

## Application Score Sheet

Proposed Project: Renaissance Charter School, Inc./Warrington Preparatory Academy,  
Rocketing to the Future (#319)

Proposed Project/Program County: Escambia

Board of County Commission Support:

Rural Area of Opportunity:

Opportunity Zone:

Total Projected Project Cost: \$10,384,867

Match Provided: \$2,930,000

Triumph Funds Requested: \$7,454,867

Triumph Funds Recommended by Staff: up to \$7,454,867

Score: A

ROI: \$39 per dollar of Triumph cost

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### **Economic Analysis, Impact, and Score**

Charter Schools USA (CSUSA) requests a Triumph award of up to \$7,454,867 to deliver industry recognized certifications and do improvements to Escambia School District property to students at Warrington School in Escambia County.

This proposed school program will offer hands-on activities from elementary school through 12th grade as well as support families as they seek better educational outcomes for their children. CSUSA proposes attainment of 3,479 net new (i.e., above and beyond existing rates of student certificate awards) career and technical industry credentials over ten years for those students who participate.

CSUSA will use TGC funding to cover the cert expenses and improvement of the existing Warrington School. The applicant estimates the total cost of the project to be \$10,384,867 which includes retrofitting of the space, necessary equipment and supplies, industry certification curriculum and testing materials, as well as staffing costs for part-time educators. The proposed TGC grant thus represents 72 percent of total project cost.

Triumph staff recognize the excellent efforts by the CSUSA team to provide cost-effective implementation and administration solutions to meet the needs of students across the District for CTE credentials.

At a reimbursement rate of \$2,143 per certification, the discounted total increase in household incomes expected from the program will be \$39 per dollar of Triumph cost, which is a good ROI per TGC dollar of relative to other Triumph awards to date. For these reasons, staff rate this program "A" in terms of economic impact.

## **Project Summary (based on information provided by the applicant)**

Renaissance Charter School, Inc., the governing board for Warrington Preparatory Academy (WPA) is requesting a \$7,454,867 Triumph grant to offer IT and unmanned systems industry certifications including but not limited to Digital Tools, Google, MS Office and Adobe suite. The Triumph funds will be used for personnel, classroom renovation and construction, equipment, and grant compliance and will result in at least 3,479 industry certifications.

The Rocketing to the Future program at Warrington Preparatory Academy (WPA) will provide students a set of stackable, proficiency-based industry credentials in career pathways for high skill/high wage jobs that are responsive to the needs of local employers. WPA, currently grades 6-8, serves the needs of children and families in Escambia County through a tuition free, public school education with a focused career preparatory program of study.

The grant funds will support course sequences at the secondary level that teach foundational knowledge and skills common across all career and technical education programs of study. The program is designed to establish an industry-aligned, early-entry credentialing and certification foundation. The program is also designed to stimulate the progression toward more occupationally-specific courses at the postsecondary level that provide knowledge and skills required for entry into and advancement in a chosen career and technical education programs of study.

The program is designed to prepare students for certification attainment in Escambia's top three industry cluster areas (Enterprise Florida, 2023): Defense and Homeland Security, Life Sciences, and Professional Services. Students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade will learn digital literacy and cybersecurity skills. In 7<sup>th</sup> grade, they will learn desktop application skills with the choice between Google and MS Office. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade, they will advance to Adobe suite. Hands-on activities will allow students to apply their knowledge in practical exercises and in-app projects that simulate a real-world professional environment and foster creativity and critical thinking,

WPA students will have the opportunity to matriculate directly into continuing studies at Pensacola State College Charter Academy (PSC Charter Academy) by Fall 2024. Alternatively, students may matriculate to one of the seven traditional high schools operated by Escambia County Public Schools.

Regardless of the high school selected, each participating student will achieve a career readiness foundation and stackable credentials in support of the local economy and their individual futures. Earning a sustainable wage through a postsecondary credential is a reliable means of building financial stability well into the future. Students impacted by this program will always have a credential they can rely on when building stackable credits and entering the workforce.

