



September 3, 2024

Mr. David M. Bear, Chairman
Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.
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Re: Updated List of Wakulla County Supported Projects for Triumph Gulf Coast Funding

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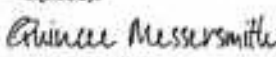
Dear Chairman Bear,

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners (Board) continually reviews projects it supports for Triumph Gulf Coast funding and seeks new proposals from the community to ensure that supported projects reflect current transformational needs. Therefore, on September 3, 2024, the Board approved an updated List of County Supported Projects for Triumph Gulf Coast funding.

The enclosed updated List indicates the County's prioritization of projects, as well as includes a summary and status of each supported project.

Again, thank you for Triumph's support as we move forward on the road to recovery as well as preparing for the future.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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Quincee Messersmith
Chair

Enclosure

Cc: Mr. David Edwards, County Administrator
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WAKULLA COUNTY LIST OF SUPPORTED PROJECTS FOR TRIUMPH GULF COAST, INC. FUNDING

Updated September 3, 2024, (Original Submitted on November 5, 2017, Updated on January 8, 2018; December 3, 2018; June 3, 2019; April 7, 2020; June 7, 2021; January 18, 2022)

Organization	Project Title/Brief Description	Est. Project Cost	Board Priority
Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners	NEW - Project Boomer: A manufacturing company that originated in Wakulla County, but also has facilities in Tallahassee, FL and Cairo, GA, desires to consolidate their operations and have room for future expansion. Wakulla County proposes to purchase an approximately ten-acre property in Opportunity Park and procure a third-party(s) to design and construct a facility that meets the specifications of the manufacturing company. This facility would then be leased to the manufacturer, possibly in conjunction with another company. It is anticipated that over the course of five years after the operations are consolidated that the manufacturer would add forty-two new jobs to Florida. (Added to List September 3, 2024)	\$1.9 M	#1
	NEW - Project Safety: An existing manufacturing company from South Florida, with offices around the nation and internationally, is looking to relocate to Opportunity Park. Currently this manufacturer employs approximately 5,000 people and desires to expand its operations. They are looking to construct an approximately 75,000-square-foot facility with plans to create between 200 – 300 local jobs that are above the average annual wage for Wakulla County. Wakulla County proposes to purchase property in Opportunity Park and procure a third-party(s) to design and construct a facility that meets the specifications of the manufacturing company. This facility would then be leased to the manufacturer, possibly in conjunction with another company. (Added to List September 3, 2024)	TBD	#2
	First-Responder Communication System: Replace existing aging and unrepairable first-responder communication system with one that can communicate with all federal, state and local first-responder agencies as well as extending the range of communication within the County, i.e., national/state forest, metal building, etc. Our County is working with other 7 counties for potential regional project with each County submitting their own application. (Updated to Priority #1-12-3-2018) (Removed from List 9-3-2024)	\$11-M	FUNDED – Project #48
	New Library: Construct a new, larger more centrally located library at the community center to meet the growing demands for new programs and provide space for participation at current and new events. The existing library will be repurposed and used for a much-needed Fire/EMS station in the Medart area, south of Crawfordville. A new library also has the potential to provide virtual classes not provided elsewhere in the County and could target underprivileged populations needing workforce skills. The County owns the property. Funds are needed for design, permitting, construction and furnishings. The Library will be designed and constructed to serve as a category 4 Risk Shelter (Pre-Disaster), with a dedicated business center. (Revised and updated to Priority #2-12-3-2018, amended June 3, 2019) (Removed from list March 23, 2020 and replaced with new priority #2)	\$3.5-M	Withdrawn by Board, March 23, 2020

