

## 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/Organization:** Booker T. Washington High School Chorus Program

**Proposal Title:** Booker T. Washington High School Chorus Program Carnegie Hall Trip

**Amount of Triumph Funds Requested:** \$75,000

**Total Estimated Project Cost:** \$100,000

### **Brief Description of Individual/Entity/Organization:**

The Booker T. Washington High School Chorus program is a vocal program within a public school that is located in the fourth district of Escambia County Schools. While Booker T. has been identified as a Title 1 school (a high concentration of students from low socioeconomic households) the chorus students are high performing and committed to perfecting their craft as vocal musicians. Throughout the duration of COVID-19, the chorus program at Booker T. Washington High School continued to operate within the guidelines set forth by the CDC, and the Escambia County School District while maintaining a positive presence within the community. For the 2021-2022 school year, Booker T. Washington High School's Advanced Mixed Group was the only choir representing Escambia County School District to receive Straight Superiors. Performances executed by the program include but are not limited to: community events, seasonal programs, religious functions, and district assessments. The chorus program houses four main performing ensembles (Vocal Harmony-Advanced Mixed Group, Washington Singers-Intermediate Treble Group, Concert Choir-Beginning Mixed Group, and Gospel Choir-Religious Music Group).

### **Contact Information**

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**Names of co-applicants, partners or other entities, organizations that will have a role in the proposed project or program:** Booker T. Washington High School

## **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 affected counties, and (v) a summary timeline for the proposed project or program.**

(i) The amount of funds that we are requesting is \$75,000 to assist in defraying the cost of the trip for the students so that all of the students will be able to attend this amazing experience.

(ii) As of now, the only other definite source of funding will be the student's family members. We plan on hosting a series of fundraisers, with the first starting next week (gofundme, spring concert ads, candle fundraiser, singing-grams, and Valentine's Day Concert). With the proposed fundraisers we aim to raise the remaining funds.

(iii) While the students are based in Pensacola, Florida, the members of the program will travel to New York City, New York.

(iv) The students of the Booker T. Washington High School Chorus program auditioned, and were selected to perform at Carnegie Hall on April 14-17, 2023. Performing at Carnegie Hall is a prestigious experience that most musicians, let alone vocalist, will not be afforded to have within a lifetime. While attending this trip, students will be immersed in the culture of New York City, its history, and educational experiences provided through attending this music festival at Carnegie Hall. Students will perform at Carnegie Hall, be conducted and educated by Dr. Edith Copley, visit the Apollo Theater, attend a Broadway Show, visit the Statue of Liberty, visit the Rockefeller Center, visit St. Patrick's Cathedral, visit Time Square, tour the city of New York, and attend a tour that provides information about the musical history of New York City. By being the only group to audition, and being selected to represent Pensacola, Florida, this will grant students educational experiences, and insight that they otherwise would not have if they were not afforded the opportunity to attend. This traveling educational opportunity will not only positively highlight Booker T. Washington High School, but the city of Pensacola, Florida. This trip will highlight the importance of providing educational experiences for students within our community and abroad. Through this experience our youth will be encouraged to bring back what they learn and make a difference within their own community. What better place to experience and learn about diversity than a city such as New York City, where there are over 800 languages spoken.

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April 14, 2023 - Arrive in New York City, New York City Music Tour, Broadway Show, and Rehearsal at Carnegie Hall.

April 15, 2023- Rehearsal at Carnegie Hall, Rockefeller Center, and Apollo Theater Tour.

April 16, 2023- Rehearsal at Carnegie Hall, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Statue of Liberty.

April 17, 2023- Performance at Carnegie Hall and visit Time Square.

(Sites and locations are confirmed, however, specified dates and time will be confirmed closer to the departure date).

### **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 reviewed and then considered for award at 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.