

**Program Administrator Report
Triumph Gulf Coast Board Meeting
February 25, 2019**

The Triumph Gulf Coast staff continues to meet regularly with applicants and potential applicants, to review pre-applications, applications and to negotiate term-sheets and agreements.

Triumph staff has facilitated the development of the Triumph Hurricane Michael Major Disaster Recovery Program and has continued to monitor the impacts of Hurricane Michael on Triumph Communities and projects.

Based on the Board action on February 8, staff has also developed new language that will be added to the application as a requirement for proposals in the hurricane affected counties of Bay, Franklin, Gulf and Wakulla. All applications must be approved by the local Board of County Commissioners as part of the county's post hurricane recovery process. All proposals that come before the Board from those four counties, no matter when their application date, will need to meet this new requirement.

Staff continues to respond to information requests from the Office of the Auditor General.

Pre Applications

As of Friday, February 15, 2019, Triumph Gulf Coast had received 183 Pre-Applications totaling \$1,471,022,782 in requests.

Triumph Staff reviewed the information provided by each applicant on the pre-application form and the priorities for economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement to be awarded grants under s. 288.8017, F.S.:

288.8017 Awards. —

(1) Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., shall make awards from available funds to projects or programs that meet the priorities for economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties. Awards may be provided for:

- (a) Ad valorem tax rate reduction within disproportionately affected counties;*
- (b) Local match requirements of s. 288.0655 for projects in the disproportionately affected counties;*
- (c) Public infrastructure projects for construction, expansion, or maintenance which are shown to enhance economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties;*
- (d) 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;*
- (e) 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;

(f) 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

(g) 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.

Based on the information provided by the applicant in the pre-application, staff recommends that the following project proposals do not appear to meet criteria to be eligible to receive funds at this time under s. 288.8017, F.S. This does not preclude a pre-applicant from submitting a full application:

181 Coastline Environmental Materials, Artificial Reef Creation Project \$6,510,000 Franklin

Applications

As of Friday, February 25, 2019, Triumph Gulf Coast had received 59 Applications totaling \$526,548,201 in requests.

New Applications received January 5 – February 15, 2019:

Panacea Oyster Co-op, Wakulla Oyster and Aquaculture Expansion 19,241,000.00 Wakulla

Triumph staff proposes that the Board approve the final agreement with:

#69 FSU Marine Lab, Apalachicola Bay System Initiative <i>(if received)</i>	\$7,998,678.00
#98 Walton County Sheriff, Vocational/Technical Training Program	\$2,217,965.00