

## **Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. Trust Fund Application for Funds**

Proposal Instructions: The Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. Trust Fund Grant Application (this document) must be completed by the entity applying for the grant and signed, as applicable, by either the individual applying for funds, an individual authorized to bind the entity applying for funds, a chief elected official, the administrator for the governmental entity or their designee. Please read the Application carefully as some questions may require a separate narrative to be completed. In addition, please complete all Addendums that may be applicable to the proposed project or program.

Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. will make awards from available funds to projects or programs that meet the priorities for economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties. Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. may make awards for:

- 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.

Pursuant to Florida Law, Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. will provide priority consideration to Applications for projects or programs that:

- 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.

Additionally, the Board of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. may provide discretionary priority to consideration of Applications for projects and programs that:

- Are considered transformational for the future of the Northwest Florida region.
- May be consummated quickly and efficiently.
- Promote net-new jobs in the private sector with an income above regional average household income.
- Align with Northwest Florida FORWARD, the regional strategic initiative for Northwest Florida economic transformation.
- Create net-new jobs in targeted industries to include: aerospace and defense, financial services/shared services, water transportation, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, information technology, manufacturing, and robotics.
- Promote industry cluster impact for unique targeted industries.
- Create net-new jobs with wages above national average wage (e.g., similar to EFI QTI program, measured on graduated scale).
- Are located in Rural Area of Opportunity as defined by the State of Florida (DEO).
- Provide a wider regional impact versus solely local impact.
- Align with other similar programs across the regions for greater regional impact, and not be duplicative of other existing projects or programs.
- Enhance research and innovative technologies in the region.
- Enhance a targeted industry cluster or create a Center of Excellence unique to Northwest Florida.
- Create a unique asset in the region that can be leveraged for regional growth of targeted industries.

- Demonstrate long-term financial sustainability following Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. funding.
- Leverage funding from other government and private entity sources.
- Provide local investment and spending.
- Are supported by more than one governmental entity and/or private sector companies, in particular proposed projects or programs supported by more than one county in the region.
- Provide clear performance metrics over duration of project or program.
- Include deliverables-based payment system dependent upon achievement of interim performance metrics.
- Provide capacity building support for regional economic growth.
- Are environmentally conscious and business focused.
- Include Applicant and selected partners/vendors located in Northwest Florida.

Applications will be evaluated and scored based on compliance with the statutory requirements of the Triumph Gulf Coast legislation, including but not limited to the priorities identified therein and the geographic region served by the proposed project or program.



**Applicant Information**

Name of Individual (if applying in individual capacity): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Entity/Organization: Walton County Economic Development Alliance

Background of Applicant Individual/Entity/Organization: Walton County's vehicle for promoting expansion, diversification, and smart economic growth.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

Federal Employer Identification Number: 26-356253

Contact Information:

Primary Contact Information: Bill Imfeld

Title: Executive Director

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Email: bill@wcedafl.com

Website: wcedafl.com

Identify any co-applicants, partners, or other entities or organizations that will have a role in the proposed project or program and such partners proposed roles.

Walton County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) will provide matching funds and oversee construction until project completion. City of DeFuniak Springs will operate and maintain the system and collect revenue from it.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

Total amount of funding requested from Triumph Gulf Coast: \$1,742,407



Has the applicant in the past requested or applied for funds for all or part of the proposed project/program?

Yes       No

If yes, please provide detailed information concerning the prior request for funding, including:

- the date the request/application for funding was made;
- the source to which the request/application for funding was made,
- the results of the request/application for funding, and
- projected or realized results and/or outcomes from prior funding.

Note: This is EDA's first application. Previously the County/DeFuniak Springs/

Freeport sought money for 26 miles of water/sewr. This is for 4 miles  
(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

Describe the financial status of the applicant and any co-applicants or partners:

The EDA is a 501(c)6, with net worth in excess of \$250,000. Both Walton County

and DeFuniak Springs have submitted CAFRS to DOR and are in good standing.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

In a separate attachment, please provide financial statements or information that details the financial status of the applicant and any co-applicants or partners.

Has the applicant or any co-applicants, partners or any associated or affiliated entities or individuals filed for bankruptcy in the last ten (10) years?

Yes       No

If yes, please identify the entity or individual that filed for bankruptcy and the date of filing.

