

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: United Cerebral Palsy of North Florida DBA Tender

Love & Care PPEC and ELC

Proposal Title: New Building

Amount of Triumph Funds Requested: \$2 million Total

Estimated Project Cost: \$4.2 million

Brief Description of Individual/Entity/Organization:

Tender Love & Care, affectionately called TLC, is a Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care facility offering skilled nursing services to medically complex children birth through twenty-one years of age who are unable to attend traditional daycare. We are also an Early Learning Center providing early education to children ages 6 weeks to five years.

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

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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 of 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.

Proposal for Funding: Tender Love & Care PPEC and ELC Expansion Project

Introduction

Tender Love & Care PPEC and ELC (TLC), a 501 (C)(3) organization, has a rich history dating back to 1953, serving our community by providing essential therapies and organized home health services. Over the years, we have adapted to the needs of families, and in 2000, we transitioned to a Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care (PPEC) facility, catering specifically to medically complex children from birth to 21 years. In 2010, we expanded our services by adding an Early Learning Center (ELC) for typically developing children, aged six weeks to five years, further enriching our community offerings.

Project Overview

We are excited to present plans for an 18,000 square foot building that will house separate classrooms for our PPEC and ELC on either side of the facility. The state-of-the-art design includes:

- Classrooms: Tailored learning environments for both PPEC and ELC.
- Kitchen: A dedicated kitchen on the ELC side to prepare nutritious meals for the children.
- Indoor Play Areas: Safe, engaging play spaces for all children.
- Playgrounds: Outdoor playgrounds designed for each program in the backyard.

We are requesting \$2 million from Triumph Gulf Coast to support this vital project. We are pleased to inform you that the land has already been purchased at 1332 N East Ave and 1329 James Ave, and the architectural plans are fully designed and engineered. We intend to finance the remaining costs through a mortgage.

Impact of the PPEC and ELC Programs

Our PPEC program plays a transformative role for families with special needs children. By providing a nurturing, medically supervised environment, we enable parents and caregivers to pursue employment, knowing their children are receiving the skilled care they require. This program is especially crucial for families unable to access traditional daycare due to their children's complex medical needs.

Currently, the childcare landscape in Bay County is stretched thin, struggling to accommodate the growing demand for services. The proposed expansion not only allows us to welcome more children into our programs but also significantly alleviates the burden on parents, particularly those working in the local hospitality and tourism sectors. By increasing availability and creating new job opportunities, we aim to support the economic recovery of our community, enabling parents to contribute to both their families and the local economy.

Conclusion

We are passionate about our mission and the positive impact TLC has on Bay County. This expansion will strengthen our ability to serve families, enhance workforce participation, and support economic growth within our community. Thank you for considering our proposal. Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of many children and families in Bay County.