

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: *City of Carrabelle, Carrabelle-Thompson Airport*

Proposal Title: Airport Development Project – Additional Hangars and General Aviation Terminal Facilities

Amount of Triumph Funds Requested: *\$2,000,000*

Total Estimated Project Cost: *\$2,000,000*

Brief Description of Individual/Entity/Organization: *Carrabelle-Thompson Airport is a publicly owned airport located in Franklin County. It serves both based and transient pilots and is also used as a space to host local events.*

Contact Information

Primary Contact: *Courtney Millender-Dempsey*

Title: *Airport Manager*

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

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.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Funding Request Narrative for the Carrabelle-Thompson Airport Project
Carrabelle-Thompson Airport, Carrabelle-Thompson Airport, Florida
April 12, 2019

Amount Requested: \$2,000,000.00

Location: The proposed project is located at Carrabelle-Thompson Airport in Franklin County, Florida. The airport is located about 1.5 miles southwest of the City of Carrabelle (Figure 1). The specific project site is located in the northeast section of the airport property, in a paved area just south of runway end 23 and adjacent to existing hangar facilities (Figure 2).

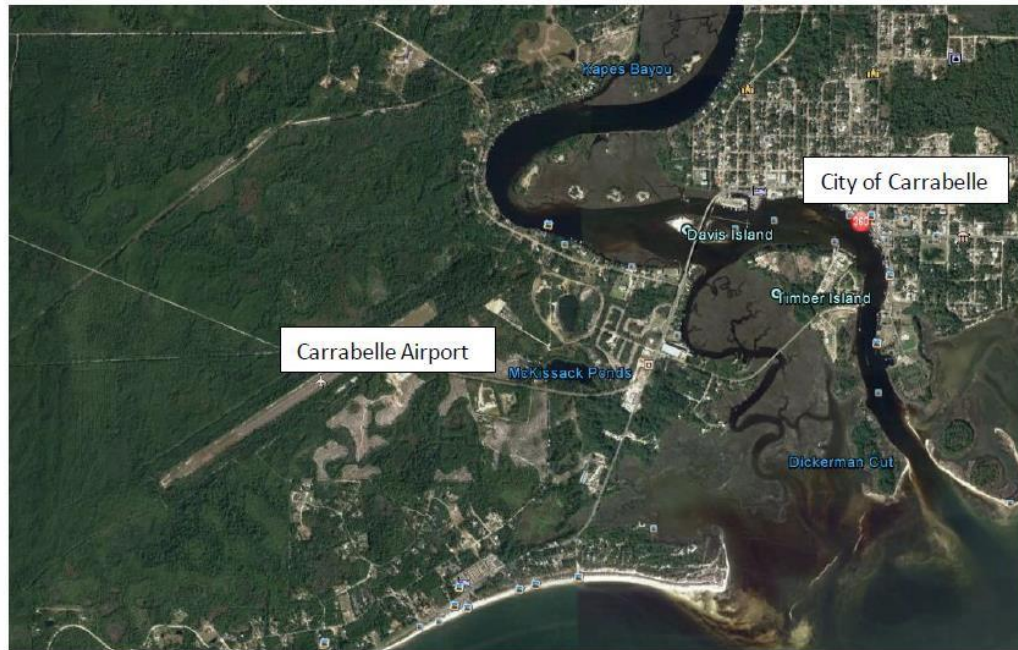


Figure 1: Proposed Project Location

Introduction: The Carrabelle-Thompson Airport is seeking funding to implement a series of projects to improve airport operability and to expand airport services. The proposed project is a component of and supports the development of the FDOT funded Airport Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan. Additional hangars with new general aviation terminal facilities are one of the first steps in upgrading and expanding the airport and its services to contribute to the economic enhancement and diversification of Franklin County and the City of Carrabelle. The Carrabelle-Thompson Airport recognizes through this Plan the need to expand the airport to better serve the region.

Timeline/Schedule: It is estimated that the project will take 18 months to complete, from procurement of funds to completion of construction.

Summary Description: The proposed project is for the construction of additional hangars, a new general aviation terminal, flexible work space, and expanded vehicle parking. Because the proposed project would be built in an existing developed and paved area, it would not require any pre-construction environmental impact analysis.

