

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

Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization: City of Carrabelle is a city in Franklin County, Florida incorporated in 1893.

Contact Information:

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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 Northwest Downtown Carrabelle Commercial Revitalization Project To Include Storm Water Drainage, Roadway Resurfacing with Curb and Gutter, and New Sidewalks

**City of Carrabelle, Florida
November 6, 2017**

Amount Requested: \$860,000

Matching Funds: \$650,000 From the Small Cities CDBG Commercial Revitalization Grant #17DB-OL-02-29-02-C01. \$210,000.00 from the City of Carrabelle Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). This \$210,000.00 in CRA match funding represents the cost of design and permitting, which has already been expended, as well as a portion of the construction cost of the project.

Location:

This project is located along the following streets within the City of Carrabelle:

- Avenue B between 3rd Street on the east and 11th Street on the west;
- 3rd Street between US Highway 98 and Avenue B;
- 4th Street between US Highway 98 and Avenue B;
- 5th Street between US Highway 98 and Avenue B;
- 5th Street between US Highway 98 and Avenue B;
- 6th Street between US Highway 98 and Avenue B;
- 7th Street between US Highway 98 and Avenue B;
- 8th Street between US Highway 98 and Avenue B; and
- 9th Street between US Highway 98 and Avenue B;

Summary Description

By converting the storm drainage system within the project area from swale ditches, a rural drainage system, to underground culverts, an urban drainage system, the City will have sufficient right of way to install sidewalks within the project area. Currently, the proposed project area floods during significant storm events. The existing swale ditches retain standing water for a significant period of time after a storm event. The only pedestrian access is within the existing roadway resulting in a conflict between vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The lack of pedestrian access, periodic flooding and standing water within the swale ditches has resulted in a high vacancy rate for the commercial and residential properties located within the project area.

The plans for the project have been completed, all required permits have been obtained, including the permit from DOT to utilize the storm water drainage system within U. S. Highway 98 as the storm water drainage system for the proposed project. The City recently received a "Release of Funds" for the Small Cities CDBG grant funding from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). The project is ready to go to bid.

By resolving the issues with the storm water drainage system in the northwestern portion of Carrabelle's downtown, resurfacing roadways, to include curb and gutter, and creating pedestrian access, all in the project location; the area will be a viable option for businesses looking for an affordable location to open, relocate or expand their existing operation. Private sector investment in this blighted area within the City of Carrabelle's CRA District will result in a significant increase in Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funding for the City to invest in other areas with the CRA. The City of Carrabelle and the surrounding area has become a tourist destination. The development of new and diversified businesses within close proximity to US Highway 98 in northwestern Carrabelle will encourage tourists to stop, shop, dine, and return or relocate to the City of Carrabelle. Tourism is a crucial part of Carrabelle's economy and is now the targeted industry for creation of new jobs in eastern Franklin County. The revitalization of the northwestern downtown area immediately north of US Highway 98 will be a major step in the economic impact to the City of Carrabelle, Franklin County, and the surrounding area.

As mentioned earlier, the project is shovel ready. The plans and specifications for the project have been completed. All required permits have been obtained. The CDBG Environmental Review for the project has been completed and "Release of Funds" has been obtained from DEO. The City is in the process of placing the project out for bids. Construction of the project is tentatively scheduled to begin within the next two to three months and is scheduled to be completed prior to the end of 2018. The recommended budget with contingencies is \$1,720,000.00 with the City of Carrabelle offering approximately \$210,000.00 in CRA cash leveraging and \$650,000.00 in Small Cities CDBG funding. The City of Carrabelle respectfully requests Triumph Gulf Coast funding in the amount of \$860,000.00 as match leveraging needed to complete the project.

Timeline/Schedule:

Procurement:	February, 2018
Begin Construction:	April, 2018
Construction Complete:	December, 2018