

**Program Administrator Report  
Triumph Gulf Coast Board Meeting  
March 16, 2018**

Pre-Applications

The Triumph Gulf Coast staff met and discussed the 19 pre-applications received between January 17 and March 8, 2018. The amount of funds requested during this time was \$248,504,162. The applications were categorized by county and type of project proposed. Combined the 135 submitted pre-applications total \$1,254,185,346 in requests.

Triumph Staff reviewed the information provided by each applicant on the pre-application form and the priorities for economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement to be awarded grants under s. 288.8017, F.S.

288.8017 Awards.—

*(1) Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., shall make awards from available funds to projects or programs that meet the priorities for economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties. Awards may be provided for:*

*(a) Ad valorem tax rate reduction within disproportionately affected counties;*

*(b) Local match requirements of s. 288.0655 for projects in the disproportionately affected counties;*

*(c) Public infrastructure projects for construction, expansion, or maintenance which are shown to enhance economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties;*

*(d) Grants to local governments in the disproportionately affected counties to establish and maintain equipment and trained personnel for local action plans of response to respond to disasters, such as plans created for the Coastal Impacts Assistance Program;*

*(e) Grants to support programs that prepare students for future occupations and careers at K-20 institutions that have campuses in the disproportionately affected counties. Eligible programs include those that increase students' technology skills and knowledge; encourage industry certifications; provide rigorous, alternative pathways for students to meet high school graduation requirements; strengthen career readiness initiatives; fund high-demand programs of emphasis at the bachelor's and master's level designated by the Board of Governors; and, similar to or the same as talent retention programs created by the Chancellor of the State University System and the Commission of Education, encourage students with interest or aptitude for science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medical disciplines to pursue postsecondary education at a state university or a Florida College System institution within the disproportionately affected counties;*

*(f) Grants to support programs that provide participants in the disproportionately affected counties with transferable, sustainable workforce skills that are not confined to a single employer; and*

(g) Grants to the tourism entity created under s. 288.1226 for the purpose of advertising and promoting tourism and Fresh From Florida, and grants to promote workforce and infrastructure, on behalf of all of the disproportionately affected counties.

Based on the information provided by the applicant in the pre-application, staff recommends that the following projects do not appear to be eligible to receive funds at this time under s. 288.8017, F.S. This does not preclude a pre-applicant from submitting a full application.

- #118 Ron & Peggy Childs, Port Theater & Cultural Center
- #121 QuiQ Silver, Comm. Kitchen Equip. Assembly Plant
- #122 Fish 2.0, Aquaculture Investment
- #124 Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge, Wildlife Recovery Funding
- #125 NWF Black Business Chamber, MLK Blvd Mixed Use Corridor
- #127 Pensacola Heritage Foundation, The Galvez Monument Project
- #130 Florida A&M University, Construction & Infrastructure Tech Innovation Center
- #132 OWV Company, LLC, Sweetwater Springs Marketing
- #134 Coast Watch Alliance, Lion Fish Harvesting Program

#### Applications

As of Friday March 8, 2018, 11 Applications had been received that request a total of \$85,902,388. Triumph Staff have met, spoken with and/or have additional meetings scheduled with pre-applicants who represent more than 75% of the 116 pre-applications. Additionally, Staff has met with a number of people representing the second round of pre-applications and pre-applications that have not been received yet.

Applications received as of Friday March 8:

#11 Escambia County, Downtown Sports Complex \$25,000,000	Escambia
#28 Wakulla County School Board, Career and Prep Academy \$5,771,521	Wakulla
#29 Wakulla County School Board, Career and Technical Education Center \$4,121,867	Wakulla
#49 Panama City Port Authority, PC Port Authority East Terminal Dev.\$10,000,000	Bay
#59 Bay District Schools, STEM Workforce Training Center \$10,000,000	Bay
#60 Bay District Schools, Manufacturing Academy Expansion \$965,000	Bay
#61 Bay District Schools, Haney Industrial Pipefitter Prog Expansion \$584,000	Bay
#70 University of West Florida, Innovation Network Project \$27,500,000	Escambia
#83 City of St. Marks, ADA Compliant Kayak Launch \$65,000	Wakulla
#84 City of St. Marks, River Walk \$1,295,000	Wakulla
#90 E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center, Camp Longleaf \$600,000	Walton

At this time, Triumph Staff propose that the Board consider authorizing Triumph Council and Staff to negotiate a grant contract with

- Panama City Port Authority, East Terminal Development