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

**Eligibility**

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.

2. Provide the title and a detailed description of the proposed project or program, including the location of the proposed project or program, a detailed description of, and quantitative evidence demonstrating how the proposed project or program will promote economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties, a proposed timeline for the proposed project or program, and the disproportionately affected counties that will be impacted by the proposed project or program.

The project would provide water and sewer service along the west side of US 331 from approximately I-10 south for nearly 4 miles. The EDA in conjunction with the County is currently negotiating for parcels of land approximately 4 miles south of I-10 that would be suitable for business, industrial, and commercial development. The parcels would be near Eglin AFB site C-6, and it would serve as an attractive location for the growth of aerospace related jobs. This would be important because of the Pentagon's announced migration of a weapons testing program from Ohio to Eglin and a significant classified contract to be executed in close proximity to site C-6. In addition to a commitment from a defense contractor to committing to 40 jobs over a 3 year period (if the corridor can obtain water and sewer), the EDA is currently negotiating with a business to construct both a manufacturing and retail facilities (Project "Y") which would phase in 50 new jobs and building to 200+ over several years in manufacturing. While they currently have retail facilities elsewhere in Florida, they do not have any Florida manufacturing facilities.

Anticipating these proposed projects to serve as magnets for other engineering, IT, AI, and manufacturing jobs, these are high on the State's list of targeted industries for economic growth in this Rural Area of Economic Opportunity.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)



3. Explain how the proposed project or program is considered transformational and how it will effect the disproportionately affected counties in the next ten (10) years.

For northern Walton County and DeFuniak Springs, numerous jobs at above County average wage would become available for an area that presently has minimal aerospace, defense, and manufacturing facilities.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

4. Describe data or information available to demonstrate the viability of the proposed project or program. The Pentagon has announced the transition of 2,000 jobs from Ohio to Eglin AFB over the next 5 years for weapons testing. Project "Y's" commitment also serves to underscore viability of manufacturing & distribution close to 331/I-10.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

5. Describe how the impacts to the disproportionately affected counties will be measured long term.

Job creation can be measured, as can new housing starts and school enrollment figures.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

6. Describe how the proposed project or program is sustainable. (Note: Sustainable means how the proposed project or program will remain financially viable and continue to perform in the long-term after Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. funding.) DeFuniak Springs already operates water and sewer systems. They have the personnel and the capabilities to properly operate and maintain this project

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

7. Describe how the deliverables for the proposed project or program will be measured.

The construction portion of the project will utilize an engineering firm to track and

approve progress. Once in operation, answer to #5 (supra) will be in place.

### Priorities

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.

2. Please explain how the proposed project meets the priorities identified above.  
 Eglin AFB currently has in excess of \$21 Billion in contracts to be executed over the next several years. This will provide opportunities for Walton County and DeFuniak Springs to create and support new high tech jobs. Both the County and the City are partnering with the EDA for this infrastructure project. The number of jobs, new home construction, and school enrollment data will provide outcome measures. This proposal has the approval of the EDA's Board of Directors; the Local Triumph Citizen's Committee; the DeFuniak Springs City Council; and the Walton County BCC.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

3. Please explain how the proposed project or program meets the discretionary priorities identified by the Board. Water and sewer along US 331 is the BCC's top priority, and economic growth is a priority of the City of DeFuniak Springs.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

4. In which of the eight disproportionately affected county/counties is the proposed project or program located? (Circle all that apply)

Escambia Santa Rosa Okaloosa Walton Bay Gulf Franklin Wakulla

Attached are minutes of EDA Board and BCC meetings and DeFuniak Springs letter from meeting author



5. Was this proposed project or program on a list of proposed projects and programs submitted to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., by one (or more) of the eight disproportionately affected Counties as a project and program located within its county?  
 Yes  No

If yes, list all Counties that apply: Walton County BCC/DeFuniak Springs/Freeport initially applied for 26+ miles water and sewer. This is phased approach to that which will prove the viability of sequential growth for US 331.

6. Does the Board of County Commissioners for each County listed in response to question 5, above, recommend this project or program to Triumph?  
 Yes  No

\*\*Please attach proof of recommendation(s) from each County identified.  
BCC minutes from 03/26/2019 meeting attached.

