

TRIUMPH GULF COAST, INC. PRE-APPLICATION FORM

Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. (“Triumph Gulf Coast”) has created a pre-application process to provide initial consideration of eligibility for potential ideas of projects or programs that may seek an award of funding. Applicants are required to participate in the pre-application process. Notwithstanding the response from Triumph Gulf Coast on the pre-application form, an Applicant may still elect to submit an Application.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of

Individual/Entity/Organization:

Liberty Fire District, Inc. (LFD)

Proposal Title:

Liberty Volunteer Fire District –
North Station

LFD Cost Share: 23%

\$287,500.00

Amount of Triumph Funds

Requested: \$962,500.00

Total Estimated Project Cost:

\$1,250,000.00

Brief Description of Individual/Entity/Organization:

Non-Profit Government Organization – Special Independent Fire District

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Names of co-applicants, partners or other entities, organizations that will have a role in the proposed project or program:

Walton County Local Triumph Committee, Walton County Vocational Technical Center

REQUIRED EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In a maximum of two (2) pages, please describe the proposed project or program and anticipated outcomes including (i) the amount of funds being sought from Triumph Gulf Coast; (ii) the amount and identity of other sources of funds for the proposed project or program; (iii) the location of the project or program; (iv) summary description of the proposed program, including how the program will be transformational and promote economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties, and (v) a summary timeline for the proposed project or program.

SEE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ATTACHED

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This pre-application process will **not** result in an award of funding by Triumph Gulf Coast. Rather, this process is designed to facilitate submission of ideas for potential projects or programs before the Applicant expends time and/or resources to complete a full Application. All Applicants for funding are required to complete an Application, which will be reviewed and then considered for award at the discretion of Triumph Gulf Coast Board.

Please Select the Proposal’s Eligibility Category(s)

Pursuant to Section 288.8017, Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. was created to make awards from available funds to projects or programs that meet the priorities for economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties. The disproportionately affected counties are: Bay County, Escambia County, Franklin County, Gulf County, Okaloosa County, Santa Rosa County, Walton County, or Wakulla County. *See*, Section 288.08012.

1. From the choices below, please check the box that describes the purpose of the proposed project or program (check all that apply):

- Ad valorem tax rate reduction within disproportionately affected counties;
- Local match requirements of s. 288.0655 for projects in the disproportionately affected counties;
- Public infrastructure projects for construction, expansion, or maintenance which are shown to enhance economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties;
- Grants to local governments in the disproportionately affected counties to establish and maintain equipment and trained personnel for local

action plans of response to respond to disasters, such as plans created for the Coastal Impacts Assistance Program;

- ✓ Grants to support programs that prepare students for future occupations and careers at K-20 institutions that have campuses in the disproportionately affected counties. Eligible programs include those that increase students' technology skills and knowledge; encourage industry certifications; provide rigorous, alternative pathways for students to meet high school graduation requirements; strengthen career readiness initiatives; fund high-demand programs of emphasis at the bachelor's and master's level designated by the Board of Governors; and, similar to or the same as talent retention programs created by the Chancellor of the State University System and the Commission of Education, encourage students with interest or aptitude for science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medical disciplines to pursue postsecondary education at a state university or a Florida College System institution within the disproportionately affected counties;
- ✓ Grants to support programs that provide participants in the disproportionately affected counties with transferable, sustainable workforce skills that are not confined to a single employer; and
- ✓ Grants to the tourism entity created under s. 288.1226 for the purpose of advertising and promoting tourism and Fresh From Florida, and grants to promote workforce and infrastructure, on behalf of all of the disproportionately affected counties.

Please Select the Priorities this Proposal's Outcomes will Achieve

1. Please check the box if the proposed project or program will meet any of the following priorities (check all that apply):

- ✓ Generate maximum estimated economic benefits, based on tools and models not generally employed by economic input-output analyses, including cost-benefit, return-on-investment, or dynamic scoring techniques to determine how the long- term economic growth potential of the disproportionately affected counties may be enhanced by the investment.
- ✓ Increase household income in the disproportionately affected counties above national average household income.
- ✓ Leverage or further enhance key regional assets, including educational institutions, research facilities, and military bases.
- ✓ Partner with local governments to provide funds, infrastructure, land, or other assistance for the project.
- ✓ Benefit the environment, in addition to the economy.
- ✓ Provide outcome measures.
- ✓ Partner with K-20 educational institutions or school districts located within the disproportionately affected counties as of January 1, 2017.
- ✓ Are recommended by the board of county commissioners of the county in which the project or program will be located.
- Partner with convention and visitor bureaus, tourist development councils, or chambers of commerce located within the disproportionately affected counties.

