrant economy for the region. Program offerings at Emerald Coast Technical college are short-term, with state-wide articulation agreements in place to further the student's

education to A.S. and B.S. degree attainment. Each of these degree awards then help address a specific labor market need in the area.

**Summary Timeline for the Proposed Project:**

Upon notification of project award, the proposal blueprint begins with purchase of supplies and scheduling of professional development activities to implement the elementary and magnet school STEAM components. Construction pre-planning will begin, with actual expenditures for classroom/laboratory expansion beginning approximately two months from project award notification. The entire project should be fully implemented and students enrolled within nine months of project award. Because the postsecondary programs are short-term in nature, student recruitment will begin upon notification of award with the first graduating classes expected to enter the workforce within 12-18 months.



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November 6, 2017

Charles Morse  
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Dear Mr. Morse:

On behalf of CareerSource Okaloosa Walton, I am pleased to offer you this letter of support for Emerald Coast Technical College's **Walton County School Board K-12 Grant Proposal**. This grant will provide the opportunity to address training needs for K-5 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) programs in all elementary schools; 6-12 Secondary) funding to strengthen the current IT/Technology programs and health science programs; Magnet School programs to define the STEAM Pathway at the school (currently looking at IT/Technologies, Health Science programs and the Arts); Emerald Coast Technical College addition of four classrooms to the existing Health Science Building to create additional Health Care programs and to expand some of the current IT/Technology/Business offerings to meet the demands outlined in the Northwest Florida Forward Strategic plan for the Northwest Florida Region. This grant will serve to strengthen opportunities for technical college and beyond.

There is clearly a need for expanding the quality Patient Care Technician, Practical Nursing, Surgical Technician, Pharmacy Technician, Medical Laboratory Assisting, Phlebotomy, IV Therapy, and Medical Coder/Biller Programs in the medical arena. In addition, the grant will provide for expanded IT/Technology Programs such as Computer System and Information Technology, Web Application Development and Programming, Network Support Services and Applied Cybersecurity. As an area employer, CareerSource Okaloosa Walton will make a commitment to work with Emerald Coast Technical College and other community partners to support these expanded training programs in Walton County. We agree to provide outreach to our employees and business partners, who may be eligible to participate in these grant funded programs at Emerald Coast Technical College.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to show our support of Emerald Coast Technical College's proposal to expand these training opportunities for the residents in our community.

Feel free to contact me if further assistance is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michele Burns". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Michele Burns  
Executive Director

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November 6, 2017

Charles Morse  
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Dear Mr. Morse:

On behalf of Healthmark Regional Medical Center, I am pleased to offer you this letter of support for Emerald Coast Technical College's **Walton County School Board K-12 Grant Proposal**. This grant will provide the opportunity to address training needs for K-5 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) programs in all elementary schools; 6-12 Secondary funding to strengthen the current IT/Technology programs and health science programs; Magnet School programs to define the STEAM Pathway at the school (currently looking at IT/Technologies, Health Science programs and the Arts); Emerald Coast Technical College addition of four classrooms to the existing Health Science Building to create additional Health Care programs and to expand some of the current IT/Technology/Business offerings to meet the demands outlined in the Northwest Florida Forward Strategic plan for the Northwest Florida Region. This grant will serve to strengthen opportunities for technical college and beyond.

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Sincerely,



Gerald C Beard  
Chief Operating Officer  
Healthmark Regional Medical Center



November 13, 2017

Charles Morse  
Director  
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Dear Mr. Morse:

On behalf of CHELCO I am pleased to offer you this letter of support for Emerald Coast Technical College's **Walton County School Board K-12 Grant Proposal**. This grant will provide the opportunity to address training needs for K-5 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) programs in all elementary schools; 6-12 Secondary funding to strengthen the current IT/Technology programs and health science programs; Magnet School programs to define the STEAM Pathway at the school (currently looking at IT/Technologies, Health Science programs and the Arts); Emerald Coast Technical College addition of four classrooms to the existing Health Science Building to create additional Health Care programs and to expand some of the current IT/Technology/Business offerings to meet the demands outlined in the Northwest Florida Forward Strategic plan for the Northwest Florida Region. This grant will serve to strengthen opportunities for technical college and beyond.

