

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: *St. Andrew Bay Center Inc. dba...The Arc of the Bay*
Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization: The St. Andrew Bay Center Inc./The Arc of the Bay is a Florida Non Profit 501(C) (3) celebrating its 60th anniversary serving the needs for adults with disabilities in Bay and Gulf County teaching life and job skills allowing them to lead a more productive and independent lifestyle.

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Names of co-applicants, partners or other entities, organizations that will have a role in the proposed project or program: Gulf Coast State College, CareerSource Gulf Coast

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 Gulf Coast, Inc. Pre-Application Executive Summary

St. Andrew Bay Center Inc., The Arc of the Bay

Mission Statement: Our mission is to provide supports and opportunities for individuals with disabilities to choose and participate in valued adult activities.

History: St. Andrew Bay Center is one of Bay County's oldest nonprofits, providing services to adults with disabilities for over sixty years. In the 1950's, the Agency began as a grassroots movement by parents who had children with disabilities. Initially, the Agency was known as the Mary Mackin School. It was the first school program for children with disabilities in our community. Over time, when public school programs were developed to meet this need, the Agency shifted its focus to serving adults. The Agency became known as the St. Andrew Bay Center, Inc. On July 20, 2017, we celebrated and announced to the community that we were aligning with The Arc of Florida and The National Arc which strengthens our branding awareness and increases curriculum opportunities. Our Agency proudly serves and supports over 230 individuals each year in Bay and Gulf County Florida. We serve varying disabilities, including: Cerebral Palsy, Intellectual Disabilities, Prader-Willi Syndrome, Down Syndrome, Mental Health, and Autism.

Our Programs: St. Andrew Bay Center offers two programs, both of which are designed around individual needs to promote independence, employment, safety, health, wellness, and self-sufficiency. Our administration operates on a 17% expense rate putting eighty-three cents on every dollar received back into our programming for our clients.

Our *Adult Day Training Program* is our largest program area supporting over 120 adults. This *respite program* provides ongoing self-enrichment programs designed to assist individuals to meet their personal goals and desires. Special training emphasis centers on health and wellness, education, life, and vocational skills. The Adult Day Training Program allows family members to drop off their loved one at our ADT Center Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 3:30pm giving them the opportunity to work and earn a living and support their families. For those special individuals that do not have a relative, we are their family.

Our *Supported Employment Program* provides an opportunity for individuals to broaden their employment skills and obtain and maintain jobs in the business community. Our employment specialists support this desire to work by providing critical support in the areas of career planning, job placement, training, counseling, job site consultation, and ongoing support. Local employers have found that diversifying their workplace and tapping into this rich resource of candidates is a positive and beneficial experience for their employees and business. Services include Discovery, Career Planning, Job Shadowing, Customized Job Development, Job Assessment - Accommodation, On-Site Job Training, Long Term Support, Transportation Assistance and Social Security Reporting.

Purpose for Funding: *The Arc of the Bay, 3YR Culinary Employment Training Program*

The Arc of the Bay is partnering with Gulf Coast State College and CareerSource Gulf Coast utilizing our on-site commercial kitchen and community room, which host 100 guests along with the purchase of a food truck, teaching certified curriculums from the Culinary Program. We plan to hire three chefs who have graduated from the Culinary Program at GCSC providing all the necessary training in food preparation, baking and restaurant maintenance for adults with disabilities. The data collected from both CareerSource Gulf Coast and The Arc of Florida, shows high turnover and the demand for a skilled and reliable employee in the food service industry especially here in Bay County where the tourism/hospitality industry is a key economic driver. Adults with disabilities have goals for financial independence including owning their own home. We have letters of support from Dr. John Holdnak, President/Gulf Coast State College; Kimberly Bodine, Executive Director-CareerSource Gulf Coast and Member of the Board of Directors of The Arc of the Bay, Judy Tinder, Owner of Victoria's Last Bite Restaurant & City of Lynn Haven Commissioner Seat 4.

Summary:

- i. Requested funding from Triumph Gulf Coast – 3yr Program \$584,743.00
- ii. No current matching funds towards this new training initiative. We receive Federal & State funding through Medicaid Waiver and Dept. of Education, Vocational Rehab.
- iii. Our offices are located on 1804 Carolina Avenue, Lynn Haven, FL providing services Bay and Gulf County.
- iv. See Purpose for Funding above.
- v. The Culinary Employment Training Program was structured over a three year timeframe to lay the ground work for it to sustain itself. We have been working with Paul Ashman, Associate Professor at GCSC and several chefs and recent graduates from the Culinary Program collaborating on several very successful luncheon fundraisers this year utilizing our clients in training them in different aspects of jobs in the food industry ranging from food prep to waiting on tables. We have the best full-time chef prospect and highly recommended by Chef Ashman committed to joining our team once we receive funding. Our plans are to launch this initiative as soon as possible, with the current mindset, starting with summer semester, mirroring the current schedule at Gulf Coast State College.