

## **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: **Okaloosa County School District**

Proposal Title: **Launching the Health Academy of Northwest Florida**

Amount of Triumph Funds Requested: **\$1,915,200**

Total Estimated Project Cost: **\$4,179,000**

Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization:

The Okaloosa County School District (OCSD) serves approximately 32,000 students from pre-kindergarten to adult education. Each of our schools has its own distinct characteristics while sharing the unified mission and vision of the District—"We prepare all students to achieve excellence by providing the highest quality education while empowering each individual to positively impact their families, communities, and the world." With 66 schools, homeschool and online school options, OCSD provides high standard of education to all students in Okaloosa County. This is seen in the professional culture that exists at each facility where a high level of performance is expected of OCSD students. As a result, all students engage in rigorous, standards-based curriculum that promotes critical thinking and application of learning across content areas with the ultimate purpose of inspiring a lifelong passion for learning. Because of this high-performance level, the OCSD was one of only three districts in the state that earned a grade of A for two years in a row under the state of Florida's new grading system and the only school district in northwest Florida to earn this accomplishment.

Contact Information:

Primary Contact Information: **April Branscome**

Title: **CTE Program Director**

Mailing Address: **120 Lowery Place, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548**

Telephone Number: **850-833-5858**

Email Address: [branscomea@okaloosaschools.com](mailto:branscomea@okaloosaschools.com)

Website: <http://www.mycteworks.com/> and <http://www.okaloosaschools.com>

Names of co-applicants, partners or other entities, organizations that will have a role in the proposed project or program:  
**Fort Walton Beach Medical Center (HCA Florida Healthcare)**

### **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

#### **Executive Summary for Launching the Health Academy of Northwest Florida**

Okaloosa County School District (OCSD) seeks funding to support the launch of the **Health Academy of Northwest Florida**, a partnership with Fort Walton Beach Medical Center to train junior and seniors in high- need healthcare positions. This request reflects the cost of beginning to program with equipment, program management space, Program Recruiter, curriculum and certification costs for seven years.

**(i) Funds being sought from Triumph Gulf Coast over seven years: \$1,915,200**

Year 1	Cost
Lab Equipment	\$120,000
Classroom Renovation	\$100,000
Program Management Space	\$33,600
Program Recruiter/Hospital Liaison	\$150,000
Curriculum/Software/Supplies	\$40,000
Certification Costs	\$10,000
<b>Total Cost for Year 1</b>	<b>\$453,600</b>

Year 2	Cost
Lab Equipment	\$60,000
Program Management Space	\$33,600
Program Recruiter/Hospital Liaison	\$150,000
Curriculum/Software/Supplies	\$40,000
Certification Costs	\$10,000
<b>Total Cost for Year 2</b>	<b>\$293,600</b>

Year 3	Cost
Program Management Space	\$33,600
Program Recruiter/Hospital Liaison	\$150,000
Curriculum/Software/Supplies	\$40,000
Certification Costs	\$10,000
<b>Total Cost for Year 3</b>	<b>\$233,600</b>

Year 4	Cost
Program Management Space	\$33,600
Program Recruiter/Hospital Liaison	\$150,000
Curriculum/Software/Supplies	\$40,000
Certification Costs	\$10,000
<b>Total Cost for Year 4</b>	<b>\$233,600</b>

Year 5	Cost
Program Management Space	\$33,600
Program Recruiter/Hospital Liaison	\$150,000
Curriculum/Software/Supplies	\$40,000
Certification Costs	\$10,000
<b>Total Cost for Year 5</b>	<b>\$233,600</b>

Year 6	Cost
Program Management Space	\$33,600
Program Recruiter/Hospital Liaison	\$150,000
Curriculum/Software/Supplies	\$40,000
Certification Costs	\$10,000
<b>Total Cost for Year 6</b>	<b>\$233,600</b>

Year 7	Cost
Program Management Space	\$33,600
Program Recruiter/Hospital Liaison	\$150,000
Curriculum/Software/Supplies	\$40,000
Certification Costs	\$10,000
<b>Total Cost for Year 7</b>	<b>\$233,600</b>

**Total Request from Triumph over seven years: \$1,915,200**

**(ii) Amount and identity of other sources of funds for the proposed project:**

Launching the Health Academy of Northwest Florida requires the partnership between OCSB and Fort Walton Beach Medical Center. Both organizations are donating funds in order to train and educate the future healthcare workers of Northwest Florida. Below is a break down of the sources that are already contributing to starting the Health Academy.