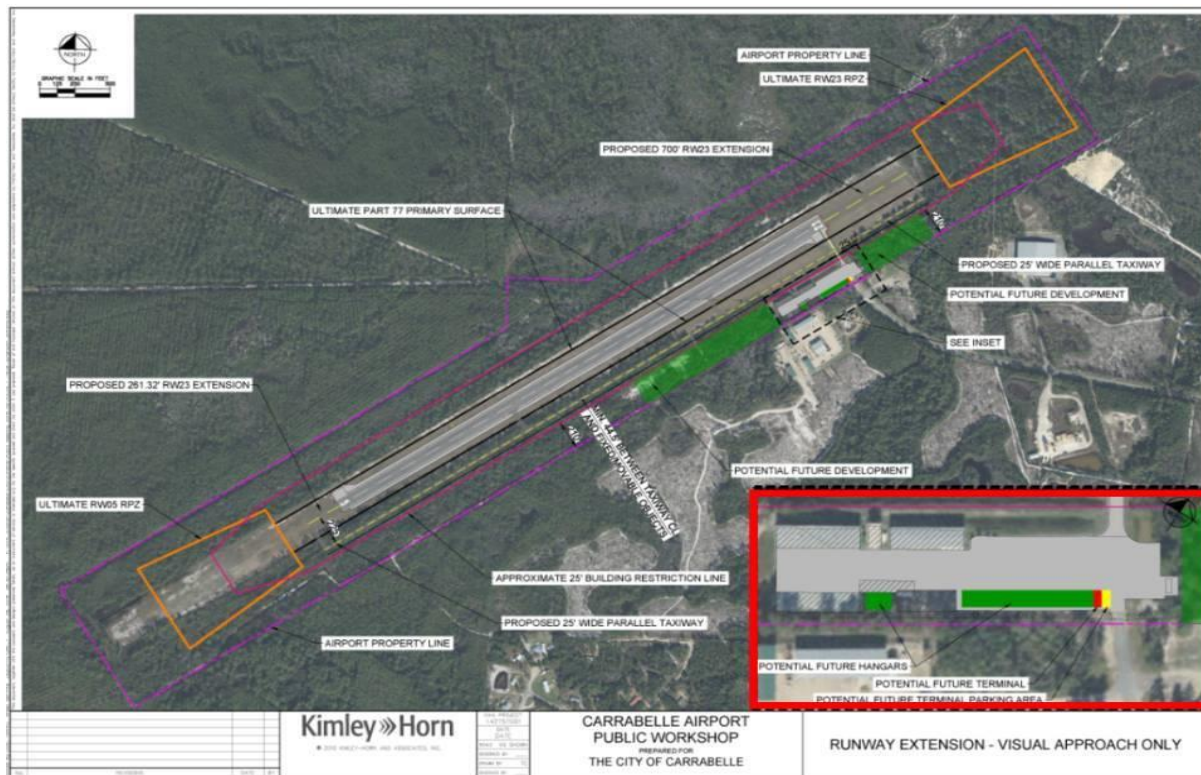


Figure 2: Proposed Project Area Location

The City of Carrabelle is seeking to expand and diversify economic development and economic activity by leveraging its existing assets. To this end, the proposed project will strengthen one of the City's most important assets: the Carrabelle-Thompson Airport. The specific developments in this project will improve airport operability and enhance airport services while simultaneously expanding opportunities for economic development, both at the airport and in the wider region. Furthermore, this project will provide both short-term and long-term benefits to the City of Carrabelle. In the short-term, the project will create immediate economic impacts through additional construction jobs. In the long-term, the project will create a source of sustained city revenue through hangar leases, while the improved and expanded airport facilities will provide a foundation for future airport growth.

The implementation of this project will contribute to increased economic activity in the City of Carrabelle and Franklin County. The additional hangar space called for by this project will increase the number of tenants at the airport, which will subsequently boost airport revenue and area employment. Because the airport is city owned, the revenue from the hangar leases would benefit both the airport and the City of Carrabelle as a whole. The proposed flexible work space will give airport tenants and users a convenient location to conduct business in a professional setting while also contributing to the diversification of economic activity at the airport. Additionally, the general aviation terminal will help increase airport capacity and will make the airport a more attractive facility for local and transient pilots, which will benefit vital local industries, such as tourism. Overall, these proposed improvements will increase economic opportunities in the region by building on and expanding existing infrastructure.

Expanding the airport will also improve the justification for the airport's inclusion in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS), which makes available Federal grants under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP). This funding would greatly enhance the operability of the airport through additional funding sources and federal operational standards.

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

CARRABELLE WATERFRONT PARTNERSHIP

designated in 2007

April 18, 2018

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

RE: Support for the Carrabelle-Thompson Airport Economic Development and Revenue Project

Dear Chairman Gaetz:

The Carrabelle Waterfront Partnership strongly supports the City of Carrabelle's proposed project at the Carrabelle-Thompson Airport to include construction of additional hangars, a new general aviation terminal, flexible work space, and expanded vehicle parking.

The proposed project is a component of the FDOT funded Airport Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan. The additional hangars with a new general aviation terminal facility are the first steps in upgrading and expanding the Airport and its services that will contribute to the economic enhancement and high-wage aerospace job diversification of Franklin County and the City of Carrabelle. The additional hangar space with the new tenants it brings will assist with attracting new businesses and employment opportunities to the area.

