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April 7, 2020

Mr. Don Gaetz, Chairman  
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Re: Updated List of County Supported Projects for Triumph Funding

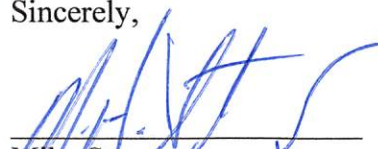
Dear Chairman Gaetz,

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners (Board) continually reviews projects it supports for Triumph funding and seeks new proposals from the community to ensure that supported projects reflect current transformational needs. Therefore, on March 23, 2020, the Board approved an updated List of County Supported Projects for Triumph funding.

The enclosed updated List indicates the County's top three priority projects as well as a summary and status of each supported project.

Again, thank you for Triumph's support as we move forward on the road to recovery as well as preparing for the future.

Sincerely,

  
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Mike Stewart  
Chairman

Enclosures

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Organization	Project Title/Brief Description	Est. Project Cost	Board Priority
Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners	<p><b>First Responder Communication System:</b> Replace existing aging and unrepairable first responder communication system with one that can communicate with all federal, state and local first responder agencies as well as extending the range of communication within the County, i.e., national/state forest, metal building, etc. Our County is working with other 7-counties for potential regional project – with each County submitting their own application. <b>(Updated to Priority #1 12-3-2018)</b></p>	\$2 M	<b>#1</b>
	<p><del><b>New Multi Purpose Library Facility:</b> Construct a new, larger more centrally located library at the community center to meet the growing demands for new programs and provide space for participation at current and new events. The existing library will be repurposed and used for a much needed Fire/EMS station in the Medart area, south of Crawfordville. A new library also has the potential to provide virtual classes not provided elsewhere in the County and could target underprivileged populations needing workforce skills. The County owns the property. Funds are needed for design, permitting, construction and furnishings. The Library will be designed and constructed to serve as a category 4 Risk Shelter (Pre-Disaster), with a dedicated business center. (Revised and updated to Priority #2 12-3-2018, amended 6-3-2019) (Removed from List 3-23-2020, and replaced with new Priority #2)</del></p>		Withdrawn by Board, March 23, 2020
	<p><b>Community Center Gym Rehab- High Risk Shelter Project:</b> <u>The Wakulla County Community Center Gym is constructed only to sustain winds up to a Cat 2 event and is sufficient to be used only as post-disaster shelter. Wakulla County is in need of a pre-disaster shelter than can withstand at least Cat 4 winds. This project will be seeking funds to rehab the Community Center Gym so that it can serve as both a pre and post disaster shelter. (Added to List 3-23-2020)</u></p>	TBD	<b>#2</b>
	<p><b>Medart Rec Park Improvements:</b> Improve the parking lot, restroom and concession facilities, and sports fields of Wakulla County’s only recreation park for organized outdoor youth and adult sports. The County owns the Park. Funds are needed for any design, permitting and construction.</p>	\$2.0 M	
	<p><b>Realignment of County Road 61/Shell Point:</b> The County has only two north-south bound highways from Capital Circle (Leon County) to US 98 (Wakulla County): US 319 is on the eastern side of the County and US 27 is on the western side. High traffic on both of these highways is attributed mainly to travelers working in Tallahassee and living in Wakulla. Internal arterial roads off of these highways leading to residential areas become clogged at peak times creating extremely hazardous conditions. Additionally, these highways provide the only access to Wakulla’s coast, rivers, forest, etc. creating heavy traffic conditions on weekends and holidays. This proposed realignment would provide a north-south bound County Road centrally located in Wakulla County and would ease congestion and increase safety conditions. Funds are needed for design, permitting and construction.</p>	\$2.5 M	
<p><b>Camp Indian Springs Campground Partnership:</b> This project proposes a partnership with Department of Environment Protection (DEP), in the event they purchase the Camp Indian Springs Property. The County</p>	TBD		

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	proposes seeking funds for the improvement of existing buildings on the Camp Indian Springs Campground property and the design, permitting and construction of a RV/Tent camp ground.		
	<b>New Rec Park – US 319:</b> The County is in need of land to design, permit and construct a larger outdoor multi-use recreational Park on the north side of the County. This park has the potential to serve the region for youth and adult outdoor sports, i.e., softball tournaments, soccer tournaments, etc. Funds are needed for land acquisition, planning, design, construction and furnishings.	\$20 M	
Wakulla County School Board	<b><u>Aviation Mechanic/Technician Certification Expansion Program:</u></b> The proposed program will expand Lively’s current Aviation Powerplant and Airframe Mechanics program to increase the number of Wakulla County students and adults receiving industry certifications as aircraft mechanics and service technicians. The total amount being requested from Triumph is \$2,940,000.00 and Lively will contribute the training facility for an estimated in-kind match of \$560,000, for a total project cost of \$3.5 million. WCSB has already submitted the Triumph application and received an “A” score, and on March 3, 2020, Triumph staff were directed to negotiate a grant agreement with the WCSB to fund the project (Added to List 3-23-2020)		<b>#3</b>
	<del>Wakulla Career and Technical Education Center:</del> This project would provide training and job skills for the non-degree-seeking student for emerging or high-demand jobs. WCSB owns the property and will staff the center once constructed. Funds are requested for design, permitting, construction and furnishings. (Removed from List 12-3-2018)	\$5.7 M	<b>FUNDED</b>
	<del>Wakulla County Learning Center:</del> This project proposes a partnership with TCC for a campus in Wakulla County where students and adults may pursue an AA degree. WCSB owns the property and will staff the center once constructed in partnership with TCC. Funds are requested for design, permitting, construction and furnishings. (Updated 12-3-2018, changed from Priority #2 to Priority #3)	\$3.4 M	<b>Application withdrawn by WCSB</b>
	<del>Drone Program – This proposed project proposes building capacity within its student population to encourage the independent thought processing of young learners. The proposed project will (1) build grades 3-5 after school programs to uncover and enhance technological expertise at early age; and (2) introduce a Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Safety Certification program along with Visual Line of Sight System Operator (VSO) certification program for grades 9-12. The programs will be done through curriculum, guest speakers/partnerships (FSU College of Engineering and Inspired Technology), and equipment to provide industry certifications matching the students grade level. The total amount being requested from Triumph is \$1,780,000.00, and WCSB will provide \$226,525 in matching funds for a total project cost of \$2,006,525 (Removed from List 3/23/2020)</del>	\$1.78 M	<b>FUNDED</b>
City of St. Marks,	<del>ADA Compliant Kayak/Canoe Launch:</del> To provide kayak/canoe access to the Wakulla River via the City Park. Increase recreational opportunities and enhanced visitor experience. Will also relieve kayak/canoe launching at the St. Marks Boat Ramp. The City of St. Marks owns the property. Funds are requested for design, permitting and construction. (Removed from List 12-3-2018)	\$65 K	<b>Denied</b>

