

Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.
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Dear Ms. Evans:

Thank you for submitting an application for funding to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. We appreciate your time and effort and your commitment to creating a better Northwest Florida.

As you may know, Triumph Gulf Coast has received many more requests for funding than can be supported with the resources available to us. Unfortunately, after a thorough review by our professional advisors, it does not appear that your proposal meets our purposes and requirements for substantially improving the economy of the eight counties disproportionately affected by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

We are required by law to score each application as to its likely return on investment and potential for diversifying and enhancing our regional economy. Proposal # 44, "Northern Gulf of Mexico Fish Assistive Device Network", was scored as a C based on the economic impact information provided in the application.

Proposals with a score of C, D, or F will not be recommended to our Board of Directors. There is no certainty that all A and B scored proposals will be funded.

The Matrix economic impact study which your organization provided indicated that there is little or no credible evidence of the impact of the availability of Fish Assistive Devices on the economic performance of the fishing sector in places where they have been installed. Quantifiable factual information to refute this finding has not been presented to our economist. Without this information it is not possible to determine the overall long term, sustainable economic benefits to the community.

We appreciate your participation and welcome any future proposals that more closely fulfill the purposes and requirements of Triumph Gulf Coast.

Sincerely,

Susan Skelton
Executive Director

