

Application Score Sheet

Proposed Project: Bay County Board of County Commissioners, Hurricane Michael Recovery Ad Valorem Request (#189)

Proposed Project/Program County: Bay County

Board of County Commission Support: Yes

Total Projected Project Cost: \$13,334,508.00

Match Provided: \$6,667,254.00

Triumph Funds Requested: \$6,667,254.00

Triumph Funds Recommended by Staff: \$6,667,254.00

Score: A

ROI: Neutral

Triumph Board Approval: Yes/No

Triumph Funds Approved by Board:

Date:

Economic Impact Analysis and Score

At the February 8, 2019 Special Board Meeting of Triumph Gulf Coast, the Board set aside \$15 million for the creation of Hurricane Michael Major Disaster Recovery Program and tasked staff with developing a process for the distribution of those funds in the counties of Bay, Franklin, Gulf and Wakulla based on their major disaster declaration status. The Board indicated that it seemed appropriate to focus on the prospective ad valorem tax losses for the counties, and its component entities, due to the need to restore and/or maintain public operations so that a healthy economic environment can be re-established.

This goal is consistent with the statutory confines of Triumph Gulf Coast operations and was determined to be a way to help these counties, their incorporated cities, and school districts to provide stable government services until more long-term solutions can be established at the state and federal government levels. Triumph legal counsel noted that the Board had the authority to create the additional priority pursuant to s. 288.8014, F.S., and once the priority was added the Board now has the authority to make awards for that purpose pursuant to s. 288.8017, F.S.

The Bay County Board of County Commissioners have requested \$6,667,254 in ad valorem relief under Triumph's Hurricane Michael Major Disaster Recovery Program. This amount was revised upward from an initial request of \$6,503,421 that had been previously submitted. The original request compared preliminary prior year property tax roll projected receipts to preliminary current year property tax roll projected receipts. The revised application uses final prior year property tax roll receipts. The application notes that the funding is necessary to aid in continued services given to Bay citizens and businesses to support their recovery from the hurricane and economic development.

The application includes estimates provided by the Bay County Property Appraiser's office, calculating losses in taxable value that imply eligibility of \$1,915,732 for the BOCC General Fund, \$154,494 for the MSTU-Fire, \$94,167 for Mosquito Control, \$2,031,603 for the School Board Required Local Effort, \$1,013,812 for the School Board Discretionary, \$756,109 for the City of Panama City, \$325,386 for the City of Mexico Beach, \$54,683 for the City of Springfield, \$80,814 for the City of Callaway, and \$240,454 for the City of Lynn Haven.

Because the applicant has submitted Property Appraiser justification for these amounts according to the guidelines of the Triumph Hurricane Michael Major Disaster Recovery Program, staff score this proposal as an "A."

Because the application does not identify specific activities to be funded using these dollars, staff are unable to assign a return on investment score on this use of Triumph dollars.

Project Summary (based on information provided by the applicant)

The Bay County Board of County Commissioners, on behalf of the Bay District Schools, and the cities of Panama City, Mexico Beach, Springfield, Callaway and Lynn Haven request a \$6,667,254.00 Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. Hurricane Michael Major Disaster Recovery Fund grant. This grant request represents 50% of the estimated ad valorem tax loss for the Fiscal Year 2019.

On October 10, 2018, Hurricane Michael made landfall near Tyndall Air Force Base and the City of Mexico Beach in Bay County. As a result, the County and Cities were devastated by the high winds and storm surge. The catastrophic damage sustained by the County, School Board, and Cities included destroyed/damaged homes, businesses, governmental infrastructure, massive amounts of debris, and clogged stormwater waterways/canals.

One of the overall effects of this damage will be the reduction to property tax valuations for the upcoming fiscal year. The reduction in taxable values for the County, School Board, and Cities will have a negative effect on essential services provided to citizens, businesses, and visitors.

The funds awarded from this grant will go to offset ad valorem losses as a result of the reduction in taxable values for the County, School Board, and Cities. As the reduction will have a negative effect on essential services provided to citizens, businesses, and visitors, any funds awarded will aid in continued services given to our citizens and businesses to support their recovery from the hurricane and economic development.

The County/School Board/Cities requests the Triumph Board to consider that as each taxing authority enters their budget cycle, that there is the possibility of further reductions in taxable values as we approach a July 1st certification.

To that end the County requests for the possibility of any unallocated funds from the \$15M to be available for offsetting any additional losses in ad valorem revenue or be made available proportionately to the impacted Counties/School Boards/Cities that have applied.

Amount of Triumph Funds Requested for Each Entity

Bay County General Fund	\$1,915,732.00
MSTU-Fire	\$154,494.00
Mosquito Control	\$94,167.00
Bay District Schools School RLE	\$2,031,603.00
Bay District School Discretionary	\$1,013,812.00
Panama City	\$756,109.00
Mexico Beach	\$325,386.00
Springfield	\$54,683.00
Callaway	\$80,814.00
Lynn Haven	\$240,454.00

Total Amount of Funds Requested: \$6,667,254.00

The applied-for grant will be utilized to mitigate the loss of ad valorem revenues for the County, School Board, and Cities. These funds will be used for the purposes of reducing the effect of the lowering of taxable values due to Hurricane Michael.