The project will be built in an existing developed and paved area. Therefore, it will not require any pre-construction environmental impact analysis. This will allow all funds to be used for construction and will accelerate completion of the construction.

This project supports and complements the Economic Development goals of the Carrabelle Waterfront Partnership's Vision and Implementation Plan for Carrabelle by assisting the airport's efforts to increase airport services.

If you or the Triumph Board of Directors wishes to discuss the Carrabelle Waterfront Partnership's support, please contact me at tamarallen47@gmail.com or 850-524-1153.

Sincerely,

Tamara B. Allen

Tamara B. Allen
Program Manager



April 15, 2019

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

RE: Support for the Carrabelle-Thompson Airport Economic Development and Revenue Project.

Dear Chairman Gaetz:

The Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce is pleased to submit this letter of support in favor of the proposed project at Carrabelle-Thompson Airport to include construction of additional hangars, a new general aviation terminal, flexible work space, and expanded vehicle parking.

The Carrabelle-Thompson Airport is one of the City's most important assets and the proposed project will greatly strengthen the airport's economic contribution to the region. The additional hangars will increase the number of tenants at the airport, subsequently boosting airport revenue and area employment.

Immediately upon awarding contractor bids, the proposed project will begin creating an economic impact through additional construction jobs. Furthermore, related industries such as food service, lodging, and tourism will have continued benefits from increased airport service and will contribute to overall economic development. In the long term, the proposed project will create a source of sustained revenue for the City through hangar rentals.

When completed, this project will provide a foundation for future airport growth.

If the Triumph Board of Directors wishes to discuss the Carrabelle Chamber's support, please contact the Executive Director, Lisa Munson, at (850) 697-2585.

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April 22, 2019

Don Gaetz, Chair
Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.
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Tallahassee, Florida 32317

RE: Support for the Carrabelle-Thompson Airport Economic Development and Revenue Project

Dear Chairman Gaetz:

The Carrabelle Aviation Advisory Board endorses The City of Carrabelle's proposed project for the construction of additional hangars, a new general aviation terminal to include flexible work space, and expanded vehicle parking at the Carrabelle Airport.

The proposed project will be built in an existing developed and paved area. It will not require any pre-construction environmental impact analysis, therefore, allowing all funds to be used for construction and will accelerate construction completion.

The Carrabelle Airport is one of the City's most important assets. This project will vastly strengthen the Carrabelle Airport's economic contribution to the region. Airport visitors spend money on lodging, food, transportation, retail, recreation, and entertainment. Large and small airport maintenance, improvements, and construction projects have a positive impact on the local economy.

The construction phase of this project will directly contribute to additional construction jobs and increased payroll for those jobs.

The Carrabelle Airport has a waiting list for hangar tenants. The proposed hangars will be rented upon completion. This added income is immediately reinvested to provide better goods and services to visiting aircraft, increasing the amount of aviation traffic at the airport and its economic impact to the area.

The flexible workspace will allow for a small aviation training organization to conduct business. The flexible workspace will also allow a small aircraft maintenance and repair organization the needed office space for required form-filling and bookkeeping.

Regards,

Timothy F. Sullivan, Chair
Carrabelle Aviation Advisory Board
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Don Gaetz, Chair
Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.
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Tallahassee, Florida 32317

April 25, 2019

RE: Support for the Carrabelle-Thompson Airport Economic Development and Revenue Project

Dear Chairman Gaetz:

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners is pleased to submit this letter of support in favor of the Carrabelle-Thompson Airport Project. This project, requesting \$2,000,000 for additional hangar space, a new general aviation terminal, flexible workspace, and additional parking will greatly serve the municipality's efforts to grow the Carrabelle-Thompson Airport and will greatly strengthen the Airport's economic contribution to the region.

The project is part of the FDOT funded Airport Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan. The project's components are the first steps in upgrading and expanding the Carrabelle-Thompson Airport and its services that will contribute to the economic growth and high-wage aerospace job diversification throughout the community.

Airport visitors spend money on lodging, food, transportation, retail, recreation, and entertainment. The additional hangar space with the new tenants it brings will assist with bringing new businesses and employment opportunities to the area. Large and small airport maintenance, improvements, and construction projects such as this have a positive impact on the local economy

This project will be built in an existing developed and paved area and will not require pre-construction environmental impact analysis. This will allow all funds to be used for construction and will accelerate completion of the construction.

If you or the Triumph Board of Directors wish to discuss the Franklin County's Board of County Commissioners support, please contact me at 850-653-5727, or alanp@fairpoint.net.

Sincerely,

Alan Pierce
Franklin County RESTORE Coordinator