

## **TRIUMPH GULF COAST, INC. PRE-APPLICATION FOR**

Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. (“Triumph Gulf Coast”) has created a pre-application process to provide initial consideration of potential ideas for projects for 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.

### **APPLICATION INFORMATION**

**Name of Individual/Entity/Organization:** Gulf Coast Kid’s House

**Proposal Name:** The Healing House

**Amount Requested:** \$4,000,000

**Total Estimated Cost:** \$5,350,000

Gulf Coast Kid’s House (GCKH) is a children’s advocacy center serving 3,000+ Escambia County children each year. We combine all the professionals and resources needed for the intervention, investigation, and prosecution of child abuse cases under one child-friendly facility. We aim to create a collaborative response that improves outcomes and minimizes trauma to the children and families we serve. GCKH has been serving disproportionately affected community members for 20 years.

GCKH also partners with Escambia County Schools to provide prevention education to students, faculty, parents, and community stake holders.

The mission of GCKH is to end child abuse and heal families through collaborative intervention, family support, and prevention education.

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### **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) **Amount of funds being sought from Triumph Gulf Coast; \$4,000,000**
- (ii) **Amount and identity of other sources of funds for the proposed project or program**  
Capital Campaign Funds and donations of \$1,300,000. Building site value of \$1,000,085
- (iii) **Location of the project or program; 1145 E Anderson and 3103 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Ave, Pensacola, FL 32503**
- (iv) **Description of the proposed program, including how the program will be transformational and promote economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties.**

Child maltreatment (including physical abuse, sexual abuse, psychological abuse, and neglect) has been linked to negative health and economic consequences in both the short- and long-term. As adults, children who were the victims of abuse and neglect are more likely to be depressed, unemployed, commit crimes, and use social services.

Children living in poverty experience an increased likelihood of abuse and neglect. Experiencing poverty can place a lot of stress on families, which may increase the risk for child abuse and neglect. Rates of child abuse and neglect are 5 times higher for children in families with low socioeconomic status. This also affects how easy it is for children to climb the income ladder in adulthood. Currently the national poverty rate is 11.5%. The poverty rate in Florida is 13.6% and in Escambia County it is 14.7%. In Florida 55% of child abuse or neglect victims have already been part of an abuse investigation at least once before.

Child maltreatment also creates a financial burden on the community. In the United States, the total lifetime economic burden associated with child abuse and neglect was about \$592 billion in 2018. This economic burden rivals the cost of other high-profile public health problems, such as heart disease and diabetes.

**1. Immediate Costs:**

- o Childhood healthcare costs: These include medical expenses related to treating injuries resulting from abuse or neglect.
- o Child welfare costs: Expenses associated with child protective services, foster care, and legal proceedings.
- o Adult medical costs: Long-term health consequences for survivors.
- o Criminal justice costs: Legal proceedings related to child maltreatment cases.
- o Special education costs: Additional resources needed for children with developmental delays due to abuse or neglect.

**2. Productivity Losses:**

- o Child maltreatment affects a child's cognitive development, potentially leading to lower educational attainment and reduced future earning potential.
- o Productivity losses over a lifetime due to missed educational and career opportunities are substantial.

**3. Lifetime Costs:**

- o In the United States, the estimated average lifetime cost per victim of nonfatal child maltreatment was approximately \$210,012 (in 2010 dollars).

Child abuse can have serious and lasting effects on a child’s mental health. However, therapy can play a crucial role in mitigating these negative effects. Opportunities for abuse specific treatment fall below average in Escambia County. For these reasons, Gulf Coast Kid’s House would like to build The Healing House.

Gulf Coast Kid’s House recently purchased land adjacent to our current building to build The Healing House. This facility will be a 10,000 square foot mental health facility. It will include 10 individual therapy offices, group and play therapy offices, a conference and education room and a therapy garden. The Healing House will be dedicated to the therapy and treatment of child and adult victims of child abuse and neglect. Licensed therapists, specializing in evidence-based practices for abuse victims, will provide intense and ongoing therapy at no cost to participants. The facility will also house family advocates to support and provide resources to families, and prevention specialists that partner with Escambia schools to provide education for students and faculty and parents.

The Healing House will have two meeting spaces available to any organization in our community who needs space to meet. This space will also be used as an onsite education classroom, offering CEUs for completion of GCKH’s “kNOw Child Abuse” and” kNOw Bias” education.

Immediate and evidence-based treatment can reduce the negative effects of abuse by 77%. This means that victims are more likely to live healthy and productive lives, becoming contributing members of society alleviating the financial burden to their communities, and stopping the cycle of abuse. This leads to less poverty and greater opportunities and future job security.

- (v.) **Summary timeline for projected project or program;** Upon receipt of funding, GCKH will begin breaking ground on Phase 1 of the building, opening in spring of 2025. Phase 2 will complete the project, beginning at the start of 2026 with a completion date sometime that year.





**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.