

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: [Santa Rosa County BOCC](#)

Proposal Title: [Whiting Aviation Park Taxiway](#)

Amount of Triumph Funds Requested: [\\$8,200,000](#)

Total Estimated Project Cost: [\\$18,200,000](#)

Brief Description of Individual/Entity/Organization: [Santa Rosa County is a unit of government established by Florida Law.](#)

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Names of co-applicants, partners or other entities, organizations that will have a role in the proposed project or program: [This project will be completed in partnership with the US Navy.](#)

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.

1. Title: Whiting Aviation Park Taxiway

- 2. Description:** This project realizes 20 years of strategic partnership with the US Navy and actualization of the *first of its kind* limited use agreement that allows civilian tenants of Whiting Aviation Park use of the runway and control tower at NAS Whiting Field.

In 2019 Santa Rosa County was awarded a Triumph grant in the amount of \$8.5 million to construct infrastructure on the first 68 acres of Whiting Aviation Park. Because of this transformational investment by Triumph, Santa Rosa EDO was able to work with Leonardo to establish a presence in Northwest Florida. Soon after the construction began at the aviation park, Leonardo announced that they would construct an approx. 100,000 sq. ft. facility at Whiting Aviation Park.

This project proposes to construct a helipad and taxiway connecting the aviation park to the runway on NAS Whiting Field. All improvements would be owned and maintained by a public entity.

3. Approximate Project Parameters

- **Number of Jobs: 205**
- **Average Wage: \$47,185**
- **Capital Investment: \$10,000,000**

- 4. Location:** Whiting Aviation Park is located adjacent to the southern airfield of NAS Whiting Field, north of the City of Milton in Santa Rosa County. Street location is County Road 87A (Marty Martin Way).

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5. How the proposed project promotes economic recovery, diversification and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties:

- (a) Economic Recovery: The Santa Rosa Board of County Commissioners has worked for years to bring higher paying jobs to the County. One of the most telling statistics of the county can be seen on the Northwest Florida FORWARD County Snapshots. The net inflow/outflow of commuters is largely outward from Santa Rosa County, which means workers are commuting outside the county to higher paying jobs. They are commuting to the metropolitan core areas of Pensacola or Fort Walton Beach or to Crestview. The downturn of the economy in 2008 and the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill in 2010 both hit the county's economy very hard (unemployment rose from 2.8 in 2006 to 9.5 in 2010) because of the reliance on growth in the construction/housing industry and tourism for jobs and revenues.

Motivated to bring in better paying jobs, over fifteen years ago the County began negotiations with the U. S. Navy for shared use of the NAS Whiting Field airfield with the purpose of creating an adjacent air industrial park. A limited access use

agreement was signed with the Navy in 2009, the first of its kind in Naval history. The County purchased 288 acres adjacent to the airfield and developed a master plan.

- (b) Diversification: Santa Rosa County has relied heavily upon military, tourism and agriculture, all of which are subject to unpredicted devastating events that can wipe out expected revenues, such as the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, weather conditions base realignments or pandemics. Development of the aviation/aerospace sector will not only diversify the economy but would also provide stability.
- (c) Enhancement of Disproportionately Affected Counties: Santa Rosa County and the region of disproportionately affected counties will be enhanced:
 - i. Aerospace employment will bring jobs with higher pay.
 - ii. Aligns with the Northwest Florida FORWARD regional strategic initiative of the aerospace and defense cluster as a targeted industry with a strong outlook for growth.
 - iii. Will create net new jobs in a targeted industry.
 - iv. Enhances a targeted industry cluster by making more aviation industrial space available with access to a runway.

- 6. **Proposed Timeline:** This project has a 36-month timeline. The Navy has been an enthusiastic partner in this endeavor and detailed coordination is ongoing. The taxiway projected has been granted a Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) from detailed environmental analysis, meaning a NEPA analysis is not required.
- 7. **Disproportionately affected counties impacted by the proposed project:** Job creation will include workforce from Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Okaloosa Counties – all of which are within a 30-minute drive time.
- 8. **Budget:** Attached



Exhibit A

WHITING AVIATION PARK TAXIWAY

Budget

Estimated construction start date if applicable

Mar-22

Estimated education component start date if applicable

	Design	Construction			Total
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Please change year # to actual year

Project Total

2021	500,000.00		-	-	500,000.00
2022	300,000.00	2,000,000.00	-	-	2,300,000.00
2023	-	4,000,000.00	-	-	4,000,000.00
2024	-	1,400,000.00	-	-	1,400,000.00
2025	-	-	-	-	-
2026	-	5,000,000.00	-	-	5,000,000.00
2027	-	5,000,000.00	-	-	5,000,000.00
Calendar Year 8	-	-	-	-	-
Calendar Year 9	-	-	-	-	-
Calendar Year 10	-	-	-	-	-
Calendar Year 11	-	-	-	-	-
Calendar Year 12	-	-	-	-	-
Project Total	800,000.00	17,400,000.00	-	-	18,200,000.00

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2021	500,000.00				500,000.00
2022	300,000.00	2,000,000.00			2,300,000.00
2023		4,000,000.00			4,000,000.00
2024		1,400,000.00			1,400,000.00
2025					-
2026					-
2027					-
Calendar Year 8					-
Calendar Year 9					-
Calendar Year 10					-
Calendar Year 11					-
Calendar Year 12					-
Triumph Total	800,000.00	7,400,000.00	-	-	8,200,000.00

Grantee

2021					-
2022					-
2023					-
2024					-
2025					-
2026					-
2027					-
Calendar Year 8					-
Calendar Year 9					-
Calendar Year 10					-
Calendar Year 11					-
Calendar Year 12					-
Grantee Total	-	-	-	-	-

Match Source 1

2021				-
2022				-
2023				-
2024				-
2025				-
2026	5,000,000.00			5,000,000.00
2027	5,000,000.00			5,000,000.00
Calendar Year 8				-
Calendar Year 9				-
Calendar Year 10				-
Calendar Year 11				-
Calendar Year 12				-
Match Source 1 Total	-	10,000,000.00	-	10,000,000.00

Match Source 2				
Calendar Year 1				-
Calendar Year 2				-
Calendar Year 3				-
Calendar Year 4				-
Calendar Year 5				-
Calendar Year 6				-
Calendar Year 7				-
Calendar Year 8				-
Calendar Year 9				-
Calendar Year 10				-
Calendar Year 11				-
Calendar Year 12				-
Match Source 2 Total	-	-	-	-