

Application Score Sheet

Proposed Project: Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises (dba: PRIDE Enterprises). Construction Trades Vocational Training Program (#297)

Proposed Project/Program County: Escambia

Board of County Commission Support:

Rural Area of Opportunity:

Opportunity Zone: Yes

Total Projected Project Cost: \$1,761,536

Match Provided: \$837,791

Triumph Funds Requested: \$923,745 (52%)

Triumph Funds Recommended by Staff: up to \$923,745

Score: A

ROI: \$36.2 per dollar of Triumph cost

Economic Analysis, Impact, and Score

Pride Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises, (PRIDE) is a 501(c)3 corporation that manages correctional work programs in Florida Department of Correction (DOC) institutions. Although it receives no state funding, PRIDE educational and vocational programs, as well as job placement services, encourage low recidivism rates, making communities safer while reducing criminal justice expense to taxpayers.

PRIDE requests Triumph funding of up to \$923,745 to provide equipment and deliver curriculum for the NCCER CORE and Level 1 Carpentry Certifications (delivered by partner Pensacola State College). At a total project spend of \$1,761,536, the TGC share is calculated to be 52.4 percent of total project cost.

This proposed training is delivered in 15-week segments comprising 450 instructional and practicum hours. Upon release from prison, course graduates will receive job placement, relocation, and case management services. While the application notes that average recidivism rates have historically been in excess of 21 percent for the general prison population, the PRIDE average rate in 2021 was 4.2 percent. The application notes further that this is particularly important when the cost of incarceration to State of Florida budget in 2023 is estimated to be approximately \$41,000 per inmate per year.

PRIDE expects some 200 participants to have completed 400 certifications over a five-year period. If TGC funding of \$923,745 were to be expended, this would represent an average cost per completion of \$2,309. Assuming that the benefit of reduced recidivism expense to the taxpayer frees up funds to be spent on necessary programs elsewhere in the DOC or general government budget. However, this benefit would accrue relatively evenly on a per taxpayer basis across the TGC region and the state more generally.

At a reimbursement rate of \$2,309 per certification, the discounted total increase in household incomes (before accounting for reduced burden on taxpayers due to reduced prison expenditures) expected from the program will be \$36.2 per dollar of Triumph cost, which is an excellent ROI per TGC dollar relative to other Triumph awards. For these reasons, staff rate this program “A” in terms of economic impact.

Project Summary (based on information provided by the applicant)

Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises (PRIDE) is requesting to \$923,745 in Triumph grant funds to offer an NCCER Carpentry Program for inmates at the Century Correctional Institution in Escambia. Grant funds will be used for instruction, supplies and certification fees resulting in 400 certifications.

PRIDE Enterprises is a 501 (c) 3 Not-For-Profit corporation that manages correctional work programs in Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) Institutions with 42 years of manufacturing and inmate training experience. PRIDE's work programs provide education and vocational training to inmate workers. Former PRIDE workers are placed in jobs upon release; collectively they have a low recidivism rate of 4% compared to 21% for general population inmates.

The proposed program, to be located in the Century Correctional Institution (Century CI), is composed of two elements. The first element, for which Triumph funds will be used, includes NCCER Carpentry courses and labs taught by Pensacola State College instructors. Each course will last approximately 15 weeks, have a cohort of 15 students, and be scheduled 3 times per year.

Inmate students who successfully complete the course can earn an NCCER Core certification and an NCCER Level 1 Carpentry certification; both certifications are nationally recognized by the home/commercial building industries. Graduates of the program will be placed in jobs with commercial/residential builders, providing a much-needed infusion of skilled labor into the construction trades.

For the program's second element, high performing graduates of the NCCER course may have the opportunity to work in PRIDE's Micro-Home Construction Program, which will also be located at Century CI. The construction program will provide inmates with on-the-job training in constructing micro-homes, which are intended to be sold to not for profit, city, or county government entities to help alleviate the demand for affordable housing in gulf coast communities. Marketing of the affordable micro-home units will be directed at Century and generally in Santa Rosa and Escambia Counties. The micro-home construction program is entirely funded by PRIDE and the profits derived from micro-home sales will be used to sustain the Construction Trades Vocational Training Program in the future.

Upon release from prison, graduates of the NCCER course will be enrolled in PRIDE's Transition Program, which will provide job placement, relocation assistance, and 12-month case management services. Job placement efforts will be focused on commercial/residential building contractors in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.