#### Approvals and Authority

1. If the Applicant is awarded grant funds based on this proposal, what approvals must be obtained before Applicant can execute an agreement with Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.? Both BCC and DeFuniak Springs City Council have already approved project.  
(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)
2. If approval of a board, commission, council or other group is needed prior to execution of an agreement between the entity and Triumph Gulf Coast:  
A. Provide the schedule of upcoming meetings for the group for a period of at least six months.  
B. State whether that group can hold special meetings, and if so, upon how many days' notice.  

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)
3. Describe the timeline for the proposed project or program if an award of funding is approved, including milestones that will be achieved following an award through completion of the proposed project or program. Start of process within 30 days of Triumph Board approval. Survey, design and DEP permitting 4 to 5 months. Pump station at south end and water and sewer lines 4-5 months. Master pump station at north end 60 days. Total 13 months.  
(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)
4. Attach evidence that the undersigned has all necessary authority to execute this proposal on behalf of the entity applying for funding. This evidence may take a variety of forms, including but not limited to: a delegation of authority, citation to relevant laws or codes, policy documents, etc. In addition, please attach any support letters from partners.

Attached are minutes of EDA Board and BCC meetings and DeFuniak Springs letter from the City Manager authorizing this submission.



**Funding and Budget:**

Pursuant to Section 288.8017, awards may not be used to finance 100 percent of any project or program. An awardee may not receive all of the funds available in any given year.

1. Identify the amount of funding sought from Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. and the time period over which funding is requested.  
\$1,742,407 is being requested from approximately month 8 to completion in 13 months.  
(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

2. What percentage of total program or project costs does the requested award from Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. represent? (Please note that an award of funding will be for a defined monetary amount and will not be based on percentage of projected project costs.)  
36.7%  
(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

3. Please describe the types and number of jobs expected from the proposed project or program and the expected average wage. Upon project completion, expect minimum of 40 high tech jobs and initial 50 manufacturing (growing to 200) jobs with existing commitments.  
(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)  
Those numbers would be expected to at least double over the ensuing three years.

4. Does the potential award supplement but not supplant existing funding sources? If yes, describe how the potential award supplements existing funding sources.  
 Yes  No  
(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

5. Please provide a Project/Program Budget. Include all applicable costs and other funding sources available to support the proposal.

A. Project/Program Costs: See Attached

Example Costs (Note: Not exhaustive list of possible Cost categories.)

Construction	\$ _____
Reconstruction	\$ _____
Design & Engineering	\$ _____
Land Acquisition	\$ _____
Land Improvement	\$ _____
Equipment	\$ _____
Supplies	\$ _____
Salaries	\$ _____

Other (specify) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Project Costs: \$ 4,742,407

B. Other Project Funding Sources:

Example Funding Sources (Note: Not an exhaustive list of possible Funding Sources.)

City/County \$ 3,000,000  
Private Sources \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (e.g., grants, etc.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Other Funding \$ 3,000,000  
Total Amount Requested: \$ 1,742,407

Note: The total amount requested must equal the difference between the costs in 3A. and the other project funding sources in 3.B.

C. Provide a detailed budget narrative, including the timing and steps necessary to obtain the funding and any other pertinent budget-related information.

See attached "Preliminary Cost Opinion" prepared by Dewberry Engineers.

Timeline is set forth in response to question #3 in the Approvals and Authorities Section, supra.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

Applicant understands that the Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. statute requires that the award contract must include provisions requiring a performance report on the contracted activities, must account for the proper use of funds provided under the contract, and must include provisions for recovery of awards in the event the award was based upon fraudulent information or the awardee is not meeting the performance requirements of the award.

Yes       No

Applicant understands that awardees must regularly report to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. the expenditure of funds and the status of the project or program on a schedule determined by Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.

Yes       No

Applicant acknowledges that Applicant and any co-Applicants will make books and records and other financial data available to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. as necessary to measure and confirm performance metrics and deliverables.

Yes       No

Applicant acknowledges that Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. reserves the right to request additional information from Applicant concerning the proposed project or program.

Yes       No



**ADDENDUM FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSALS:**

1. Program Requirements

A. Is the infrastructure owned by the public?

Yes       No

B. Is the infrastructure for public use or does it predominately benefit the public?

Yes       No

C. Will the public infrastructure improvements be for the exclusive benefit of any single company, corporation or business entity?

