

## **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: Franklin County School District

Proposal Title: Franklin Environmental Career and Technical Training, Phase II

Amount of Triumph Funds Requested: \$1,215,000

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$1,867,000

Brief Description of Individual/Entity/Organization: K-12 Public School 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: Franklin County Commission, Unmanned Safety Institute and Gulf Coast College.

### **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.

### **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-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 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 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.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Collaborative Partnership**

The Franklin County School District is dedicated to providing educational opportunities which will produce career ready graduates who are trained in leveraging their job skills to protect our fragile environment, preserve our cultural legacies, and create a brighter future for the community as a whole. Our goal is to provide students with the technological skills necessary for success in today's world, while also providing them with certification pathways that will allow them to pursue jobs which focus on the health of our local environment and its people through our science and agri-science programs, as well as the medical academy. Acquisition of this grant would allow the Franklin County School Board to immediately implement a drone certification program that by year 4 will be fully implemented and working towards complete sustainability. We are seeking this grant to expand our certification offerings to include the Small UAS Safety Certification and the Visual Line of Sight System Operator, both of which are provided through the Unmanned Safety Institute and on the CAPE Funding List as 0.2 and 0.1 weights, respectively.

### **Program Description and Objective**

The Franklin County School Board's (FCSB) educational goals include utilizing and promoting community partnerships to support student learning in a manner in which 100% of our students graduate with a high school diploma or industry certification and a post-secondary plan. FCSB recognizes their obligation to provide both a quality education and career and technical training to produce students that are highly skilled and prepared to enter the workforce. Through meeting this obligation, the FCSB will be doing its part to promote economic recovery and business growth in our community. It is the intent of the FCSB to use Triumph funds to prepare Franklin County students for future occupations and careers which will be life altering for generations to come. While we celebrate the fact that 16% of our graduating seniors received their Associate of Arts Degree from Gulf Coast State College last week, we know that to provide CTE opportunities for the remaining 84% of our student population will allow them to obtain skills that will make their adult lives more prosperous.

### **Project Development**

This, the second phase of our Environmental, Technical and Career Training will be used to hire a Drone Aviation Technician to train teachers and oversee the project, obtain drones and related peripheral equipment, provide safe and secure storage, purchase curriculum, and purchase certification exams. A portion of the funds will be used to hire a Coordinator to closely monitor and support the students enrolled in our dual enrollment program and in our Career Pathways. This position will lead to increased numbers of students graduating with either an Associate of

Arts Degree or with CTE certifications that will allow them to enter the workforce with a set of skills that are in demand and offer higher income opportunities.

## **Funding Sources**

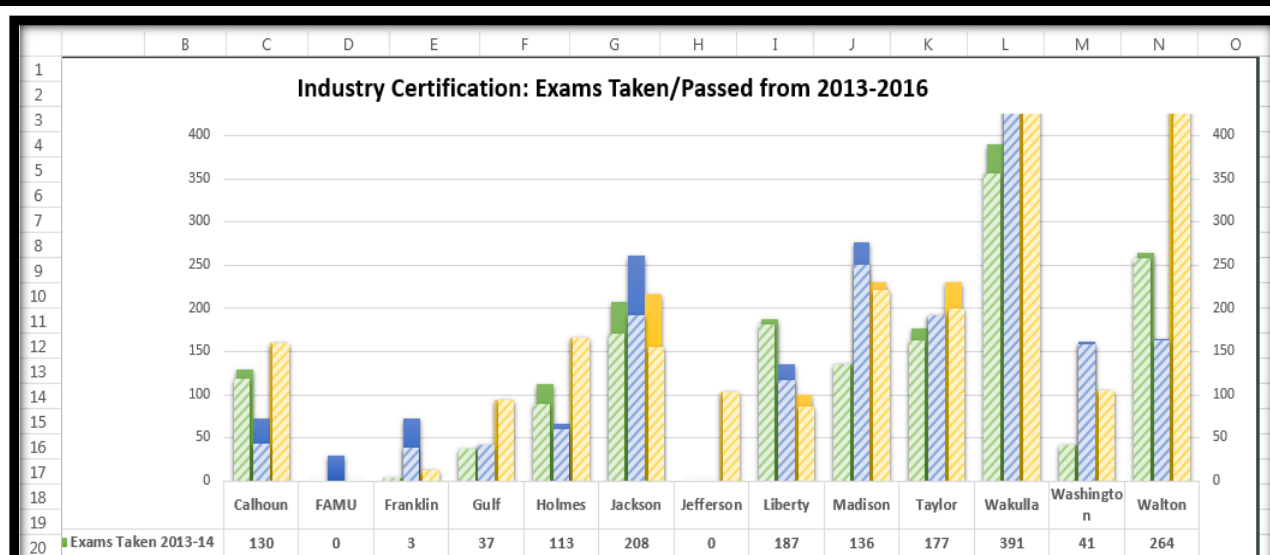
The FCSB will contribute approximately \$652,000 over the life of this proposal in the form of instructional salaries and benefits. This contribution represents 34.9% of the total project cost, and we are seeking funding from this grant to cover the remaining 65.1% of the total project cost.

Between the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year and the end of the 2023-2024 school year, there shall have been issued at least 410 certifications. At least 250 certifications will be earned in Small UAS Safety Certification, Visual Line of Sight System Operator, EKG, and Emergency Medical Responder. An additional 160 certifications will be earned in digital tools.

## **Timeline**

The project timeline will begin immediately upon approval and will cover a 5 year period. The chart below depicts graduation rates within our student population for the past four years. A graph is also provided to show the number of industry certification exams taken in Franklin County and data comparing Franklin completers to those of surrounding counties. With the ability to enhance our CTE programs and add additional programs for students, we project a much needed increase in the number of industry certifications in specific fields, a trained and ready workforce, and graduation rates that will better mirror those of the state average. FCSB is pleased to report that 351 certificates/certifications have been earned so far this school year.

Year	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Franklin Graduation Rate	49.0%	72.6%	74.6%	79.9%
State Graduation Rate	77.9%	80.7%	82.3%	86.1%



# **FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **Environmental, Career and Technical Training, Phase 2**

### **Preliminary Financial Projections**

Instructor salaries/benefits (contributed by FCSB)	\$652,000
Salary/Benefits for Drone Aviation Technician for 5 years	\$425,000
Professional development/stipends for trainings	\$ 50,000
Drones, computers, and related peripheral equipment	\$125,000
Online curricula, texts and assessment fees	\$100,000
Storage buildings	\$ 25,000
Supplies and materials	\$ 20,000
Organization fees & dues	\$ 30,000
Equipment Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 15,000
Coordinator to Monitor Progress of AA/Certs (5 years)	<u>\$425,000</u>
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED COSTS:</b>	<b>\$ 1,867,000</b>
<b>LESS FCSB CONTRIBUTION</b>	<b><u>- 652,000</u></b>
<b>TOTAL REQUESTED:</b>	<b>\$ 1,215,000</b>