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	<b>St. Marks WWTP – Conversion of Grinders to Gravity Sewer:</b> First a feasibility study (i.e., preliminary engineer report) will need to be conducted to determine if conversion is feasibly and probable cost. Funds are needed for feasibility study/preliminary engineering report.	\$350 K	
	<del><b>St. Marks Board Walk:</b> Construct a boardwalk that will connect to the terminus of the St. Marks Bike Trail and provide an off road multi-use pedestrian to the Fort, St. Marks Board Ramp, and back to the St. Marks Bike Trail terminus. The City of St. Marks own the property and the project is designed and permitted. Funds are requested for construction. (Removed from List 12-3-2018)</del>	\$900 K	Denied
Wakulla Commercial Fishermen’s Assoc, Inc.	<b>A Partnership Reviving Apalachee Bay Oyster Reefs:</b> Shoreline restoration on oyster reefs to enhance commercial and recreational fishing; provide tidal, storm surge and coastal erosion protection, improve water quality; strengthen economy, social and environmental capital. Funds are requested for all stages of the project.	\$2.6 M	
Wakulla Environmental Institute	<del><b>Marine Manufacturing Training Center:</b> A state of the art multi-purpose facility that will function as an auditorium, conference center, manufacturing center, oyster seed hatchery and commercial kitchen for processing local Gulf Coast seafood products. WEI owns the property. Funds are needed for design, permitting, construction and furnishings. Total estimated project cost is \$22.7 M, seeking \$15M Triumph funds. (Removed from List 12-3-2018)</del>	\$15 M	WITHDRAWN
	<b>WEI Ocean Shellfish Nursery / Hatchery and Processing Facility</b> that would provide the seed and education to entrepreneurs on how to grow shell fish crops, and provide the basis for safe, fresh shellfish processing to ensure the best product in available to customers worldwide. According to the WEI project summary there is no other facility of this kind available in Florida at an educational institution. Through planned partnerships, this program would offer an unparalleled ability to seed hundreds of entrepreneurs’ operations and process them using revolutionary pasteurization technology. Funds would be used for professional engineering and architectural services, construction and furnishings. <b>(Added to List 12-3-2018)</b>	\$13.5 M	
	<b>WEI Environmental and Technical Training Center</b> that would provide three distinct and separate training programs with the goal of creating small businesses and preparing talent for in-demand occupations that pay higher than state average wages. The programs would revolve around the three equal spokes of education (job training), conservation and recreation. The three separate programs are as follows and a separate Triumph application will be required for each:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Electric and Communication Utilities Training</li> <li>2. Oyster Boat, Composite, and Mechanics Training</li> <li>3. Unmanned Vehicle Systems (aka Drones) Training</li> </ol> <p>Funds would be used professional engineering and architectural services, construction and furnishings of the classrooms. Each training is estimated to cost \$1.5 million. <b>(added to List 12-3-2018)</b></p>	\$4.5 M	

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<p>Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratories, Inc. (GSML)</p>	<p><b>GSML expansion of infrastructure and operations</b> for adding courses that will lead to technical certificates in an array of marine subjects as well as marking new local marine products. Funds will be used to upgrade/expand the existing facilities, purchase of two vessels, and salaries and benefits for 11 planned new positions. It is anticipated that after three-years the course will be self-sustaining <b>(Added to List 1-8-2018)</b></p>	<p>\$3.9 M</p>	
<p>Panacea Oyster Co-Op Corporation (Co-op)</p>	<p><b><i>Dedicated Program to Expand Oyster Ranching in Wakulla County and Resurrect Aquaculture in Apalachee Bay.</i></b> This project proposes the utilize property currently owned by the Co-op located in Panacea to develop a dedicated nursery, hatchery, algae farm and expand the Co-ops current post-harvesting operations through the use of innovative live pasteurization and flash freeze technologies. It is anticipated that this expansion could include training, education and support for more than 100 ranchers involving more than 150 acres of state water leases producing more than 190 million oysters per year within 7 years. This project proposes to provide transferable, sustainable workforce skills to participants, with a positive and profound impact especially among minority and disconnected communities with the County. FAMU has committed to helping the Co-op meet its K-20 education needs by providing a cadre of support, including contractual support and financial control. Funds would be used for professional engineering and architectural services, construction, furnishings and classroom instruction. <b>(Added to List 12-3-2018)</b></p>	<p>\$19 M</p>	