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Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.
ATTN: Dr. Frank Fuller
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Dear Dr. Fuller:

The Okaloosa County School District Career and Technical Education Department would like to submit an update to our application for the Northwest Florida Health Academy.

First, I reached out to several colleges and universities (Northwest Florida State College, Pensacola State College, University of West Florida, Troy University, and Florida State University Panama City) to work on building more partnerships with post-secondary colleges and universities. I have met with Troy University to discuss the opportunities they can offer to our students and will be meeting with University of West Florida this week. I am waiting to confirm meetings with the other educational entities. Offering additional post-secondary options to our students will increase enrollment to our Health Academy and provide a stronger connection to our local medical community.

Currently, we have an articulation agreement with Okaloosa Technical College where they will waive the first 300-hour Basic Healthcare course of their Practical Nursing program for students who earn their Certified Nursing Assistant certification and complete the full two-year program. Not only will students have the opportunity to earn these credits, students who start the Healthcare Academy program as a sophomore will have the chance to take the Practical Nursing program as a dual-enrolled student their senior year. These agreements are the type of partnerships we will be working to create with the other post-secondary educational entities.

Secondly, I would like to submit an update to the original application budget. The School District will be incurring additional required costs, such as a School Resource Officer and other items.

Year 1	Cost
Lab Equipment/Furniture	\$60,000
Classroom Renovation	\$200,000
Program Management Space	\$35,000
Curriculum/Software/Supplies/ Student Supplies	\$100,000
Certification Costs	\$10,000
Teacher Stipend for Program Recruitment	\$8,000
Total Cost for Year 1	\$413,000

Year 2	Cost
Lab Equipment	\$10,000
Classroom Renovation	\$100,000
Program Management Space	\$35,000
Curriculum/Software/Supplies/ Student Supplies	\$100,000
Certification Costs	\$10,000
Teacher Stipend for Program Recruitment	\$8,000
Total Cost for Year 2	\$263,000

Year 3	Cost
Lab Equipment	\$10,000
Program Management Space	\$35,000
Curriculum/Software/Supplies/ Student Supplies	\$100,000
Certification Costs	\$10,000
Teacher Stipend for Program Recruitment	\$16,000
Total Cost for Year 3	\$171,000

Year 4	Cost
Program Management Space	\$35,000
Curriculum/Software/Supplies/ Student Supplies	\$50,000
Certification Costs	\$10,000
Teacher Stipend for Program Recruitment	\$16,000
Total Cost for Year 4	\$111,000

Year 5	Cost
Program Management Space	\$35,000
Curriculum/Software/Supplies/ Student Supplies	\$50,000
Certification Costs	\$10,000
Teacher Stipend for Program Recruitment	\$16,000
Total Cost for Year 5	\$111,000

Year 6	Cost
Program Management Space	\$35,000
Curriculum/Software/Supplies/ Student Supplies	\$50,000
Certification Costs	\$10,000
Teacher Stipend for Program Recruitment	\$16,000
Total Cost for Year 6	\$111,000

Year 7	Cost
Program Management Space	\$35,000
Curriculum/Software/Supplies/ Student Supplies	\$50,000
Certification Costs	\$10,000
Teacher Stipend for Program Recruitment	\$16,000
Total Cost for Year 7	\$111,000

Total Request from Triumph over seven years: \$1,291,000

Matching Funds Over 7 Years	Cost
Fort Walton Beach Medical Center	
Instructional Labs and Classrooms	\$758,625
Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department	
Resource Officer	\$357,500
Okaloosa County School District	
Two Teacher Salaries + Fringe	\$801,456
Miscellaneous Equipment and Supplies	\$50,000
Professional Development	\$15,000
E-Rate Internet Connectivity	\$28,980
Health Academy Building Maintenance and Services	\$362,362
Total Matching Funds	\$2,373,923

Total Matching Funds over seven years: \$2,373,923

Students participating in the Health Academy of Northwest Florida will have the opportunity to enter into a high demand occupation once they complete coursework. According to the U.S. Department of Labor and Statistics, the job demand for careers in the healthcare field will continue to grow. The job outlook for registered nurses will grow 9% through 2030. The current median pay is \$77,600 (\$37.31 per hour).

This update lowers the requested funds from Triumph Gulf Coast to \$1,291,000. The number of industry certifications earned in the Fort Walton Beach Practical Nursing program will be approximately 288, and after two years, we will work with HCA Twin Cities Hospital to open an additional program on the campus of the Niceville HCA Hospital. This program will earn approximately 144 industry certifications in years 3-7. Over the seven-year period, both the HCA Fort Walton Beach Medical Center and HCA Twin Cities Hospital will earn approximately 432 industry certifications which works out to be \$2,988.43 per individual certification. Please keep in mind that with this being a high school nursing program, students will be moving into a post-secondary educational program in order to complete their nursing program and earn their state license.

Having the partnership with the HCA hospital will provide our students with a direct pipeline to work and/or a post-secondary education. Not only will students benefit from this program, our community will benefit as these students fill the open positions.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



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CTE Program Director