Yes       No

D. Provide a detailed explanation of how the public infrastructure improvements will connect to a broader economic development vision for the community and benefit additional current and future businesses.

Completion of this project will open up the entire 4 mile stretch for economic development of State targeted industries. Without water and sewer, there will be limited, if any, growth.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

E. Provide a detailed description of, and quantitative evidence demonstrating how the proposed public infrastructure project will promote:

- o Economic recovery,
- Economic Diversification,
- o Enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties,
- o Enhancement of a Targeted Industry.

Defense Contractor and Project Y proposals for this area are for job opportunities in this area of the County that are scarce or non-existent.

(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

2. Additional Information

A. Is this project an expansion of existing infrastructure project?

Yes       No

B. Provide the proposed beginning commencement date and number of days required to complete construction of the infrastructure project.

Process can start within 30 days of Triumph Board approval. Total time has engineering estimate of 13 months.

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- C. What is the location of the public infrastructure? (Provide the road number, if applicable.)  
US 331 from I-10 for approximately 4 miles in a southern direction

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- D. Who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep? (Indicate if more than one are applicable.)

Once operational, water and sewer will be maintained by the City of DeFuniak Springs

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- E. What permits are necessary for the infrastructure project?

DEP water and sewer permits will be required

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

Detail whether required permits have been secured, and if not, detail the timeline for securing these permits. Additionally, if any required permits are local permits, will these permits be prioritized?

These permits have not yet been obtained, but engineering estimate is will be obtained within the initial 5 months once the process is started.

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- F. What is the future land use and zoning designation on the proposed site of the Infrastructure improvement, and will the improvements conform to those uses?

Some parts of the 4 mile corridor are already established as commercial or industrial. Other sites will receive priority reclassification, if needed.

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- G. Will an amendment to the local comprehensive plan or a development order be required on the site of the proposed project or on adjacent property to accommodate the infrastructure and potential current or future job creation opportunities? If yes, please detail the timeline  
 Yes       No

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- H. Does this project have a local match amount? If yes, please describe the entity providing the match and the amount.  
 Yes       No

BCC will be affording \$3,000,000 of Restore Act Pot #1 money as a match.

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- I. Provide any additional information or attachments to be considered for this proposal.

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)



**ADDENDUM FOR WORKFORCE TRAINING PROPOSALS**

N/A

1. Program Requirements

- A. Will this proposal supports programs that prepare students for future occupations and careers at K-20 institutions that have campuses in the disproportionately affected counties? If yes, please identify where the campuses are located and provide details on how the proposed programs will prepare students for future occupations and at which K-20 institutions that programs will be provided.

Yes       No

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- B. Will the proposed program (check all that apply):
- 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
  - 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 (similar to or the same as talent retention programs created by the Chancellor of the State University System and the Commission on Education)

For each item checked above, describe how the proposed program will achieve these goals

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- C. Will this proposal provide participants in the disproportionately affected counties with transferable, sustainable workforce skills but not confined to a single employer? If yes, please provide details.

Yes       No

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- D. Identify the disproportionately affected counties where the proposed programs will operate or provide participants with workforce skills.

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- E. Provide a detailed description of, and quantitative evidence demonstrating how the proposed project or program will promote:
- o Economic recovery,
  - o Economic Diversification,
  - o Enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties,
  - o Enhancement of a Targeted Industry.

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

2. Additional Information

- A. Is this an expansion of an existing training program? Is yes, describe how the proposed program will enhance or improve the existing program and how the proposal program will supplements but not supplant existing funding sources.
- Yes       No

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- B. Indicate how the training will be delivered (e.g., classroom-based, computer based, other).  
If in-person, identify the location(s) (e.g., city, campus, etc.) where the training will be available.

If computer-based, identify the targeted location(s) (e.g., city, county) where the training will be available.

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- C. Identify the number of anticipated enrolled students and completers.
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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- D. Indicate the length of the program (e.g., quarters, semesters, weeks, months, etc.) including anticipated beginning and ending dates.
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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- E. Describe the plan to support the sustainability of the proposed program.
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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- F. Identify any certifications, degrees, etc. that will result from the completion of the program.
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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)



- G. Does this project have a local match amount? If yes, please describe the entity providing the match and the amount.  
 Yes                       No
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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- H. Provide any additional information or attachments to be considered for this proposal.
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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

**ADDENDUM FOR AD VALOREM TAX RATE REDUCTION:**

N/A

**I. Program Requirements**

- A. Describe the property or transaction that will be supported by the ad valorem tax rate reduction.

