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RE: Triumph Pre-Application No. 255 - James B. Washington Education and Sports Center

Dear Mr. Washington,

Thank you for submitting a Pre-Application to Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.

Based on an initial review by the staff of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., (“TGC”) and a concurrence of the Board your proposal does not appear to be statutorily eligible to receive funding as presented. The pre-application requests funds for *renovations to build out and furnish the appropriate classroom and gymnasium space. We are hoping that if generously awarded funds from Triumph Gulf Coast, we could complete the renovation and add the future addition of a second gym in two phases* among other uses.

According to Florida Statute 288.8071(c) education grants can be awarded for

- 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;

Because the application is for two gymnasiums the pre-application does not appear to be eligible at this time.

This is an initial opinion based only on your pre-application and is not intended to be any sort of final action by TGC. Further, despite the reservations set forth herein, you may choose to submit a formal Application or a revised Pre-Application.

Triumph Gulf Coast funding is intended to support programs that generate maximum economic activity. Applicants have asked how best to document the economic activity that would likely result from

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their proposed project. At the January 2018 Triumph Board of Directors meeting, Dr. Rick Harper discussed characteristics most often associated with higher levels of economic activity. These factors include things like amount of matching funds, and whether the project will become self-sustaining as Triumph dollars are used up. An audio transcript of Dr. Harper's remarks is available at <https://www.myfloridatriumph.com/meetings/> under the tab for the January 29th, 2018 meeting.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding this letter or the TGC Application process, please do not hesitate to contact me at chenderson@myfloridatriumph.com.

Thank you for your continued interest.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cori Henderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cori" and last name "Henderson" clearly distinguishable.

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