

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 City of St Marks

Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization: City of St Marks commission has five board members, a city attorney, city manager, administrative assistant with two maintenance employees with an estimates annual budget of \$750,000.000

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Names of co-applicants, partners or other entities, organizations that will have a role in the proposed project or program:

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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.

St. Marks River Walk

The City of St. Marks ("St. Marks") is a small, rural fishing community located in Wakulla County, roughly 18 miles south of Tallahassee in Florida's Big Bend region where the state's Gulf of Mexico coastline changes from a north-south direction to an east-west direction. With a total area of 1.9 square miles and a population of just 293 residents, St. Marks is the only town on the St. Marks and Wakulla Rivers, which are recognized as Outstanding Florida Waterways. St. Marks has officially been designated as a Waterfronts Florida Program Community. The small community is also home to the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge Center and the historic St. Marks Lighthouse, operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Uplands forests, forested swamps, fresh and brackish water marshes and a pristine salt water estuary ecosystem compose this unique area of Florida's Gulf Coast, making the refuge a favorite for birders and outdoor enthusiasts alike.

Despite its small size and population, St. Marks has a long history and environmental legacy as a "port" town. Although St. Marks was incorporated in 1833, St. Marks is reportedly the 3rd oldest settlement in North America. The founding date of the settlement, by the Spanish, probably occurred on the feast day of the patron saint, St. Marks, as that name was applied to both the town and the river sometime in the early 1500's. The completion of the 20-mile Tallahassee-St. Marks Railroad line in 1837 was Florida's first, conceived and financed by area of farmers and businesses to aid in transporting cotton crops and timber to the port at St. Marks. The railroad operated until 1983. The former railroad line was converted to the first Rails-to-Trails bike pathway in Florida and terminates in downtown St. Marks at the St. Marks River's northern bank.

The St. Marks River Walk will open up the waterfront along the St. Marks River to the public and from the San Marcos de Apalachee State Park from the junction of the Wakulla and St. Marks Rivers to the business district of the town of St. Marks. The City's civic and business leaders have envisioned the creation of the Riverwalk expanding over 1,500 linear feet that opens up the riverfront to residential, business, and educational, cultural and retail properties. A local businessman has recently invested in several large parcels in the center of the City with plans to develop into mixed use residential properties with retail spaces available for businesses. The St. Marks Riverwalk project will transform the waterfront for walking, cycling, and fishing into the center of the City.

The City also hosts several large events, the annual St. Marks Stone Crab Festival and the bi-annual cultural event spotlighting the 'Pinta' and the 'Nina', replicas of Columbus' Ships, which are docked along the riverfront for educational walk-aboard tours to the general public. The 'Nina' was built completely by hand and without the use of power tools. Archaeology magazine called the ship "the most historically correct Columbus replica ever built." The "Pinta" was recently built in Brazil to accompany the Nina on all of her travels. She is a larger version of the archetypal caravel. Historians consider the caravel the Space Shuttle of the fifteenth century. Both ships tour together as a new and enhanced 'sailing museum' for the purpose of educating the public and school children on the 'caravel', a Portuguese ship used by Columbus.

This project will spur business development, while promoting historic and ecotourism, and enhance recreational and public opportunities within the community and surrounding Counties. The projected time frame for completion of this project is 3-years and at a total cost of \$ 1,295,000.

<i>Leveraged Funding Expended</i>	<i>Costs</i>
<i>Architectural Design Drawings and Specifications</i>	\$ 6,000
<i>Preliminary Environmental Permitting (To be Renewed)</i>	\$ 10,000
<i>Cost Share Expended for Personnel Charges</i>	\$ 8,000
<i>Construction of Approximately 100 feet of Riverwalk (Wooden)</i>	\$ 200,000
<i>Total Costs Expended</i>	\$ 224,000



St. Marks River Walk

Existing Multi-use Trail.

Wakulla River

San Marcos de Apache St Hist Site

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Old Fort Rd

Wachtita

Old Fort Rd

St Marks River

River Breez

Mock St

St Marks River

Koperski Ct

Cooter St

Portleon Dr