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Sincerely,

Scott Seay  
Vice President of Administration



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November 6, 2017

Charles Morse  
Director  
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Dear Mr. Morse:

On behalf of the Walton County Economic Development Alliance I am pleased to offer you this letter of support for Emerald Coast Technical College's **Walton County School Board K-12 Grant Proposal**. This grant will provide the opportunity to address training needs for K-5 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) programs in all elementary schools; 6-12 Secondary funding to strengthen the current IT/Technology programs and health science programs; Magnet School programs to define the STEAM Pathway at the school (currently looking at IT/Technologies, Health Science programs and the Arts); Emerald Coast Technical College addition of four classrooms to the existing Health Science Building to create additional Health Care programs and to expand some of the current IT/Technology/Business offerings to meet the demands outlined in the Northwest Florida Forward Strategic plan for the Northwest Florida Region. This grant will serve to strengthen opportunities for technical college and beyond.

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Sincerely,

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Bill Imfeld  
Executive Director



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November 14, 2017

Charles Morse  
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Dear Mr. Morse:

On behalf of the City of DeFuniak Springs, I am pleased to offer you this letter of support for Emerald Coast Technical College's **Walton County School Board K-12 Grant Proposal**. This grant will provide the opportunity to address training needs for K-5 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) programs in all elementary schools; 6-12 Secondary funding to strengthen the current IT/Technology programs and health science programs; Magnet School programs to define the STEAM Pathway at the school (currently looking at IT/Technologies, Health Science programs and the Arts); Emerald Coast Technical College addition of four classrooms to the existing Health Science Building to create additional Health Care programs and to expand some of the current IT/Technology/Business offerings to meet the demands outlined in the Northwest Florida Forward Strategic plan for the Northwest Florida Region. This grant will serve to strengthen opportunities for technical college and beyond.

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Sincerely,

  
Bob Campbell  
Mayor



# THE FLORIDA SENATE

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2nd District

November 13, 2017

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Emerald Coast Technical College  
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As the Florida State Senator for District 2, I will make a commitment to offer to the Emerald Coast Technical College and other community partners my assistance in these expanded training programs in Walton County.

I am proud to submit to you my strongest recommendation for this continued investment in our community's education and training.

Sincerely,

George B. Gainer, Florida Senator, District II  
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November 14, 2017

Susan Skelton, Executive Director  
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Dear Susan,

Let this letter serve as formal notification of the activities and directives taken by the Walton County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to comply with 288.8017, Fla. Stat.:

*"Each Board of County Commissioners shall solicit proposed projects and programs from other elected local governing boards within the County as shall provide Triumph Gulf Coast Inc. with a list of proposed projects and programs located within the County."*

After holding numerous public meetings throughout the County to educate and encourage citizens and business owners regarding the opportunities presented by Triumph Gulf Coast, 36 prescreen applications were submitted to the County for possible endorsement. The Walton County BCC appointed a committee, known as the Local Triumph Committee, of eleven individuals to evaluate and score these submittals. This committee is comprised of five nonaffiliated community stakeholders along with six members affiliated with local governmental agencies. Details regarding The Local Triumph Committee can be found on the Walton County website.

The initial meeting of the committee was held on November 1, 2017 to review and score the 36 submitted projects, which were to be submitted to the County by 5PM October 30. At this meeting, one project, Destin Fisherman's Co-op, was approved to be considered and scored by the committee even though it missed the submittal deadline. The committee was instructed to answer three questions about each project; 1) does the project meet statutory requirements for eligible uses 2) does the project meet statutory priorities and 3) is the project transformational. It was explained to the committee that the first two criteria were somewhat objective in nature and that the concept of "transformational" was quite subjective. Given the subjective nature of the final question each member was encouraged to use their creative mind to determine whether a project was transformational or not. Committee members were to vote either yes or no on each of the three scoring questions for every project.

Local TRIUMPH Committee Project Pre-Applications

Project	Name	Category	Project	Name	Category	Project	Name	Category
1	331 Water & Sewer Project	A	13	Westwood Ranch	B	25	Withdrawn	
2	Owl's Head	A	14	LECOM	A	26	Tango Tango	D
3	Walton County Broadband	A	15	Destin Fisherman's Co-op	A	27	Sunshine Shuttle	B
4	Walton County School Board K-12	A	16	Stone Clinical	A	28	Waterside	D
5	Walton County Sheriff - Jail Project	A	17	Crown Clinic	B	29	Kevco Properties	D
6	Walton County Sheriff - Security Project	A	18	Louis Louis	D	30	Seaside Institute 1	D
7	NWF State College Sm City	A	19	Beach Street Transportation	D	31	Seaside Institute 2	D
8	Regional Utilities	A	20	Electric 98	D	32	Amy Soles	D
9	ARC	A	21	Victory Lighthouse	D	33	Compass Rose Academy	D
10	Veteran's Lodge	A	22	Arca Global	D	34	Anita Powell	D
11	Alaqua	A	23	Withdrawn		35	William Bridell - Light Rail	C
12	Biophilia	A	24	Withdrawn		36	Walton Wif (Non-County)	C