

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/ [James B. Washington Education and Sports, Inc](#)

Organization: Proposal Title: [James B. Washington Education and Sports Center](#)

Amount of Triumph Funds Requested: [1,000,000](#)

Total Estimated Project [1,831,000](#)

Cost: [1,831,000](#)

Brief Description of Individual/Entity/Organization:

[James B. Washington Education & Sports, Inc. \(JBWES\)](#) is a nonprofit organization that offers academic tutoring, sports, and arts programs to disadvantaged students residing in Escambia county. The organization measures and tracks each student’s academic progress to ensure they meet or exceed grade level academic requirements. Students who participate in JBWES programs are prepared for high school, college, a branch of the military, vocational training schools, and ultimately, work readiness.

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(i) Amount of funds being sought from Triumph: \$1,000,000

(ii) Amount and identity of other sources of funds: \$831,000

Private donor: \$800,000

Sheriff's Office: \$6,000

Pensacola Police Department: \$5,000

Escambia County Commissioners: \$10,500

Fishbein Orthodontics: \$4,500

Ascend Performance Materials: \$5,000

(iii) Location:

3920 Navy Blvd, Warrington, Escambia County, FL. The Navy Blvd location is six miles from downtown Pensacola, half a mile from Warrington Middle School, and just over two miles from West Pensacola Elementary School. The areas surrounding the Navy Blvd location include 10-19% of households with children living below poverty level.

(iv) Summary

James B. Washington Education and Sports is seeking funds to renovate an existing building, relocate operations, and accommodate more youth involved in after school education, sports, arts, and life skills programs. There are currently 51 children enrolled in the program in Escambia County, and the move to Navy Blvd. will double that number along with potential for further expansion. Because of current space restrictions, the organization is unable to accommodate 35-40 kids seeking to participate. The future of JBWES includes partnering with Triumph Gulf Coast as a center for career and technical training and industry certifications, to extend its services beyond those available today. An investor has purchased the building at 3920 Navy Blvd that will be used by JBWES at a reduced (40% of FMV) monthly cost. This same investor will contribute \$200,000 towards building renovation. A total of \$31,000 has been provided by Pensacola Police Department, Escambia County Sheriff's Office, Escambia County Commissioners, Fishbein Orthodontics and Ascend Performance Materials. JBWES is requesting \$1,000,000 over a 5-year period from Triumph Gulf Coast funding. The requested funds will be used for renovation and furnishing education rooms as well as teacher training, operational costs, sports equipment, arts supplies and furnishings as well as technology equipment.

With the property’s location, there is an opportunity to work with local schools, who are struggling in the community with low academic standings and high dropout rates, e.g. Warrington Middle School and West Pensacola Elementary School. JBWES’s mission aligns strategically with the location because it serves a historically less economically prosperous area, with 10-19% of the local population living below the poverty level. This project will have a transformative effect on Escambia County by providing educational services and industry certifications that are far beyond what is currently offered in this area. With a well-trained workforce, the long-term economic impact will be substantial. In the long run, the community will realize savings if the children do not become dependent on community services or require government intervention (e.g. addiction/mental health support, law enforcement involvement, incarceration).

The mission of James B. Washington Education and Sports is to serve underprivileged youth through education, sports, and activities to improve and enhance our community . We incentivize youth with a unique model that rewards responsibility and success in the classroom. Children are given opportunity to play on basketball teams, participate in our art program, take field trips, and learn life skills through achievement and accomplishment.

JBWES offers programs to youth, ages 6-16. The children who complete the program will be prepared to work in a range of jobs, enhance minority-owned business development, and promote community outreach. It is necessary to extend services early to the children residing in these impoverished areas in order to foster inclusive economic growth in the future.

(v) Timeline

The property site at 3920 Navy Blvd. has been purchased by a private supporter, and contractor bids have been obtained. If Triumph Gulf Coast approves the funding request, the goal is to start interior demolition of the property, followed by renovation, as soon as possible. JBWES expects to have the Navy Blvd facility completed within a year (or less) for use. Program activities will continue in JBWES’s temporary facility at 2020 N. Palafox St until the Navy Blvd facility is ready.

Activity	Month
Year 1	
Grant awarded	1
Renovation activities begin (plans approved)	2-3
Permits secured	2-4
Program activities conducted in temporary location	1-12
Renovation complete	12
Year 2	
All activities moved to new facility	1

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 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.