

## **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: Town of Jay, Florida

Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization: The town of Jay was incorporated in 1951. With agriculture as its main source of income, Jay's population is around 600 people.

Contact Information:

Primary Contact Information: Eric Seib, (850) 675-4557, ericseibtoj@bellsouth.net

Title: Planning Contractor

Mailing Address: P.O Box 66, Jay, Florida 32565

Telephone Number: (850) 675-4557

Email Address: ericseibtoj@bellsouth.net

Website: www.townofjayfl.com

Names of co-applicants, partners or other entities, organizations that will have a role in the proposed project or program: Principal Stephen Knowlton, Jay High School

### **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**

### **Town of Jay Drinking Water Quality Improvement Project**

The Town of Jay created a \$2.5 Million water distribution system maintenance project that will utilize a Rural Infrastructure Fund Grant to enhance economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement for \$1.5 Million which will cover 60% of the project. The town requests that Triumph Gulf Coast award \$1 Million to cover the remaining 40% of the project.

#### **Project Overview and Description**

The Town of Jay's drinking water distribution system utilizes over 30,000 linear feet of pipe. Over 60% of its drinking water delivery infrastructure uses cast iron pipes to deliver its water to residential and commercial customers. In the last 70 years of use, the internal surfaces of the cast iron pipes have become corroded and any disruption of water flow in the pipes creates the residue to separate from the interior of the pipe and results in the delivery of discolored drinking water. The Town of Jay created an infrastructure project to replace the 3.5 miles of cast iron pipes to increase the water quality as well as residential and business confidence in the water quality.

The \$2.5 Million dollar project will consist of the removal of all cast iron pipes in the water distribution system, the connections of existing PVC lines, boring for the connection of lines without disruption to state highways, and replacement with all new water system quality PVC pipes. Engineering a more efficient drinking water distribution system will reduce the total linear foot requirement of the water lines while also creating a central oriented distribution plan, preparing for future growth expansion.

#### **Community Benefits**

Over the last three years, the town has focused on water well maintenance to enhance the reliability of drinking water delivery to all customers. The town's two water wells have received maintenance upgrades that has resulted in less pump shut downs and restarts, a major cause for residue to release within the system. Approximately 20% of all work orders generated over the last two months have been in response to water quality complaints. An aggressive flushing program has been incorporated to assist in minimizing the cases of discolored drinking water, but has not addressed the source of the problem. This drinking water line flushing program, currently requiring 15 man-hours a week, is a manpower drain for a rural, small town, and the environmental unfriendly process results in an inefficient 90% accounting of the water available for customer use.

The Town of Jay currently has 517 water customers; 80% of those are residential, with the remaining 20% listed as commercial. The town is quickly getting a reputation of delivering discolored drinking water with sediment. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection directed a Public Service Announcement to be placed on a local television channel after multiple complaints to their office.

Dr. Rick Harper stated in a presentation to the Santa Rosa Board of County Commissioners that homebuilders in Santa Rosa County will need to build nearly 1,500 homes a year over the next eight years to keep up with population growth in the county. In order for the Town of Jay to keep up with that growth signal, we require a reliable pumping system and updated delivery system. With the completion of this project, the Town of Jay will be ready for a population growth over the next 70 years.

### **Business Benefits**

With a Rural Economic Development Initiative designation, the Town of Jay will utilize a Rural Infrastructure Grant to fund the majority of this project. The removal of cast iron pipes will eliminate the source of the discolored drinking water and sediment and immediately fix the problem. With a reliable pumping source and no iron pipes, the town can ensure current businesses can operate with consistent high quality water delivery. This new distribution system can also be an attractant for new business looking for a reliable water source.

Greater than 50% of the workforce within the Town of Jay works to support the medical and patient care industry. The delivery of clear water to a local hospital and long term care facility, both within the city limits, is a critical factor for keeping these essential businesses competing for patients in a competitive economic market and providing jobs for the Town of Jay workforce.

### **Summary Timeline**

The town of Jay is currently working all grant funding sources to secure the \$1.5 Million portion of the project. Our engineering team is building plans for the project. Once in receipt of the matching funds, we would start construction within \_\_\_\_\_. The building would require \_\_\_\_\_ months to build. We plan to complete the water line construction by \_\_\_\_\_ to precede a FDOT Highway 4 resurfacing project.

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Jay respectfully requests that Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. considers our project for award of matching funds.