

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: Navarre Beach Fire Rescue District
Proposal Title: Project Safe & Sound Fire Rescue Boat
Amount of Triumph Funds Requested: \$141,476
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$282,952

Brief Description of Individual/Entity/Organization:

Navarre Beach Fire Rescue District ("NBFR") is located on the barrier island of Navarre Beach which is between the Gulf of Mexico and the Santa Rosa Sound. NBFR was formed in 1989 to provide fire control, fire prevention, emergency medical, rescue response and public safety services to the residents and visitors of Navarre Beach and the Gulf Island National Seashore. Services include structure fires, MVA response and rescue, water patrol and rescue services, EMS, Basic Life Support, and public education. NBFR is also responsible for managing the Navarre Beach Lifeguards. In addition, NBFR provides mutual aid to other local fire districts and is a member of Florida's State of Emergency Response Plan ("SERP"). In November 2022, NBFR became an Independent Special Fire District under Florida Statute Chapter 191.

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Names of co-applicants, partners or other entities, organizations that will have a role in the proposed project or program:

Navarre Beach Fire Rescue District and the State of Florida will have a role in this project.

REQUIRED EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Please see the attached Executive Summary page.

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 review and then considered for award at the discretion of Triumph Gulf Coast Board.

Navarre Beach Fire Rescue District understands the pre-application process as outlined above.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - Navarre Beach Fire Rescue District

- (i) Amount of funds sought: \$141,476
- (ii) Other sources of funds: State of Florida
- (iii) Location of project: Navarre Beach - Navarre, Florida
- (iv) Summary description of proposed project:

PROJECT SAFE & SOUND FIRE RESCUE BOAT

The Santa Rosa County Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies Hurricanes and Flooding as the greatest threat to Navarre Beach. Over the more recent years, Navarre Beach has experienced numerous hurricanes -- Hurricane Erin and Opal in 1995, George in 1998, Ivan in 2004, Dennis in 2005, Michael in 2018 and Sally in 2020. In addition to natural disasters, Navarre Beach experienced a devastating military disaster on March 10, 2015. In a dense fog that evening, a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crashed in the Santa Rosa Sound near Navarre Beach. All eleven military personnel on board were killed. Navarre Beach Fire Rescue District ("NBFR") were the initial responders to this disaster which required them to first commandeer a boat in order to begin the search and rescue.

Navarre Beach Fire Rescue District is seeking funding for a project called, Safe & Sound Fire Rescue Boat. This project will involve the purchase of a fire-rescue boat and trailer. The fire-rescue boat will have firefighting capabilities as well as water rescue equipment. The boat and trained personnel will be deployable not only for emergencies within our response area (for the residents, visitors and tourists) but also to any natural disasters that occur within the State of Florida. In addition, Project Safe & Sound Fire Rescue Boat will help us assist the three military bases located nearby that have water access and in our partnership with the Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge to rescue injured animals and marine mammals.

Navarre Beach Fire Rescue District is located on Navarre Beach which is on the Gulf Coast in the Panhandle of Florida. Navarre Beach is an unincorporated, compact beach community just four square miles and is geographically isolated. It is nestled between the Gulf Islands National Seashore and the Navarre Beach Marine Park on Santa Rosa Island. Navarre Beach is a barrier island with the Gulf of Mexico to the South and the Santa Rosa Sound to the North. It is located 25 miles east of the Pensacola pass and 22 miles west of the Destin pass which places Navarre Beach halfway between these two areas.

The heavily traveled Intracoastal waterway passes through Navarre. Each year, thousands of barges utilize this waterway carrying anything from fuel and construction materials to other items that need to be transported via water. In addition to commercial use, fishing and recreational vessels (boats, jet skis, kayakers, paddles boards, etc.) also use this waterway.

Navarre Beach has pristine beaches that have been named among the best in the nation year after year. Relaxation is the main attraction on Navarre Beach. It attracts over one million

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - Navarre Beach Fire Rescue District

visitors per year. Navarre Beach Fire Rescue District is an independent special fire district funded by the residents of Navarre Beach. NBFR is a combination department with 11 operational firefighters and 1 volunteer firefighter. The station is equipped with one Engine, one 75-foot Ladder, three 4x4's (for beach rescues) and two Jet-skis with rescue sleds. Automatic Aid agreements with Holley-Navarre Fire District and Midway Fire District ensures a multi-engine company response to all structure fires in our coverage area. Mutual aid is provided by Escambia County Fire and all Santa Rosa County Fire Departments. Both Destin and Pensacola beaches have boats equipped for firefighting and rescue operations. NBFR provides both fire protection and EMS services, which includes structure fires, MVA response and rescue, water patrol and rescue services, EMS, Basic Life Support and public education. NBFR is also responsible for managing the Navarre Beach Lifeguards.

The department was established in 1990 by members of the community to ensure Navarre Beach had quality, responsive fire and emergency services readily available inside the district. The department began as an all-volunteer force and later transitioned to a combined career firefighter and volunteer. The fire district serves 4,400 permanent residents, 12,000 seasonal residents and over one million visitors per year. During the tourist season, there are an additional 6,000 tourism workers in the coverage area. Navarre Beach consists of private homes, townhomes, high-rise condominiums, a hotel, restaurants, a convenience store/gas station, a souvenir shop, a marine park and Florida's longest fishing pier. In addition to relaxation, the beach community also offers many water attractions including three public diving reefs.

Navarre Beach Fire Rescue District understands that we must learn from past disasters and implement strategies for pre-disaster mitigation in order to best protect life and property. NBFR must also be fully prepared if/when a disaster does occur. Therefore, Project Safe & Sound Fire Rescue Boat has been created to assure that NBFR is ready to respond to all disasters that frequently occur in this region. Being prepared enables responders to act quickly and decisively in the face of a disaster, preventing deaths and injuries, minimizing loss of property and enabling successful recovery.

Project Safe & Sound Fire Rescue Boat will benefit both the residents and visitors to Navarre Beach. It would create a sense of security and comfort to those that live and visit the beach community. This would then have a positive effect on our tourism which directly benefits the Santa Rosa County Tourist Development office and overall economy.

(v) Timeline:

1. Submit pre-application: May 2023
2. Submit final application: July 2022
3. Upon approval: July 2023 to December 2023
 - i. Order boat, trailer and rescue equipment
 - ii. Place in service (dependent on build time)

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.