

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 III
Amount of Triumph Funds Requested: \$6,585,568
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$12,195,030

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, Tom P. Haney Technical Center, Franklin County Adult Education

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 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.

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 CDL licensing program, construct a facility to house programs in Marine Mechanics, Heavy Diesel Mechanics, and Automotive Mechanics, begin an Environmental/Horticulture program, and expand our Medical program to include necessary training that would allow our students to accept medical office positions which offer higher than average pay, all of which will be fully operational by year 3 of this grant.

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 either having earned college credits, or having completed an industry certification. 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 continue 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 our success at the high percentage of students leaving FCS each year with part or all of their first two years of college, we continue to strive to serve the remaining students with technical skills that will make their adult lives more prosperous.

Project Development

This, the third phase of our Environmental, Technical and Career Training will be used to construct and equip a facility that will serve as a training compound for our students in Heavy Diesel Mechanics, Automotive Mechanics, and Marine Mechanics. An existing facility will be renovated and equipped to meet the needs of a CDL training program, our Medical program will be expanded to include training for office support personnel in the medical field, and we will begin an Environmental/Horticultural program as well. This funding will allow us to double the number of Career Pathways that we can offer our students, allowing increased numbers of students to graduate 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 \$5,609,462 over the life of this proposal in the form of a cash contribution, instructional salaries and benefits, and real property. This contribution represents 46% of the total project cost, and we are seeking funding from this grant to cover the remaining 54% of the total project cost.

By the end of the 10 year life of this grant, we will earn the certifications as depicted in the chart below.

Area of Certification	Number of Certifications to be earned
Culinary Arts	85
Medical	300
Automotive/Diesel/Marine Mechanics	207
Environmental/Hort./Agric.	210
Entrepreneurship	60
CDL Licenses earned	128
Total	990

Timeline

The projects will begin after approval and continue for a period of four years with support from Triumph Gulf Coast and for a total of ten years under the umbrella of this grant.

Funding Request

Salaries/Benefits	1,177,766
Equipment Purchase/Maintenance	1,045,000
Curriculum and Supplies	80,000
Construction Related Costs	4,282,802