

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: Flotilla 1-4, USCG Auxiliary

Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization: The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed volunteer component of Team Coast Guard. FL 1-4 provides boating safety, search and rescue, and on the water patrols within Okaloosa and Walton Counties

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Names of co-applicants, partners or other entities, organizations that will have a role in the proposed project or program: USCG Station Destin, primary role for beddown location

other agency support: Okaloosa Sheriff's office, Okaloosa County Emergency Mgmt, HAZMAT

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

Flotilla 1-4, USCG Auxiliary is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, co-located with USCG Station Destin, which supports many public safety and environmental protection missions. Participation ranges from the Red Tide Study, pollution patrols during Deepwater Horizon, monitoring local waters, search and rescue, boating safety patrols, and conducting aids to navigation patrols, particularly following severe weather events.

The all-volunteer Auxiliary supports the USCG missions and to accomplish the on the water missions, currently rely solely on member's privately owned boats. Since the economic downturn in 2008, the Flotilla has encountered a slippery slope of boat availability to where it is now severely impacting our capability to accomplish many on the water missions. To recover from this impact, the Flotilla is seeking funding to purchase a boat under the Triumph Gulf Coast process.

Background

US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 1-4, District Eight, Coastal Region, USCG Station Destin - "The Guardians of the Gulf", consists of over 45+ uniformed skilled men and women who are part of the largest and most highly trained maritime assistance organization in existence. Our volunteer Flotilla members receive the same training as active duty Coast Guardsmen do to allow us to operate seamlessly with them as "Team Coast Guard". As a force multiplier for 32 active duty Coast Guardsmen at Station Destin, we assist them during normal and emergency situations in nearly every mission.

In addition to being a volunteer force multiplier for the USCG, our on the water activities utilizing a landing craft type vessel requested, can also support the local Sheriffs' Office dive and recovery teams, local emergency response agencies with capability to move personnel or small 4x4 utility vehicles by water and local marine life rescues with water level pick-up and drop-off of marine life. Will fill shortfalls in County Mitigation Plans as it will have the capability to assist in early oil boom deployment and extremely useful in easier recovery of injured persons from water level via the opening ramp with delivery right to the beach for further care.



Project

Flotilla 1-4 believes strongly that a viable solution is to obtain a multi-purpose boat available to support all of our missions, the boating public safety, and visitors to Okaloosa and Walton Counties--is funding from Triumph Gulf Coast. The funding will be used for the purchase of a properly equipped boat that will be operated by the Auxiliary in support of our multi-mission public safety patrols, including environmental patrols, training, operational patrols, search and rescue missions and support to local response agencies.



Amount of funds requested

Estimate is based upon a 10 year service life time frame to support initial purchase, initial outfitting of equipment, shipping, trailer, floating dock, labor and service, annual maintenance costs for safety equipment (AED/EPIRBs), trailer maintenance, and insurance.

Initial purchase year one: ~\$306,000

Annual recurring: ~\$9350

Year 5 replacement engines: ~\$45000

Total 10 year period: ~\$437,000

Amount of other sourced funding

All fuel, docking, trailer storage and utilities will be provided by the USCG. Boat crew manning will be provided by fully trained Auxiliary crews. Based on an average 300 hours per year underway, with a crew of 3, donated labor is near \$21,000 per year or \$210,000 over 10 years. Fuel provided by USCG will be approximately \$22, 950 per year or \$229,500 over 10 years. TOTAL support in lieu of funding directly over 10 years = \$436,680

Location of the Program

Our area of responsibility includes the area waters of the Gulf of Mexico, Destin Pass, Choctawhatchee Bay (Okaloosa and Walton Counties), Inter-coastal Waterways and Santa Rosa Sound. The vessel will be stored and readily accessible from USCG Station Destin, as a central location to all waterways.

Summary Description of overall Program

Preliminary boat design is outfitting of a similar boat in production by Munson Boats. A thorough review of similar boat manufacturers was made and Munson boats are well suited for both in-shore and off-shore responses. The boat planned is a 28' Patrol boat with an opening forward ramp for loading small equipment, can be used for moving injured marine life, act as a dive platform for emergency operations, and aide in the recovery of people in the water. The vessel will additionally be equipped with FLIR and side scan sonar for search and rescue besides normal marine electronics. Final design will be accomplished upon approval of funding. A floating dock will purchased and moorage placed within the CG Station Destin harbor.

With the additional efforts by tourism agencies and the outstanding amenities of our local area, these are bringing more people into our area that are using our waterway for their enjoyment. With more people venturing into the water, the safety of the additional numbers with the increased water risks, it will quickly over tax the current available resources to respond quickly and save lives. By having an additional resource available, fully manned with highly USCG trained volunteers and fuel provided by the USCG, adds increased water safety and additional emergency response for the cost of a vessel, and no additional funding burden being placed on local counties, cities, and local tax payers.

Timeline of Program

After receipt of funding approval, final design can begin with the manufacturer, and build schedule can begin after receipt of funds.

0-2 months- design review

2-8 months- vessel build and dock order placed/installed

9 months – vessel delivery

9mos – plus – training and operational response.

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