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	Community Center Gym Rehab—High Risk Shelter Project: The Wakulla County Community Center Gym is constructed only to sustain winds up to ea Category 2 event and is sufficient to be used only as post-disaster shelter. Wakulla County is in need of a pre-disaster shelter that can withstand at least Category 4 winds. This project will be seeing funds to rehab the Community Center Gym so that it can serve as both a pre and post-disaster shelter. (Added to list May 23, 2020)		Withdrawn by Board 06/07/21
	Medart Rec Park Improvements: Improve the parking lot, restroom and concession facilities, and sports fields of Wakulla County's only recreation park for organized outdoor youth and adult sports. The County owns the Park. Funds are needed for any design, permitting and construction.	\$2.0 M	Withdrawn by Board 06/07/21
	Realignment of County Road 61/Shell Point: The County has only two north-south bound highways from Capital Circle (Leon County) to US 98 (Wakulla County): US 319 is on the eastern side of the County and US 27 is on the western side. High traffic on both of these highways is attributed mainly to travelers working in Tallahassee and living in Wakulla. Internal arterial roads off of these highways leading to residential areas become clogged at peak times creating extremely hazardous conditions. Additionally, these highways provide the only access to Wakulla's coast, rivers, forest, etc. creating heavy traffic conditions on weekends and holidays. This proposed realignment would provide a north-south bound County Road centrally located in Wakulla County and would ease congestion and increase safety conditions. Funds are needed for design, permitting and construction.	\$2.5 M	Withdrawn by Board 06/07/21
	Camp Indian Springs Campground Partnership: This project proposes a partnership with Department of Environment Protection (DEP), in the event they purchase the Camp Indian Springs Property. The County proposes seeking funds for the improvement of existing buildings on the Camp Indian Springs Campground property and the design, permitting and construction of a RV/Tent campground. (Withdrawn—Campground sold to private party)	TBD	Withdrawn by Board 06/07/21
	New Rec Park—US 319: The County is in need of land to design, permit and construct a larger outdoor multi-use recreational park on the north side of the County. This park has the potential to serve the region for youth and adult outdoor sports, i.e., softball tournaments, soccer tournaments, etc. Funds are needed for land acquisition, planning, design, construction and furnishings.	\$20 M	Withdrawn by Board 06/07/21
	Project Gametop—Project Gametop is a manufacturer and distributor of canned beverages headquartered in Franklin County and whose only considerable production facility is leased in central Florida. In the lease situation, the company must compete for use of the facility with other beverage makers. By establishing a dedicated owned and operated facility in Wakulla County, the company can better control inventory and scale the product to serve more markets in Florida and the southeastern United States. Pre-application submitted to Triumph Gulf Coast 06/14/21. (Withdrawn – Business decided not to open a manufacturing facility)	\$350K	Withdrawn by Board 9/03/24

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City of St. Marks	introduce a Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) Safety Certification program along with Visual Line-of-Sight System Operator (VSO) certification program for grades 9-12. The programs will be done through curriculum, guest speakers/partnerships (FSU College of Engineering and Inspired Technologies), and equipment to provide industry certifications matching students grade level. The total amount being requested from Triumph is \$1.78M and WCSB will provide \$226,525 in matching funds for a total project cost of \$2,006,525. (Removed from list March 23, 2020)	\$65-K	Denied / Proposal #83
	ADA Compliant Kayak/Canoe Launch: To provide kayak/canoe access to the Wakulla River via the City Park. Increase recreational opportunities and enhanced visitor experience. Will also relieve kayak/canoe launching at the St. Marks Boat Ramp. The City of St. Marks owns the property. Funds are requested for design, permitting and construction. (Removed from List 12-3-2018)	\$350-K	Withdrawn by Board 06/07/21
	St. Marks WWTP — Conversion of Grinders to Gravity Sewer: First a feasibility study (i.e., preliminary engineer report) will need to be conducted to determine if conversion is feasible and probable cost. Funds are needed for feasibility study/preliminary engineering report. Funds not available for feasibility studies.	\$900-K	Denied / Proposal #84
	St. Marks Board Walk: Construct a boardwalk that will connect to the terminus of the St. Marks Bike Trail and provide an off-road multi-use pedestrian to the Fort, St. Marks Board Ramp, and back to the St. Marks Bike Trail terminus. The City of St. Marks own the property and the project is designed and permitted. Funds are requested for construction. (Removed from List 12-3-2018)	\$2.6-M	Withdrawn by Board 06/07/21
Wakulla Commercial Fishermen's Assoc, Inc.	A Partnership Reviving Apalachee Bay Oyster Reefs: Shoreline restoration on oyster reefs to enhance commercial and recreational fishing; provide tidal, storm surge and coastal erosion protection; improve water quality; strengthen economy, social and environmental capital. Funds are requested for all stages of the project. (Never submitted to Triumph)	\$15-M	WITHDRAWN
Wakulla Environmental Institute	Marine Manufacturing Training Center: A state-of-the-art multi-purpose facility that will function as an auditorium, conference center, manufacturing center, oyster seed hatchery and commercial kitchen for processing local Gulf Coast seafood products. WEI owns the property. Funds are needed for design, permitting, construction and furnishings. Total estimated project cost is \$22.7-M, seeking \$15-M Triumph funds. (Removed from List 12-3-2018)	\$13.5-M	Denied / proposal #91 06/19/19
	WEI Ocean Shellfish Nursery / Hatchery and Processing Facility that would provide the seed and education to entrepreneurs on how to grow shellfish crops, and provide the basis for safe, fresh shellfish processing to ensure the best product in available to customers worldwide. According to the WEI project summary there is no other facility of this kind available in Florida at an educational institution. Through planned partnerships, this program would offer an unparalleled ability to seed hundreds of entrepreneurs' operations and process them using revolutionary pasteurization technology. Funds would be used for professional engineering and architectural services, construction and furnishings. (Added to List 12-3-2018)		