

Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.
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Ms. Lee Mathes
City Administrator
1 Avenue E
Apalachicola, Florida 32320

September 1, 2018

Dear Ms. Mathes:

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 requirements for substantially improving the economy of the eight counties disproportionately affected by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill without supplanting normal government funding responsibilities.

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 # 35, "Stormwater/Wastewater Improvements", 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 information provided in the application indicates that ongoing maintenance of the project would be funded by the City of Apalachicola however it does not identify specific job creation impacts to be expected from these improvements. Further, the improvements identified would normally be funded as part of ongoing city utility operations, so that Triumph funding likely supplants rather than supplements normal resources in this situation. This is particularly true given the modest level of match that is proposed.

As you also may be aware, Triumph Gulf Coast is not the only source of funds arising from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. The RESTORE Act, a federal law, provides \$6.2 billion to coastal states, counties and communities for environmental projects and other needs. If you believe your proposal qualifies, you may want to be in contact with the RESTORE coordinator in your county.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan J. Skelton".

Susan Skelton
Executive Director