

## **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: Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Pensacola

Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization: The Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Pensacola is a public body corporate and politic of the State of Florida which operates under the authority of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes.

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Names of co-applicants, partners or other entities, organizations that will have a role in the proposed project or program: City of Pensacola, Baptist Hospital, Escambia County Board of County Commissioners

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### **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:**

**(i) Amount of funds being sought from Triumph Gulf Coast.**

\$9.1 million

**(ii) Amount and identity of other sources of funds for the proposed project or program.**

<b>Funding Type</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Cost Description</b>
FEMA HMGP Grant	\$556,665.82	Lee Street Stormwater Improvements
City of Pensacola Funds	\$185,555.27	25% FEMA HMGP Grant Match
City of Pensacola Funds	\$400,000.00*	Acquisition Costs (2 Residential Properties)
CRA Funds	\$600,000.00*	Acquisition Costs (3 Residential Properties)
Baptist Hospital In-Kind	\$200,000.00*	Lot Donation**

\*Estimated costs. \*\*Pending final approval by Baptist Hospital.

**(iii) Location of the project or program.**

The proposed project is located in Escambia County within the City of Pensacola, Florida. All improvements will be constructed adjacent to Baptist Hospital, located within the City of Pensacola’s Westside Community Redevelopment Area. The boundaries of the proposed stormwater park will include West Blount Street to the north, West Lee Street to the south and North “F” Street to the west, and North “E” Street to the east, and the northwest and northeast quadrants of the city block located to the south, which is bound by North Lee Street to the north, West Lloyd Street to the south and North “F” Street and North “E” Street to the west and east, respectively. Streetscape improvements will be constructed on North “E” Street from West Cervantes Street to West Moreno Street, West Moreno, West Blount and West Lee Streets from North “E” Street to North “J” Street” and North “H”, North “G” and North “F” Street from West Blount Street to West Moreno Street.

**(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 West Moreno Stormwater and Streetscape Project is an innovative project that addresses stormwater and flooding mitigation, sustainable urban design and place making, neighborhood revitalization and economic development. This public investment has potential to create an exponential return to the community.

The City has been awarded a FEMA grant to construct needed stormwater improvements to mitigate repetitive flooding in the West Moreno district. The project is sited near the entrance to Baptist Hospital - Pensacola’s only inner city hospital, and institutional anchor for the West Moreno neighborhood. There is a vision to use this stormwater project as a catalyst to transform the blighted and underserved, high poverty neighborhood surrounding the hospital. The funded stormwater facilities plan can be modified to a dual-purpose, stormwater park/gateway facility that will be the cornerstone of transformation in the district and support hospital-driven revitalization.

A recent study, jointly funded by Baptist Hospital, the City of Pensacola and Escambia County, showed that hospital employees, visitors, patients and neighborhood residents need a convenient, central and accessible public space for walking, or sitting that is safe and attractive. The study, also, identified a market gap and unmet demand for retail services generated by the residents and thousands of people coming into the neighborhood because of the hospital. This project will create a significantly enhanced entrance to Baptist Hospital that is distinct, safe and walkable and contribute to the neighborhood as a desirable place to live and work with amenities that are convenient and accessible.

- **Development of a Recreational Stormwater Park.** Repetitive flood damage is a major contributor to blight within the West Moreno neighborhood. The development of a recreational stormwater park will address stormwater retention and treatment and provide a critical neighborhood asset which promotes health and wellness and actively diversifies the public realm. This amenity will include green space with attractive landscaping, multi-use paths, park seating, decorative lighting, and children’s play equipment. **Budget:** \$2.6 million
- **Streetscape Improvements.** Addressing several key factors, streetscape enhancements will improve walkability, accessibility, neighborhood safety and beautification of public thoroughfares. Improvements will include installation of decorative lighting, landscaping, sidewalks, on-street parking, banners and subsurface infrastructure. **Budget:** \$6.5 million

Public investment in the West Moreno Stormwater Park and Streetscape Improvements are components are a greater revitalization strategy which leverages the position of Baptist Hospital, as a powerful economic driver to encourage the expansion of the healthcare industry within this underserved community. The expansion of this industry has the potential to provide community transformation through its intrinsic relationship with complimentary sub-sectors including retail, and restaurant, childcare facilities, hotels, and the medical research sectors. In addition, the industry provides an array of workforce opportunities with a wide variety of occupation types, salary ranges, and a healthy demand for employees.

To align workforce demand with the availability of affordable, quality housing, the revitalization strategy implements a residential improvement method. This method layers and targets available housing resources to improve homes and infill lots surrounding Baptist Hospital. This approach serves to revitalize these inner city neighborhoods and when coupled with the availability of functional park space and streetscape improvements will provide a unique urban niche which offers a desirable neighborhood to live, work and play. This trifecta provides a stable foundation for the growth and expansion of the hospital which will, in turn, holistically drive the development of complimentary sub-sectors in and around the West Moreno area.

(v) Summary timeline for the proposed project or program.

<b>Stormwater Park &amp; Streetscape Improvements</b>
Design: 6 months/.5 years
Construction: 14 months/1.2 years
<b>Total: 20 months/1.7 years</b>