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Dear Ms. Skelton,

Wakulla County appreciates your understanding and consideration of projects that support pre-and post-disaster recovery efforts due to the devastating effects of Hurricane Michael. Like many other rural, coastal counties our emergency communication system and facilities are inadequate and not constructed for category 3 or higher hurricanes. As we assess our damage and observe the damage to our neighboring panhandle counties it becomes more evident that we must be prepared for such future catastrophic events.

Therefore, on December 3, 2018, the Board approved updates to its list of County priority projects and supported Triumph projects. Enclosed is the updated listed as well as a summary of the updates.

The Board also directed staff to schedule a workshop in February 2019, for discussion and citizen input on new or revised projects as well as prioritization of supported projects. Triumph will be advised as soon as possible should the Board make any future changes to our list of supported and priority projects.

Again, thank you for Triumph's support as we move forward on the road to recovery as well as preparing for the future.

Sincerely,

J. David Edwards
County Administrator

Enclosures

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**SUMMARY OF DECEMBER 3, 2018 UPDATES TO
WAKULLA COUNTY'S LIST OF SUPPORT TRIUMPH GULF COAST, INC. PROJECTS**

Updated Top Three County Projects

Priority and Project Title	Applicant	Status
#1 First Responder Communication System	Wakulla County	Pre-application was approved, and staff are developing final application.
#2 New County Library	Wakulla County	Pre-application was approved, and staff are developing final application. Project scope is being expanded to construct Library as a <i>Disaster Risk Shelter</i> .
#3 Wakulla County Learning Center	Wakulla County School Board	The application was submitted, and discussions are ongoing between WCSB and Triumph staff regarding application revisions.

Projects Removed and Reason:

Project Title	Applicant	Status
Wakulla Career and Technical Education Center (was County Priority #1)	Wakulla County School Board	Removed from List of Supported Project due to Triumph approved funding agreement executed, and project is underway.
ADA Compliant Kayak/Canoe Launch St. Marks City Park (was County Priority #5)	City of St. Marks	Application was not approved.
St. Marks Board Walk Marine Manufacturing Training Center	City of St. Marks WEI – TCC	Application was not approved. Project was withdrawn and new refined applications submitted.

Supported Projects Added

Project Title	Applicant	Status
WEI Ocean Shellfish Nursery / Hatchery and Processing Facility	WEI – TCC	Board supported and County list of supported Triumph Projects updated.
WEI Environmental and Technical Training Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric and Communication Utilities Training • Oyster Boat, Composite, and Mechanics Training • Unmanned Vehicle Systems (aka Drones) Training 	WEI – TCC	Board supported and County list of supported Triumph Projects updated.
Dedicated Program to Expand Oyster Ranching in Wakulla County and Resurrect Aquaculture in Apalachee Bay	Panacea Oyster Co-op Corporation	Board supported and County list of supported Triumph Projects updated.

WAKULLA COUNTY LIST OF SUPPORTED PROJECTS FOR TRIUMPH GULF COAST, INC. FUNDING
 Revised on December 3, 2018, (Original Submitted on November 6, 2017, Updated on January 8, 2018)

Organization	Project Title/Brief Description	Est. Project Cost	Board Priority
Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners	<p>First Responder Communication System: Replace existing aging and unrepairable first responder communication system with one that can communicate with all federal, state and local first responder agencies as well as extending the range of communication within the County, i.e., national/state forest, metal building, etc. Our County is working with other 7-counties for potential regional project – with each County submitting their own application. (Updated to Priority #1 12-3-2018)</p> <p>New Library: Construct a new, larger more centrally located library at the community center to meet the growing demands for new programs and provide space for participation at current and new events. The existing library will be repurposed and used for a much-needed Fire/EMS station in the Medart area, south of Crawfordville. A new library also has the potential to provide virtual classes not provided elsewhere in the County and could target underprivileged populations needing workforce skills. The County owns the property. Funds are needed for design, permitting, construction and furnishings. The Library will be designed and constructed to serve as a category 4 Risk Shelter (Pre-Disaster). (Revised and updated to Priority #2 12-3-2018)</p>	\$2 M	#1
	<p>Medart Rec Park Improvements: Improve the parking lot, restroom and concession facilities, and sports fields of Wakulla County's only recreation park for organized outdoor youth and adult sports. The County owns the Park. Funds are needed for any design, permitting and construction.</p> <p>Realignment of County Road 61/Shell Point: The County has only two north-south bound highways from Capital Circle (Leon County) to US 98 (Wakulla County): US 319 is on the eastern side of the County and US 27 is on the western side. High traffic on both of these highways is attributed mainly to travelers working in Tallahassee and living in Wakulla. Internal arterial roads off of these highways leading to residential areas become clogged at peak times creating extremely hazardous conditions. Additionally, these highways provide the only access to Wakulla's coast, rivers, forest, etc. creating heavy traffic conditions on weekends and holidays. This proposed realignment would provide a north-south bound County Road centrally located in Wakulla County and would ease congestion and increase safety conditions. Funds are needed for design, permitting and construction.</p>	\$3.5 M	#2
	<p>Camp Indian Springs Campground Partnership: This project proposes a partnership with Department of Environment Protection (DEP), in the event they purchase the Camp Indian Springs Property. The County proposes seeking funds for the improvement of existing buildings on the Camp Indian Springs Campground property and the design, permitting and construction of a RV/Tent camp ground.</p>	\$2.0 M	
	<p>New Rec Park – US 319: The County is in need of land to design, permit and construct a larger outdoor multi-use recreational Park on the north side of the County. This park has the potential to serve the region for youth and adult outdoor sports, i.e., softball tournaments, soccer tournaments, etc. Funds are needed for land acquisition, planning, design, construction and furnishings.</p>	\$20 M	