PRIDE anticipates that course offerings will be expanded to include plumbing and electrical training with the micro-home construction program financially sustaining the expanded Construction Trades Vocational Training Program in approximately four years. The program is intended to be self-sustaining and, therefore, could be scalable to other correctional institutions in the region.

The program will add skilled workers to the local building industry. The demand for skilled construction workers in Florida is intense and will not likely subside in the foreseeable future. Affordable housing needs in Florida equate to millions of units needed as soon as possible; in the best-case scenario, a multi-year intense building focus is required. State legislators recognize the critical need for affordable housing and have appropriated the largest housing fund program in the state's history.

Budget

See attached

Exhibit A

Project #, name

#297

PRIDE NCCER Carpentry Program

9/21/23

Budget

Estimated construction start date if applicable

Estimated education component start date if applicable

6/12/23

	Category #1	Category #2	Category #3	Category #4	Total
	Instruction-Matls-Supplies(PSC)	Certifications	FDC Security Staff	Computer Hdwe-Infrastructure	
Project Total					
Calendar Year 1: 2023	102,000.00	12,750.00	43,875.00	21,041.00	179,666.00
Calendar Year 2: 2024	153,000.00	19,125.00	131,625.00	12,624.00	316,374.00
Calendar Year 3: 2025	153,000.00	19,125.00	131,625.00	12,624.00	316,374.00
Calendar Year 4: 2026	153,000.00	19,125.00	131,625.00	12,624.00	316,374.00
Calendar Year 5: 2027	153,000.00	19,125.00	131,625.00	12,624.00	316,374.00
Calendar Year 6: 2028	153,000.00	19,125.00	131,625.00	12,624.00	316,374.00
Calendar Year 7	-	-	-	-	-
Calendar Year 8	-	-	-	-	-
Calendar Year 9	-	-	-	-	-
Calendar Year 10	-	-	-	-	-
Calendar Year 11	-	-	-	-	-
Calendar Year 12	-	-	-	-	-
Project Total	867,000.00	108,375.00	702,000.00	84,161.00	1,761,536.00

Triumph

Calendar Year 1: 2023					-
Calendar Year 2: 2024	153,000.00	19,125.00		12,624.00	184,749.00
Calendar Year 3: 2025	153,000.00	19,125.00		12,624.00	184,749.00
Calendar Year 4: 2026	153,000.00	19,125.00		12,624.00	184,749.00
Calendar Year 5: 2027	153,000.00	19,125.00		12,624.00	184,749.00
Calendar Year 6: 2028	153,000.00	19,125.00		12,624.00	184,749.00
Calendar Year 7					-
Calendar Year 8					-
Calendar Year 9					-
Calendar Year 10					-
Calendar Year 11					-
Calendar Year 12					-
Triumph Total	765,000.00	95,625.00	-	63,120.00	923,745.00

Grantee

Calendar Year 1: 2023--Pre-Award	102,000.00	12,750.00		21,041.00	135,791.00
Calendar Year 2: 2024					-
Calendar Year 3: 2025					-
Calendar Year 4: 2026					-
Calendar Year 5: 2027					-
Calendar Year 6: 2028					-
Calendar Year 7					-
Calendar Year 8					-
Calendar Year 9					-
Calendar Year 10					-
Calendar Year 11					-
Calendar Year 12					-
Grantee Total	102,000.00	12,750.00	-	21,041.00	135,791.00

Match Source 1; FDC

Calendar Year 1: 2023			43,875.00		43,875.00
Calendar Year 2: 2024			131,625.00		131,625.00
Calendar Year 3: 2025			131,625.00		131,625.00
Calendar Year 4: 2026			131,625.00		131,625.00
Calendar Year 5: 2027			131,625.00		131,625.00
Calendar Year 6: 2028			131,625.00		131,625.00
Calendar Year 7					-
Calendar Year 8					-

Calendar Year 9					-
Calendar Year 10					-
Calendar Year 11					-
Calendar Year 12					-
Match Source 1 Total	-	-	702,000.00	-	702,000.00

Match Source 2:

Calendar Year 1: 2023					-
Calendar Year 2: 2024					-
Calendar Year 3: 2025					-
Calendar Year 4: 2026					-
Calendar Year 5: 2027					-
Calendar Year 6: 2028					-
Calendar Year 7					-
Calendar Year 8					-
Calendar Year 9					-
Calendar Year 10					-
Calendar Year 11					-
Calendar Year 12					-
Match Source 2 Total	-	-	-	-	-