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- B. Provide a detailed explanation of how the ad valorem tax rate reduction will connect to a broader economic recovery, diversification, enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties and/or enhancement of a targeted industry.

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- C. Provide a detailed description of the quantitative evidence demonstrating how the proposed ad valorem tax reduction will promote:
- o Economic recovery,
  - o Economic Diversification,
  - o Enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties,
  - o Enhancement of a Targeted Industry.

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

**2. Additional Information**

- A. What is the location of the property or transaction that will be supported by the ad valorem tax rate reduction?

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- B. Detail the current status of the property or transaction that will be supported by the ad valorem tax rate reduction and provide a detailed description of when and how the ad valorem tax rate reduction will be implemented.

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- C. Does this proposed project have a local match amount? If yes, please describe the entity providing the match and the amount.

Yes       No

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- D. Provide any additional information or attachments to be considered for this proposal.

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**ADDENDUM FOR LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 288.0655,  
FLORIDA STATUTES**

1. Program Requirements

- A. Describe the local match requirements of Section 288.0655 and the underlying project, program or transaction that will be funded by the proposed award.

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- B. Provide a detailed explanation of how the local match requirements and the underlying project or program will connect to a broader economic recovery, diversification, enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties and/or enhancement of a targeted industry.

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- C. Provide a detailed description of, and quantitative evidence demonstrating how the proposed local match requirements will promote:
- o Economic recovery,
  - o Economic Diversification,
  - o Enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties,
  - o Enhancement of a Targeted Industry.

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

2. Additional Information

- A. What is the location of the property or transaction that will be supported by the local match requirements?

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- B. Detail the current status of the property or transaction that will be supported by the local match requirement and provide a detailed description of when and how the local match requirement will be implemented.

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a Word document with your entire answer.)

- C. Provide any additional information or attachments to be considered for this proposal.

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## ADDENDUM FOR LOCAL ACTION PLAN

### 1. Program Requirements

- A. Describe how the proposed award will establish and maintain equipment and trained personnel for local action plans of response to respond to disasters.
- B. Describe the type and amount of equipment and trained personnel that will be established or maintained by the proposed award.
- C. Identify the specific local action plans (*e.g.*, Coastal Impacts Assistance Program) that will benefit from the proposed award.
- D. Provide a detailed explanation of how the proposed award will connect to a broader economic recovery, diversification, enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties and/or enhancement of a targeted industry.

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- E. Provide a detailed description of the quantitative evidence demonstrating how the proposed will promote:
  - Economic recovery,
  - Economic Diversification,
  - Enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties,
  - Enhancement of a Targeted Industry.

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### 2. Additional Information

- A. What is the location of the local action program that will be supported by the proposed award?

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- B. Detail the current status of the local action plans (*e.g.*, new plans, existing plans, etc.) that will be supported by the proposed award and provide a detailed description of when and how the proposed award will be implemented.



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- C. Provide any additional information or attachments to be considered for this proposal.

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**ADDENDUM FOR ADVERTISING/PROMOTION**

1. Program Requirements

- A. Is the applicant a tourism entity created under s. 288.1226, Florida Statutes?  
 Yes       No
- B. Does the applicant advertise and promote tourism and Fresh From Florida? If yes, provide details on how it advertises and promotes tourism and Fresh From Florida.  
 Yes       No

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- C. Does the proposed award promote workforce and infrastructure on behalf of the disproportionately affected counties? If yes, describe how workforce and infrastructure is promoted on behalf of the disproportionately affected counties.  
 Yes       No

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- D. Provide a detailed explanation of how the proposed award will connect to a broader economic recovery, diversification, enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties and/or enhancement of a targeted industry.

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- E. Provide a detailed description of the quantitative evidence demonstrating how the proposed will promote:
- o Economic recovery,
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2. Additional Information

- A. Describe the advertising and promotion mediums and locations where the advertising and promotion will occur.