TRIUMPH OF THE GULF COAST EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

LIBERTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT – NORTH STATION PROJECT

Liberty Fire District, Inc. (LFD) is a Non-Profit, Special Independent Fire District created by the State of Florida Legislature. LFD covers 89 Square Miles of Central and Northern Walton County and provides Fire and Rescue Operations for it's citizens and visitors. LFD averages over 700 Emergency Calls each year. It is predominantly a rural, residential, low-income, area with some industrial, commercial areas and provides support to critical infrastructure of this Region. Critical Infrastructure includes 14 miles of US Hwy 331, 8.5 of US Hwy 90, 3 miles of Interstate 10, high power electric transmission lines, dual natural gas transmission lines, county maintenance facilities, industrial facilities, daycare and community churches, and active CSX Rail-lines.

LFD is in dire need to establish a fire station in the Northern end of our district. This has been on our 10 year long-term budget listing and is our #1 Priority. We currently operate on just over \$160K per year and operate two fire stations (Central and South). LFD operates 14 pieces of apparatus and has a 30 member (FTE) volunteer firefighting and 1st Responder force (and growing)! Over 70% of our Nations Firefighters are Volunteers!

LFD is requesting assistance in obtaining a North Fire Station and the minimum necessary NFPA Rated Apparatus/equipment to house at the new 4,000 sq ft, 3 bay, North station. Estimated Total Acquisition cost: \$1,250,000. LFD projected Cost Share of 23% would be \$287,500. A request from Triumph of the Gulf Coast is: \$962,500.

Project Benefits:

- Provides protection to the visitors (tourist) traveling the US Hwy 331 corridor to the Beaches of NW FL Panhandle;
- Provides direct fire protection to the homes and businesses and a financial reduction in homeowner/business insurance rates (Lowers ISO Ratings) in a Five Mile radius;
- Assists the entire Region and lowers ISO Ratings and Insurance rates for Florida Residents in this area;
- Enhances quick fire suppression capability and protects the Environment (reduces hazards, such as burning harmful combustibles and fuel leakage containment);
- Allow LFD to add additional New Volunteer Firefighters and 1st Responders increasing our volunteer count to 50 FTEs;
- Enhances New Members and New Certifications of Professional 1st Responders

- Enhances New Membership and New Florida FF1 State Certified Firefighter Certifications!
- Enhances protection to tourists visiting Walton County Beaches and reduces response times;
- Add a new Hurricane Evacuation/Tornado Shelter to this area;
- Increases jobs in our local Commercial Construction Industry!

Our Plan:

Build a sustainable, 4,000 Sq Ft, 50 year facility with the following attributes: Built on 4 Acres in the Hwy 331 North and County Hwy 2 area. Constructed of Split-faced, CMU Blocks procured from the local block plant in Walton County. Building will consist of three drive-thru truck bays, a training room and Male/Female bunk rooms and a full kitchen facility. The facility will be ADA compliant with dual bathrooms and shower facilities. The building will have a back-up Generator servicing the facility for use during emergency sheltering of the community. The building will be built to 150 MPH Wind loading for use as a local emergency shelter. Storm Water and Retention Pond will be required. Industry Job Classification enhancements include: Firefighters, EMS Providers, Engineers, A&E Firm, Designers, Superintendent, Construction Manager, Grant Manager, Masonry Concrete, Electrical, Pipefitters, Plumbers, Landscapers, Sitework, Heavy Equipment Operators, Welders, Metal Roofers, Soffit Installers, HVAC Technicians, Floor Finishers, Tile Installers, Cabinetry, Carpenters, Fire Sprinkler/Alarm Installation, Storm Pipe/Drainage, Paving & Curbing, Audio installation, Doors & window installers, Lighting and Finishes, Signage installers.

We would like to team with the Walton County Vocation and Technical Training Center to utilize this site for on-the-job training (with instructor oversight) for their students seeking Trade Certifications. The plan is to make this a whole community concept of learning!

It is our intent to purchase new apparatus for this North Fire Station. Apparatus includes a NFPA Compliant, 1,000 GL Freightliner Engine (Walton County has a new local Freightliner Dealer/Mechanics) with necessary hose, nozzles and appliances. Also, a 400 GL, Ford F-550, Brush/Fast Attack Truck. This equipment allows our New Volunteer Firefighters (20 FTEs) to complete Certification Training using new NFPA 1901 Compliant apparatus. It is also necessary for immediate protection of the local community. Purchasing new equipment will provide an additional 20 new FTEs/jobs.

Please assist Liberty Volunteer Fire District in protecting our community for the next 50 Years! Coupled with an aggressive recruitment and training/certification program, the North Station Project will ensure our volunteer firefighters go home safely after each and every call to action within our community and Region!