

Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.

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Ms. Zoe A. Mansfield  
City Manager  
City of St. Marks  
P.O. Box 296  
St. Marks, Florida 32355

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Dear Ms. Mansfield:

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 # 83, "City of St. Marks ADA Compliant Kayak Launch", 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.

While the ADA Compliant Kayak Launch appears to be a worthy endeavor, the application did not demonstrate any quantifiable increase in tourist use of the facility or positive economic impact, and the proposal does not include any source of match funding as required by statute.

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,

Susan Skelton  
Executive Director