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Wakulla County School Board	<p>Wakulla Career and Technical Education Center: This project would provide training and job skills for the non-degree seeking student for emerging or high-demand jobs. WCSB owns the property and will staff the center once constructed. Funds are requested for design, permitting, construction and furnishings. (Removed from List 12-3-2018)</p> <p>Wakulla County Learning Center: This project proposes a partnership with TCC for a campus in Wakulla County where students and adults may pursue an AA degree. WCSB owns the property and will staff the center once constructed in partnership with TCC. Funds are requested for design, permitting, construction and furnishings. (Updated 12-3-2018, changed from Priority #2 to Priority #3)</p>	\$5.7 M	#3
City of St. Marks,	<p>ADA Compliant Kayak/Canoe Launch: To provide kayak/canoe access to the Wakulla River via the City Park. Increase recreational opportunities and enhanced visitor experience. Will also relieve kayak/canoe launching at the St. Marks Boat Ramp. The City of St. Marks owns the property. Funds are requested for design, permitting and construction. (Removed from List 12-3-2018)</p> <p>St. Marks WWTP – Conversion of Grinders to Gravity Sewer: First a feasibility study (i.e., preliminary engineer report) will need to be conducted to determine if conversion is feasible and probable cost. Funds are needed for feasibility study/preliminary engineering report.</p> <p>St. Marks Board Walk: Construct a boardwalk that will connect to the terminus of the St. Marks Bike Trail and provide an off-road multi-use pedestrian to the Fort, St. Marks Board Ramp, and back to the St. Marks Bike Trail terminus. The City of St. Marks own the property and the project is designed and permitted. Funds are requested for construction. (Removed from List 12-3-2018)</p>	\$65-k	Denied
Wakulla Commercial Fishermen’s Assoc, Inc.	<p>A Partnership Reviving Apalachee Bay Oyster Reefs: Shoreline restoration on oyster reefs to enhance commercial and recreational fishing; provide tidal, storm surge and coastal erosion protection, improve water quality; strengthen economy, social and environmental capital. Funds are requested for all stages of the project.</p>	\$350 K	Denied
Wakulla Environmental Institute	<p>Marine Manufacturing Training Center: A state-of-the-art multi-purpose facility that will function as an auditorium, conference center, manufacturing center, oyster seed hatchery and commercial kitchen for processing local Gulf Coast seafood products. WEI owns the property. Funds are needed for design, permitting, construction and furnishings. Total estimated project cost is \$22.7 M, seeking \$15M Triumph funds. (Removed from List 12-3-2018)</p> <p>WEI Ocean Shellfish Nursery / Hatchery and Processing Facility that would provide the seed and education to entrepreneurs on how to grow shell fish crops, and provide the basis for safe, fresh shellfish processing to ensure the best product in available to customers worldwide. According to the WEI project summary there is no other facility of this kind available in Florida at an educational institution. Through planned partnerships, this program would offer an unparalleled ability to seed hundreds of entrepreneurs’ operations and process them using revolutionary pasteurization technology. Funds would</p>	\$2.6 M	WITHDRAWN
		\$15-M	\$13.5 M

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<p>Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratories, Inc. (GSML)</p>	<p>be used for professional engineering and architectural services, construction and furnishings. (Added to List 12-3-2018)</p> <p>WEI Environmental and Technical Training Center that would provide three distinct and separate training programs with the goal of creating small businesses and preparing talent for in-demand occupations that pay higher than state average wages. The programs would revolve around the three equal spokes of education (job training), conservation and recreation. The three separate programs are as follows and a separate Triumph application will be required for each:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electric and Communication Utilities Training 2. Oyster Boat, Composite, and Mechanics Training 3. Unmanned Vehicle Systems (aka Drones) Training <p>Funds would be used professional engineering and architectural services, construction and furnishings of the classrooms. Each training is estimated to cost \$1.5 million. (added to List 12-3-2018)</p> <p>GSML expansion of infrastructure and operations for adding courses that will lead to technical certificates in an array of marine subjects as well as marking new local marine products. Funds will be used to upgrade/expand the existing facilities, purchase of two vessels, and salaries and benefits for 11 planned new positions. It is anticipated that after three-years the course will be self-sustaining (Added to List 1-8-2018)</p>	<p>\$4.5 M</p>
<p>Panacea Oyster Co-Op Corporation (Co-op)</p>	<p>Dedicated Program to Expand Oyster Ranching in Wakulla County and Resurrect Aquaculture in Apalachee Bay. This project proposes the utilize property currently owned by the Co-op located in Panacea to develop a dedicated nursery, hatchery, algae farm and expand the Co-ops current post-harvesting operations through the use of innovative live pasteurization and flash freeze technologies. It is anticipated that this expansion could include training, education and support for more than 100 ranchers involving more than 150 acres of state water leases producing more than 190 million oysters per year within 7 years. This project proposes to provide transferable, sustainable workforce skills to participants, with a positive and profound impact especially among minority and disconnected communities with the County. FAMU has committed to helping the Co-op meet its K-20 education needs by providing a cadre of support, including contractual support and financial control. Funds would be used for professional engineering and architectural services, construction, furnishings and classroom instruction. (Added to List 12-3-2018)</p>	<p>\$3.9 M</p>
		<p>\$19 M</p>