



Florida House of Representatives

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Mr. Stephen Riggs, IV
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Mr. Ben Lee
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Re: Triumph Fund Awards

Dear Chairman Gaetz and Triumph Board Members:

We are writing in response to your letter dated January 18, 2018 in which you request guidance from the Legislature on subjects likely to arise during the review and deliberation of Triumph project funding requests.

Section 288.8017 addresses the granting of awards. Subsection (1) identifies the priorities of the Legislature regarding the awarding of Triumph funds by stating, "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." The following addresses your specific questions:

- Section 288.8017 does not prohibit awarding project funding to a private corporation or entity, whether profit or non-profit, as long as the project falls within the list of priorities for awards established by the Legislature.
- Triumph funds may be awarded to a public entity, whether profit or non-profit, for the acquisition or construction of improvements which will be located, in whole or in part, on privately owned property, as long as the award has a public purpose and includes public access.
- The Triumph Board should establish conditions and restrictions sufficient to protect the public interest.

We appreciate the commitment of the Triumph Board to award funding to projects that will most closely mirror the intent of the award statute and most effectively transform the disproportionately affected counties.



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