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- B. Detail the current status of the advertising and promotion (*e.g.*, new plans, existing plans, etc.) that will be supported by the proposed award and provide a detailed description of when and how the proposed award will be implemented.

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- C. Provide any additional information or attachments to be considered for this proposal.

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I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have express authority to sign this proposal on my behalf or on behalf of the above-described entity, organization, or governmental entity:

Name of Applicant: Walton County Economic Development Alliance

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Bill Imfeld, Executive Director

Representative Signature: Bill Imfeld

Signature Date: 03/28/2019

# WALTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE

## Board of Directors

Regular Meeting – March 7, 2019 – 12 p.m.

Walton County Administration Office, DeFuniak Springs, FL.

### MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Bill Chapman, Chair, District 1; Mayor Bob Campbell, Vice Chair, City of DeFuniak Springs; Eric Galloway, Treasurer, Edward Jones; Mayor Russ Barley, City of Freeport; Mayor Hayward Thomas, City of Paxton; Larry D. Jones, County Administrator; Russell Hughes, Walton County Superintendent of Schools; William Schissler, Frank's Cash & Carry/SBA

**ABSENTEES:** Matthew Avery, CHELCO

**STAFF:** Bill Imfeld, Executive EDA Director; acting Attorney Clayton Adkinson; Evelyn Smith, EDA Executive Assistant, acting as meeting recorder

**GUESTS:** Commissioner Danny Glidewell, District 2; Latilda Neel, City of Freeport; Susan McDonald, Commissioner's Aide to Melanic Nipper, District 3; Tom Baker, HUD; Mell Smigielski, City Manager, DeFuniak Springs; Donna Cox, Emerald Coast Technical College; Juliet Milam, Nextera Energy; Cliff Knauer, Dewberry Engineering; Fred Leopold, Community Bank; Beverly Brown; Theresa Kemp; Arthur Rocker; Bob Brooke

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by the Chairman, Commissioner Bill Chapman.

**Invocation and Pledge:** Board member County Administrator Larry Jones gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

**Minutes for Approval:** A motion was made by Mayor Bob Campbell, seconded by Mayor Russ Barley, to approve the EDA Board Minutes of February 7, 2019, Regular Meeting. All Ayes, motion carried.

**Financials:** Mr. Imfeld briefed the Board on all EDA and EDC financials (including Regions credit card receipts). Mayor Russ Barley motioned to approve the financials for February, 2019, seconded by Mayor Bob Campbell. All Ayes, motion carried.

**Triumph Submission:** EDA Executive Director Bill Imfeld informed the Board that he would like to submit a joint application from the EDA, County and City of DeFuniak Springs to the Triumph Gulf Coast Board for a \$5,000,000.00 water and sewer project. This request is for a 4-mile stretch of water and sewer along 331S. Mr. Imfeld will request \$3,000,000.00 from the County Restore Act and \$2,000,000.00 from Triumph funds. Once this project is complete, the City of DeFuniak Springs will assume ownership of the water and sewer lines. The EDA Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Imfeld to proceed with the application. Motion made by Mayor Bob Campbell, seconded by Russell Hughes. All Ayes, motion carried.

**Project Acquisitions Update:** Mr. Imfeld announced that there is a company possibly interested in 75 acres of property on 331S. This project is referred to as Project Y. It is a metal fabrication company bringing 200 jobs to the County. He also stated that there is an individual interested in acquiring the entire Wayne Farms property. Larry Sassano is working with an individual interested in the Jerry Evans property.

**Economic Development Strategic Plan Update:** Mr. Imfeld communicated with the West Florida Regional Planning Council regarding the status of the Walton County Economic Development Strategic Plan. Hurricane Michael has caused some delays in revising the draft and WFRPC will submit the report to WCEDA in the very near future.

**Workforce Affordable Housing:** Mr. Tom Baker, Director of Walton County HUD, introduced Mr. Art Rocker who recently purchased the property behind the Argyle Store. Mr. Rocker informed the EDA Board that he plans to build low income housing at this site. Home prices will range from \$112,000 to \$120,000.

**Rural Economic Development Summit Update:** Mayor Bob Campbell recently attended the Rural Economic Development Summit in Orlando. Mayor Campbell stated that it was an outstanding summit and discussions included grant opportunities and opportunity zones for new businesses and investors. Mr. Imfeld also attended this summit and stated the number one concern from most companies is the population receiving proper training in the educational system.



