

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: Panama City Beach Public Library

Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization: The Panama City Beach Public Library is part of the Northwest Regional Library System and our mission is to connect the people of our diverse community with the information they seek for school, work and play.

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Names of co-applicants, partners or other entities, organizations that will have a role in the proposed project or program: We have no other co-applicants, partners or other entities,

organizations that will have a role in the proposed project or program.

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.

The Panama City Beach Public Library is part of the Northwest Regional Library System serving Bay, Gulf, and Liberty Counties in Florida. Over a four year funding period from 2013 until 2017 the Northwest Regional Library System has increased the number of programs (all ages combined) offered by 50.96%. Program attendance during that time period increased by 21.71%. Specifically, the Panama City Beach Public Library has increased the number of programs (all ages combined) offered by 68%. Program attendance during that time period increased by 42.35%.

While the current library space has doubled in size when built in 2010, there is not adequate meeting/program space available to the public. We are requesting that additional space be built onto the library to accommodate the large number of programs and program attendees which the library has to offer to the community. The current space is limited to the number of tables and chairs the staff can set up for program presenters to utilize.

We are requesting \$200,000 from Triumph Gulf coast along with funds being raised by the Panama City Beach Public Library Foundation in the amount of \$50,000 to build an addition onto the existing program room to double the amount of space currently available for programs.

In Bay County the number of Free/Reduced Lunch Program students is 57% and specifically in Panama City Beach the poverty level is 7%. The library offers classes and events throughout the year, including childhood education, technology instruction, workforce readiness skills courses, live music concerts, art classes, and STE(A)M classes to help ready our patrons for engagement in the community.

The envisioned space would allow the library to offer several programs at one time because the room would be able to be divided into sections with dividers. We foresee being able to offer classes, training seminars and webinars with the use of a ceiling mounted projector system. The program room will be used for cooking demonstrations/cooking classes because there will be a separate kitchen area with ovens and a refrigerator/freezer.

The projected time line for the room expansion project will begin once funding is in place and have an estimated date of two years from start to completion.