

Forensic Hospital Pilot Diversion Program

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: Okaloosa County

Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization: County government

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Names of co-applicants, partners or other entities, organizations that will have a role in the proposed project or program: Not Applicable

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.

Triumph Required Executive Summary:

Pre-Application (Maximum of 3 pages)

Describe the proposed project or program: _____

The Okaloosa County Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot program will establish a county-wide crisis stabilization and pretrial mental health jail diversion program. This program will provide opportunities for persons in Okaloosa County to be stabilized during mental health and/or substance abuse-related crises that may otherwise result in low-level criminal charges. This period of stabilization further provides criminal justice stakeholders with additional time to properly assess the merits of treatment and/or continued prosecution. This program will provide treatment to individuals experiencing mental health and/or substance abuse-related crises in a clinical setting using licensed clinical mental health workers and appropriate security personnel. This program will improve the efficacy of local judicial processes, decrease recidivism, reduce jail overcrowding, lessen impacts to the Florida State Hospital, and reduce associated costs for taxpayers. A fully operational facility is expected to employ approximately 50 individuals in areas such as medical care, social work, mental health, and security.

(i) the amount of funds being sought from Triumph Gulf Coast: _____

The amount being sought from Triumph Gulf Coast for the Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot program is \$5,000,000.00. These funds will be used to provide the critical infrastructure and initial staffing needed to begin servicing the affected area.

(ii) the amount and identity of other sources of funds for the proposed project or program: _____

** Additional funding has not been awarded at the time of this application **

(iii) the location of the project or program: _____

The program will be located within the jurisdictional confines of Okaloosa County, Florida at a final location to be determined by the Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners.

(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: _____

The program will combat the growing number of mental health and substance abuse-related issues impacting Okaloosa County. These issues touch nearly everyone residing within the county, and they cross all racial, gender, and socioeconomic lines. Research suggested that psychological issues have been among the largest impacts to the health and well-being of those injured by the oil spill. Rates of clinical depression were found to have tripled in certain impacted areas; issues stemming from or amplified by spill-related income loss. Such financial loss was found in most industries in Okaloosa County. Unemployment and mental illness are significant indicators of behaviors leading to a person's involvement in the criminal justice system. For any program to be transformational and for it to promote economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement, the underlying social and community system and infrastructure must remain vibrant. Individuals suffering from such issues adversely impact economic growth within affected communities. These employees can be unreliable and cause safety concerns in the workplace. Employers need sober employees who are stabilized mentally to remain financially solvent. These individuals also place an emotional and financial drain on their friends and family members, which increases absenteeism. The Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot program will provide a facility that will help these individuals remain productive, employed, and self-sustaining members of our local communities.