## March 26, 2019 – Regular Meeting

The Board of County Commissioners, Walton County, Florida held a Regular Meeting on March 29, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Walton County Courthouse in DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

The following Board members were present: Commissioner Tony Anderson, Chairman; Commissioner W.N. "Bill" Chapman, Vice-Chairman; Commissioner Danny Glidewell; Commissioner Melanie Nipper; and Commissioner Trey Nick. Mr. Larry Jones, County Administrator, and Attorney Sidney Noyes, County Attorney, were also present.

Commissioner Chapman, Vice-Chairman, announced that Chairman Anderson would be late due to a delay caused by a traffic accident.

Vice-Chairman Chapman recognized Walton County Solid Waste employees, Mr. Tim Castiglione and Mr. Richie Price, for their heroic action in the saving of a life at the Walton County Landfill.

Chairman Anderson arrived.

Mr. Castiglione and Mr. Price were presented with a plaque for their heroism.

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order.

Motion by Commissioner Chapman, second by Commissioner Glidewell, to approve to approve the agenda as revised. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Glidewell Aye, Nipper Aye, Nick Aye, Anderson Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Glidewell, second by Commissioner Nipper, to approve the following deletion from the agenda: Ayes 5, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Glidewell Aye, Nipper Aye, Nick Aye, Anderson Aye.

Deletion: Jay Woerner - request the County take over the maintenance of Pine Court

There were no public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Glidewell, second by Commissioner Nipper, to approve the Waste Management expenditures in the amount of \$224,473.71. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Glidewell Aye, Nipper Aye, Nick Aye, Anderson Aye. Commissioner Chapman Abstained. **(Form 8B: Chapman)**

Motion by Commissioner Nick, second by Commissioner Glidewell, to approve the Annual Seaside School Half Marathon & 5K Run and Taste of the Race Event the weekend of February 28th-March 1st, 2020. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Glidewell Aye, Nipper Aye, Nick Aye, Anderson Aye. Ms. Teresa Horton, Seaside School, voiced her appreciation to the Board for their support.

Mr. Bill Imfeld, Economic Development Alliance Director, requested approval to submit the joint EDA/County/City of DeFuniak Springs proposal to Triumph Gulf Coast, requesting \$2 million in Triumph funds for U.S. Highway 331 water and sewer and use RESTORE Act funds as a match. Triumph rejected funding for the proposed 26 mile water/sewer project along U.S. Highway 331, but has indicated it would be more amenable to a phased approach.

Commissioner Glidewell met with Senator Gaetz and Dr. Rick Harper and discussed a phased approach to the project. The submission is for 4 miles of water/sewer from I-10 south. Mr. Imfeld spoke about a classified contract and the need to provide water and sewer service. He presented an executive summary. They are also working with other businesses they are trying to bring into the area who will also need water and sewer. Mr. Imfeld stated he is asking for a \$3 million Restore Act commitment from the Board.

Commissioner Glidewell thanked him for bringing this project up. He felt this is a good first step and applauded Mr. Imfeld for his work on the project.

Motion by Commissioner Glidewell, second by Commissioner Chapman, to approve the submission of the joint EDA/County/City of DeFuniak Springs proposal to Triumph Gulf Coast, requesting \$2 million from Triumph and Restore Act Pot number 1 funds of \$3 million from the Board.

Mr. Alan Osborne asked for the name of the defense contractor who wanted to put up building. Mr. Imfeld stated he has a confidentiality agreement with them and is unable to divulge that information.

Ayes 5, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Glidewell Aye, Nipper Aye, Nick Aye, Anderson Aye.

Motion by Commissioner Nick, second by Commissioner Nipper, to adopt and authorize the Chairman to sign a resolution (2019-19) amending Affordable Housing Resolution 1993-20 and appoint committee members as recommended. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Glidewell Aye, Nipper Aye, Nick Aye, Anderson Aye.

Mr. Jones presented the Commission Board and Committee Assignments:

Motion by Commissioner Glidewell, second by Commissioner Nipper, to approve the Commission Board and Committee Assignments list for discussion. Commissioner Nipper advised of her conflicts as a pilot and her unavailability to serve on the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization Board (OWTPO). Commissioner Glidewell agreed to serve in her place.

