

**Program Administrator Report  
Triumph Gulf Coast Board Meeting  
January 28, 2020**

The Triumph Gulf Coast staff continues to meet regularly with applicants and potential applicants, to review pre-applications, applications and to negotiate agreements including the Triumph Hurricane Michael Skilled Labor Recovery Fund.

Staff also continues to work with grantees on the implementation of the projects and the accompanying compliance activities.

**Pre-Applications**

As of Thursday, January 23, 2020, Triumph Gulf Coast had received 214 Pre-Applications totaling \$1,642,612,438 in requests. 2 new pre-applications were received between December 2, 2019 and January 23, 2020.

Triumph Staff reviewed the information provided by the 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 appear to meet criteria to be eligible to receive funds at this time under s. 288.8017, F.S.:

215 Wakulla County School Board, Wakulla/Lively Tech A&P Cert Program	\$900,000	Wakulla
216 Northwest FL State College, Center of Aviation Excellence: A&P	\$2,800,000	Okaloosa

**Applications**

As of Thursday, January 23, 2020, Triumph Gulf Coast had received 78 Applications totaling \$616,278,546 in requests.

New Application received December 13, 2019 – January 23,

155 City of Mexico Beach, Artificial Reef	970,000	Bay
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**Triumph staff proposes that the Board consider authorizing counsel and staff to negotiate a Grant Agreement with:**

209 Santa Rosa County BOCC, Project Lionheart	\$3,484,728
213 Florida’s Great Northwest (FGNW), Education ROI Research and Marketing	\$440,000
207 Gulf Coast State College - Gulf/Franklin Campus Nursing Simulation Center	\$2,200,358