Matching Funds	Cost
<b>Fort Walton Beach Medical Center</b>	
Instructional Lab and Classroom	\$940,000
<b>Okaloosa County School District</b>	
Two Teacher Salaries + Fringe Benefits	\$1,073,800
Miscellaneous Renovation, Equipment and Supplies	\$250,000
<b>Total Matching Funds</b>	<b>\$2,263,800</b>

**Total Matching Funds over seven years: \$2,263,800**

This request would extend the partnership to include Triumph as a partner in launching such an innovative educational program.

**(iii) Location of the project**

Okaloosa County School District (OCSD), alongside Fort Walton Beach Medical Center, is ready to launch the Health Academy of Northwest Florida to creatively and effectively address the high need of trained healthcare workers in Northwest Florida. The Health Academy will be a program of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Department of OCSD and will be housed in the medical complex of Fort Walton Beach Medical Center (FWBMC). FWBMC is providing the lease for a classroom and lab space in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. This space will help to train and prepare juniors and seniors in the Practical Nursing track. Students will come from three area high schools- Choctawhatchee High School, Fort Walton Beach High School and Niceville High School. This space will house a classroom and practical lab for hands-on learning. The space's proximity to the hospital lends itself to hospital staff visiting students and students participating in field experiences at the hospital. The building that will house the Health Academy is a large space that sets up the program to expand over the next seven years to include further programs to create a direct line from high school to employment at the hospital in range of fields including but not limited to Certified Nursing Assistants, Operating Room Technicians and Phlebotomy Technicians.

Based on the District's demonstrated success in preparing students for the local workforce as evidenced by earned industry certifications, we believe there is no better place to invest than in Okaloosa County Schools, a continued state leader of Career and Technical Education. The Health Academy will not only provide industry certifications in the Practical Nursing field but will establish a pipeline from high school to employment at the hospital or other medical facilities in the area. FWBMC is an HCA hospital and together they are guaranteeing job placement for students who complete the Practical Nursing track at the Health Academy. In return, the hospital offers tuition reimbursement if the student wishes to continue their education and earn their LPN and then RN while working in the hospital upon graduation.

**(iv) Summary description of the proposed program, including how the program will be transformational and promote economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately**

The state of Florida is currently facing a shortage in healthcare professionals, and it has reached crisis level. The Florida Hospital Association estimates the state could be short nearly 60,000 nurses by 2035 if something is not done to address the shortage the state and the entire country is currently facing. To locally address such concerns, OCSD and HCA Florida Healthcare at Fort Walton Beach Medical Center are partnering to establish Florida's flagship Health Academy for high school students. The Health Academy will provide juniors and seniors who are interested in healthcare the opportunity to spend half of their day earning industry certifications in the Practical Nursing field. Upon completion of the two-year program, students will have the opportunity to earn their Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Patient Care Technician (PCT) and Electrocardiogram Technician (EKG) certifications that provide them with the skills they need to directly enter the workforce. Because of the partnership with FWBMC, the hospital has agreed to place and hire students who successfully complete the program and certifications at one of their several hospitals in Northwest Florida. The hospital and OCSD are determined to make this a model that other hospitals and school districts can model throughout the state.

To make this project a success, OCSD and FWBMC are both contributing to launch the program. FWBMC and HCA Healthcare are providing a space in close proximity to the hospital for the classroom and training lab. OCSD will hire one teacher to lead the program, with expectations that the program will grow. Even with these large contributions, there are a few key components needed to make this project a success, and this is where Triumph can emerge as a third partner in launching the Health Academy of Northwest Florida. With the support of Triumph, the program will be able to provide 50 new, trained healthcare professionals beginning in 2024 and continuing to increase as the program grows for years to come. This request would help to support the program by supporting the equipment, textbooks, curriculum and certifications needed to support the teacher's instruction. This request also supports project management space and a Program Recruiter to ensure a career pathway from high school to employment at area hospitals occurs for Okaloosa County Students, as well as promote the partnership to other districts across the state of Florida. Triumph would help to bring this project fully together to help address the healthcare shortage in Northwest Florida.

## 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.

### 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.