This program will by increase students' technology skills and knowledge, encouraging industry certifications, and providing a rigorous pathway for students to develop career readiness and meet high school graduation requirements. The program nurtures matriculation into upper class courses in technology, engineering, mathematics, and medical disciplines and articulates into postsecondary education at Pensacola State College.

WPA will work directly with parents through a Parent University program that provides education, and support services to family members of all level of incomes and abilities, single parents, married parents, blended families, grandparents raising their grandchildren, extended family members, caregivers, foster parents and more. Triumph funds will be used to provide Parent University participants training to achieve industry certifications.

WPA is managed by Charter Schools USA (CSUSA), the largest charter school management organization in Florida. CSUSA is one of the largest and highest performing education management companies in the United States, serving over 75,000 students at nearly 100 schools in five states. CSUSA currently operates 37 career/certification pathway programs in Florida schools. WPA will leverage the proven and stable track record of CSUSA to ensure quality and quality control in the implementation of this grant program.

The Escambia Board of County Commissioners is supporting the efforts of WPA by has investing \$750,000 to repave Old Corry Field Road, the main road in front of the school. The county is also investing funds into Lexington Terrace Park which is within walking distance from WPA. The Parks and Recreation Department has installed new basketball and playground equipment, dog park equipment, and new trash cans.

#### Funding and Budget

See attached

**Exhibit B**

**Project #, name**

WARRINGTON PREP ACADEMY CAREER CERTIFICATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

REQUEST

**Budget** \$ **7,454,867.00**

Estimated construction start date if applicable 2024-02-01 DESIGN PHASE

Estimated education component start date if applicable 2024-02-01

	GRANT COMPLIANCE	RENOVATION & CONSTRUCTION	PERSONNEL	EQUIPMENT	CURRICULUM & TRANSPORTATION	Total
<b>Please change year # to actual year</b>						
<b>Project Total</b>						
Calendar Year 2024	22,890.00	255,000.00	361,640.00	657,180.00	125,000.00	1,421,710.00
Calendar Year 2025	45,780.00	326,250.00	523,280.00	250,348.00	135,000.00	1,280,658.00
Calendar Year 2026	48,069.00	339,187.00	531,858.00	359,872.00	145,000.00	1,423,986.00
Calendar Year 2027	50,472.00	4,672,619.00	620,906.00	759,516.00	155,000.00	6,258,513.00
<b>Project Total</b>	<b>167,211.00</b>	<b>5,593,056.00</b>	<b>2,037,684.00</b>	<b>2,026,916.00</b>	<b>560,000.00</b>	<b>10,384,867.00</b>
<b>Triumph</b>						
Calendar Year 2024	22,890.00	75,000.00	81,640.00	657,180.00		836,710.00
Calendar Year 2025	45,780.00	86,250.00	163,280.00	250,348.00		545,658.00
Calendar Year 2026	48,069.00	99,187.00	171,858.00	359,872.00		678,986.00
Calendar Year 2027	50,472.00	4,402,619.00	180,906.00	759,516.00		5,393,513.00
<b>Triumph Total</b>	<b>167,211.00</b>	<b>4,663,056.00</b>	<b>597,684.00</b>	<b>2,026,916.00</b>		<b>7,454,867.00</b>
<b>Grantee</b>						
Calendar Year 2024		\$ 180,000.00	\$ 280,000.00		125,000.00	585,000.00
Calendar Year 2025		\$ 240,000.00	\$ 360,000.00		135,000.00	735,000.00
Calendar Year 2026		\$ 240,000.00	\$ 360,000.00		145,000.00	745,000.00
Calendar Year 2027		\$ 270,000.00	\$ 440,000.00		155,000.00	865,000.00
<b>Grantee Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>930,000.00</b>	<b>1,440,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>560,000.00</b>	<b>2,930,000.00</b>