

Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.
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Ms. Melissa Pilcher
Florida Community Services Corporation - Utility
4432 US Highway 98 East
Santa Rosa Beach, Florida 32459

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Dear Ms. Pilcher:

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 # 9, "Florida Community Services Corporation – Utility US 331 Water Transmission Line – Phase One", 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 did not demonstrate adequate quantifiable performance metrics for the number of high-paying jobs that would be created under the proposal. Additionally, it appears that the proposed project supplants spending that would normally be financed by local government sources, including revenue bonds (to be paid off by charges to water users), impact fees (also paid by users, and the source of the 51% match offered) or other local sources, and Triumph Gulf Coast funding would simply be used to offset costs that would otherwise be funded by users or by local government sources. Supplanting of other sources of funding is specifically prohibited by statute.

As you are 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