

**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 potential ideas for 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: Wakulla County School Board

Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization: K-12 Public School Districts

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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 School District, Wakulla County Commission, and Lively Technical Center

**REQUIRED EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

In a maximum of three (2) pages, please describe the proposed project or program, 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 scored, and then considered for award in the discretion of Triumph Gulf Coast Board.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Collaborative Partnership**

Wakulla county School Board (WCSB) in partnership with Lively Technical College (LTC), Franklin County School Board and Wakulla Count Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) is requesting funds from Triumph Gulf Coast to expand career and technical skills training for students. Our goal is to increase students' technology skills and encourage industry certifications by providing rigorous alternative pathways for students to strengthen their career readiness. Career and Technical Education Programs (CTE) are a way for students to move directly into a specific field at no cost to them or their parents. Targeted industry analysis shows workforce training with regard to production in maintenance, logistics and distribution, and machining are required for enhancement of disproportionately affected counties. WCSB is partnering with Lively Technical Center and Franklin County Schools to provide a pathway for students and adults to articulate credit and certificates earned while in Wakulla and Franklin County. The Economic Development Council is working in alignment with WCSB to broaden the network of opportunities for residents.

### **Program Description and Objectives**

Wakulla County School Board's (WCSB) guiding principles are embedded in success for its students and the community. Through education and workforce development and a strategic plan we can transform economic recovery, in essence, put a plan into action. In order to strengthen Wakulla and Franklin County's economic base, encourage business growth and prepare our youth for diverse industries and emerging workforce needs- it is our obligation, goal and commitment to provide training and education that will meet workplace needs with a highly skilled and job ready workforce. Therefore, WCSB and FCSB proposes to use Triumph funds to prepare more students for future occupations and careers.

### **Project Development**

Project #29 was constructed to increase industry certifications in computer technology, the automotive industry and heating, ventilation and air conditioning. Project #29 has been a success with over 1,257 certifications earned from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through post-secondary. This initial phase was renovated on Wakulla District-owned property at 3237 Coastal Highway, Crawfordville, Florida. The renovated area is scaled to open for summer 2022 to house career and technical programs to boost economic recovery and enhance targeted industries in Wakulla County and surrounding areas, especially Franklin and Gulf counties. The proposed project, in this pre-application will be an expansion of the already successful project #29. The proposed project will house the following program career clusters:

- Logistics and distribution
  - Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialist
- Aircraft flight engineering
  - Unmanned vehicle level three certifications ~four (4) to be housed at the Apalachicola Airport
- Automotive body and related repairers
- Digital Design

- Graphic designers/multimedia advertising
- Building trades
- Nursing
  - Medical assisting
  - Office manager
  - Phlebotomy
- Certifications to support Amazon, Google and Navy ROTC programs to be submitted to FLDOE for approval

All CTE programs will be listed on the Regional Demand Occupations list and will include an annual percent growth rate of over 1% with multiple annual openings in each cluster as noted by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics. Data from WCSB, FCSB and Department of Education show that as career and technical programs have increased in Wakulla and Franklin Counties, so has graduation rate and post-secondary enrollment along with decreased drop-out rate due to programs such as these. For this project we will begin with certifications that have and 85% or higher job placement rate.

See attached third party report by Metro Forecasting demonstrating the need for more student stations, high skill high demand job training, and placement due to growth in the area

### **Funding Sources**

WCSB/FCSB will provide matching funds for a portion of this request following the guidelines set forth by Triumph Gulf Coast.

### **Timeline**

The project timeline will begin immediately upon approval from all school boards involved and Triumph Gulf Coast and end 22-24 months from start.

The amount of funding requested is below for a total of between \$18,000,000~\$23,000,000.