Commissioner Glidewell amended the motion, second by Commissioner Nipper, to approve the list with the change that he will serve on the OWTOP in Commissioner Nipper's place. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Chapman Aye, Glidewell Aye, Nipper Aye, Nick Aye, Anderson Aye.

Mr. Jones requested to appoint volunteer committee members to the vacant Districts One, Four and Five positions on the Library Advisory Board. Ms. Victoria Land George was added to the list of volunteers.

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March 27, 2019

Florida Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.  
P.O. Box 12007  
Tallahassee, Florida 32317

Triumph Board,

The DeFuniak Springs City Council on March 25, 2019 did vote to approve the Walton County EDA to submit a joint County/City water and sewer infrastructure proposal for the four miles from I-10 south on US Highway 331.

Should you wish additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Yours Very Truly,

Mell Smigielski, City Manager



WALTON EDA TRIUMPH APPLICATION - WATER AND SEWER US-331 (I-10 SOUTH)					
NO.	ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
<b>WASTEWATER FORCEMAINS (8" AND 6") AND WATER DISTRIBUTION (10")</b>					
1	8-INCH DR-18 PVC FORCEMAIN (AT FULL BUILD OF 331 CORRIDOR)	16350	LF	\$27.00	\$441,450.00
2	6-INCH DR-18 PVC FORCEMAIN (INITIAL USE)	16350	LF	\$18.00	\$294,300.00
3	10-INCH PE 4710 DR 11 DIRECTIONAL BORE WITH TRANSITION FITTINGS AND BOLT KITS (FOR 8-INCH SEWER)	2550	LF	\$150.00	\$382,500.00
4	6-INCH PE 4710 DR 11 DIRECTIONAL BORE WITH TRANSITION FITTINGS AND BOLT KITS (FOR 6-INCH SEWER)	2550	LF	\$125.00	\$318,750.00
5	10-INCH FUSABLE PVC DIRECTIONAL BORE WITH TRANSITION FITTINGS AND BOLT KITS (FOR 10-INCH WATERMAIN)	2550	LF	\$135.00	\$344,250.00
6	8-INCH VALVE AND VALVE BOX (SEWER)	6	EA	\$4,500.00	\$27,000.00
7	10-INCH VALVE AND VALVE BOX (WATER)	8	EA	\$7,000.00	\$56,000.00
8	6-INCH VALVE AND VALVE BOX (SEWER)	6	EA	\$3,500.00	\$21,000.00
9	10-INCH C-900 WATERMAIN EXTENSION	13750	LF	\$32.00	\$440,000.00
10	AIR RELIEF VALVE WITH VAULT	3	EA	\$5,500.00	\$16,500.00
11	MASTER PUMP STATION AT I-10 WITH GENERATOR AND BYPASS PUMP TO REPLACE EXISTING MASTER PUMP STATION	1	LS	\$800,000.00	\$800,000.00
12	MASTER PUMP STATION WITH GENERATOR AT POELKING ROAD ON US-331	1	LS	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00
13	TESTING AND DISINFECTION	1	LS	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>					
13	LAYOUT & AS-BUILTS	1	LS	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
14	MAINTENANCE OF ROAD AND SIDEWALK TRAFFIC (PER FDOT 600 INDEXES)	1	LS	\$45,000.00	\$25,000.00
15	SILT FENCE / EROSION CONTROL	22000	LF	\$1.50	\$33,000.00
16	SODDING	35000	SY	\$3.00	\$105,000.00
17	MOBILIZATION AND DEMOBILIZATION (MAX 5% OF BID, INCLUDING BONDS AND NPDES ADMINISTRATION)	1	LS	\$184,737.50	\$184,737.50
18	10% CONTINGENCY	1	LS	\$387,948.75	\$387,948.75
	<b>TOTAL PRELIMINARY CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE</b>			<b>\$4,267,436</b>	
19	<b>SURVEY</b>			<b>\$49,050</b>	
20	<b>DESIGN</b>			<b>\$298,720.54</b>	
21	<b>CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION</b>			<b>\$127,200.00</b>	
	<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>			<b>\$4,742,406.79</b>	