

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 eligibility for potential ideas of 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: Destin Fisherman's Cooperative
Proposal Title: Protecting Commercial Fishing Assets: Maintaining Travel Lift Capacity at Fisherman's Boatyard
Amount of Triumph Funds Requested: \$1.275 mil
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1.7 mil

Brief Description of Individual/Entity/Organization:

The Cooperative is a domestic non-profit operating in Okaloosa and Walton counties. It's been in existence for 28 years. It provides an important asset to the larger charter fishing community, especially within the Fourmile Creek area.

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There are no co-applicants. This amended Pre-Application is notice that the Cooperative intends to submit a full proposal as a lone applicant. The project will be eligible since they are i) a non-profit and ii) the infrastructure project will be publicly accessible to the entire community.

REQUIRED EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In a maximum of two (2) pages, please describe the proposed project or program and anticipated outcomes 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 reviewed and then considered for award at the discretion of Triumph Gulf Coast Board.

Please Select the Proposal’s Eligibility Category(s)

Pursuant to Section 288.8017, Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. was created to 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 disproportionately affected counties are: Bay County, Escambia County, Franklin County, Gulf County, Okaloosa County, Santa Rosa County, Walton County, or Wakulla County. *See*, Section 288.08012.

1. From the choices below, please check the box that describes the purpose of the proposed project or program (check all that apply):

- Ad valorem tax rate reduction within disproportionately affected counties;
- Local match requirements of s. 288.0655 for projects in the disproportionately affected counties;
- Public infrastructure projects for construction, expansion, or maintenance which are shown to enhance economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties;
- 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;
- 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;
- 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
- 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.

Please Select the Priorities this Proposal's Outcomes will Achieve

1. Please check the box if the proposed project or program will meet any of the following priorities (check all that apply):

- Generate maximum estimated economic benefits, based on tools and models not generally employed by economic input-output analyses, including cost-benefit, return-on-investment, or dynamic scoring techniques to determine how the long-term economic growth potential of the disproportionately affected counties may be enhanced by the investment.
- Increase household income in the disproportionately affected counties above national average household income.
- Leverage or further enhance key regional assets, including educational institutions, research facilities, and military bases.
- Partner with local governments to provide funds, infrastructure, land, or other assistance for the project.
- Benefit the environment, in addition to the economy.
- Provide outcome measures.
- Partner with K-20 educational institutions or school districts located within the disproportionately affected counties as of January 1, 2017.
- Are recommended by the board of county commissioners of the county in which the project or program will be located.
- Partner with convention and visitor bureaus, tourist development councils, or chambers of commerce located within the disproportionately affected counties.

Executive Summary

- i. The Destin Fisherman's Cooperative is requesting \$1.275 million (75% of project cost) to supplement matching funds in the amount of \$425,000 (25% of project cost) for a total project budget of \$1.7 million.
- ii. The funding for the match will be provided by the Destin Fisherman's Cooperative.
- iii. The project is located on Fourmile Creek in Freeport, Florida (Walton County). The location is south of SR-20 at the confluence of Lafayette Creek and Fourmile Creek on the intracoastal waterway that is under ACOE maintenance jurisdiction. The existing facility was constructed in 2006/2007 by the Association for hauling out vessels that belong to the charter fishing fleet and private vessels. The property currently holds approximately 28 vessels up to 100 feet in length and operates with an 80 TN travel lift and haul out facility on the adjacent property through a lease. The adjacent property is for sale and the lease will not be in effect if and when it is sold. The Association will not have any means to haul out vessels unless a new travel lift haul out basin is constructed for the future operations. The permitting on the project is not yet secure, but is in process.
- iv. The Fisherman's Boatyard has been transformational for the City of Freeport and is located at 132 Hales Lane in Freeport, FL on Fourmile Creek. The facility is part of the working waterfronts designation by the State of Florida (DEP) that was approved for the City of Freeport. The facility has been in operation for approximately 10 years and has provided significant economic boost for the area from the number of workers that use the facility for working on private and Cooperative member's vessels. The facility is in danger of losing access to the Fourmile Creek water and from the adjacent travel lift facility that is owned by another company. The cooperative is actively working on securing the appropriate permits. The Association does desire to include some additional pilings that would require a minor permit modification but all the walls and dredging require for the basin are approved.

The Destin Fisherman's Cooperative is requesting Triumph grant funds in the amount of \$1,275,000 for the construction of a 220' x 88' basin with 10' depth for a travel lift consisting of two piers extending into the water constructed of concrete capable of supporting 150,000 vessels. The facility will provide haul out for vessels up to 100 feet in length that will be placed at the existing facility for work and inspections by the Coast Guard. The project includes the installation of 505 linear feet of sheet pile walls, dredging the existing channel (3000 CY), and installation of pilings and concrete deck for the 80 TN travel lift that is owned by the Coop. The boat basin has been designed to handle boats up to 100 feet in length. Currently the lift pit that was constructed by the Cooperative constructed in 2006/2007 is located on the adjacent property belonging to G&S Boats. The present owner of this



property would only give the cooperative an eight year lease which expired in 2015. The adjacent property where the travel lift pit is located will likely be sold soon which will eliminate any possible access for hauling out vessels at the facility. The Destin Fisherman's Cooperative is not in a position to purchase this property. The only portion of this property that the Cooperative has an interest in is the lift pit and the driveway to it that connects to on the north side of the parcel. The Cooperative and adjacent property owner will commit 25% of the costs associated with the project. The total project cost to construct the basin and travel lift facility is \$1,700,000 and the match would be \$425,000. The project would meet all the goals outlined by the Triumph Board in terms of economic development.

- v. Timeline for project. The construction of the project could begin immediately and would be completed within 120 days of commencement. The permits require a 48 hour notice to DEP and an onsite preconstruction meeting with ACOE. The contractor has not been selected so an additional 30 days would be required to retain a contractor and execute a contract.

