

Application Score Sheet

Proposed Project: City of St. Marks, ADA Compliant Kayak Canoe Launch (#83)

Proposed Project/Program County: Wakulla

Board of County Commission Support: No

Total Projected Project Cost: \$65,000

Match Provided: \$20,000 In-Kind

Triumph Funds Requested: \$65,000

Triumph Funds Recommended: \$0.00

Score: C

Date: May 25, 2018

Economic Impact Score

The City of St. Marks proposal describes improvements to boat launch facilities that would allow increased access to the infirm or physical disabled to the waters surrounding the City. The Triumph request of \$65,000 represents 100 percent of the total cost of the project, with the City proposing to provide continuing in-kind services as subsequent match.

Staff find that the project proposal identifies relatively little potential increased economic activity, increased family incomes, and economic diversification for the local area.

For these reasons, staff rate this program a "C" in terms of economic impact to the region.

Project Summary (based on information provided by the applicant)

The City of St. Marks is requesting \$65,000 of Triumph funds for the construction of an ADA compliant Kayak & Canoe Launch to be installed adjacent to the existing public boat ramp located along the St. Marks River. This would be the second in the County. Accessible floating kayak launch facilities promote active living providing an opportunity for all citizens, disabled residents and visitors to transfer independently into kayaks and canoes to begin their journey up or down the St. Marks and Wakulla Rivers.

The project proposes to enhance recreational opportunities in the area by creating a universally accessible launch allowing persons with disabilities, the elderly, recovering patients low- impact access to the coastal Gulf of Mexico and the St. Marks and Wakulla Rivers. It will expand recreational activities to more persons who are currently limited by the existing facilities offered in the region.

The project will utilize the already existing City of St. Marks Boat Landing's pilings and floating docks to connect the ADA Compliant transfer platform including ADA compliant gangways, rails and launch railway. The primary costs associated with this project will be for the

prefabricated floating dock, launch, gangways and rails; the City of St. Marks public works personnel will provide cost share / in-kind costs in the form of labor hours for the installation and access from the parking area to the proposed kayak and canoe launch.

The City of St. Marks is a small, rural fishing community located in Wakulla County along Florida's Big Bend region where the state's Gulf of Mexico coastline changes from a north south direction to an east-west direction. 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. 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.

Funding and Budget (as provided by the applicant)

5. Please provide a Project/Program Budget. Include all applicable costs and other funding sources available to support the proposal.

A. Project/Program Costs:

Example Costs (Note: Not exhaustive list of possible Cost categories.)

Supplies: \$65,000.00

Total Project Costs: \$65,000.00

B. Other Project Funding Sources:

Total Other Funding \$0

Total Amount Requested: \$65,000.00