

# TRIUMPH GULF COAST, INC. PRE-APPLICATION FORM

## Completed Draft for Angel Force Foundation

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Individual/Entity/Organization:	Angel Force Foundation
Proposal Title:	Angel Force Village Safety and Future Leaders Workforce Initiative
Amount of Triumph Funds Requested:	\$1,250,000
Total Estimated Project Cost:	\$1,750,000
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### Brief Description of Individual/Entity/Organization

Angel Force Foundation is a Florida nonprofit focused on putting kids first while supporting veterans, first responders, and educators through proactive school safety, leadership development, prevention education, and village based support programs.

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

Potential partners include Okaloosa County schools and private K through 20 education partners, Northwest Florida State College, local chambers of commerce, veteran and first responder organizations, local governments, and employer partners supporting youth leadership, safety, workforce readiness, and student voice initiatives. Final partner commitments will be confirmed before full application submission.

# **REQUIRED EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

## **Project Overview**

Angel Force Foundation respectfully submits this pre-application for the Angel Force Village Safety and Future Leaders Workforce Initiative, a regional program designed to strengthen school safety, leadership development, student confidence, career readiness, and youth centered prevention across Okaloosa County and other eligible Northwest Florida counties. The initiative will place structured leadership curriculum, school safety education, student media opportunities, and workforce readiness support into schools and youth serving locations that need added capacity but may not have the resources to build these programs alone.

## **Funds Requested and Total Project Cost**

Angel Force Foundation is requesting \$1,250,000 in Triumph Gulf Coast funds toward a total estimated project cost of \$1,750,000. The remaining \$500,000 will be pursued through private sponsorships, local business support, county and municipal partnerships, foundation grants, in kind support, and program revenue where appropriate. Funds would support curriculum development, staffing, training, program delivery, student media equipment, leadership materials, evaluation tools, outreach, administrative support, and expansion into additional schools and youth serving sites.

## **Location and Service Area**

The project will begin in Okaloosa County, with a focus on Crestview, Niceville, Fort Walton Beach, Destin, and surrounding communities, and may expand into other disproportionately affected counties including Walton, Santa Rosa, and Escambia as partner sites are confirmed. The program is designed to be scalable and repeatable so the model can serve private and public education partners, after school programs, youth organizations, and career readiness pipelines.

## **Program Description**

The initiative combines three connected tracks. First, Future Leaders Academy will provide age appropriate leadership, character, communication, conflict resolution, anti bullying, personal responsibility, and career readiness lessons for students. Second, the Village Safety and Prevention track will provide school safety awareness, family education, student reporting culture, emotional regulation support, and prevention based programming that strengthens the protective environment around children. Third, the Student Voice and Media track will use school based podcast and storytelling tools to help students build communication skills, confidence, digital media literacy, interviewing skills, and workforce ready soft skills.

## **Transformational Economic Impact**

This program is transformational because it invests earlier in the workforce pipeline. Northwest Florida's long term economy depends on students who are safe, confident, employable, communicative, resilient, and connected to local opportunities. By preparing students with transferable skills that are not confined to one employer, the project supports economic diversification and talent retention. It also builds stronger connections among schools, families, veterans, first responders, educators, local employers, military connected families, and civic partners. A safer and more prepared student population supports stronger schools, stronger families, and a stronger workforce for the region.

## **Anticipated Outcomes**

Expected outcomes include serving students across multiple school and youth sites, increasing leadership and communication skills, improving student confidence and engagement, increasing awareness of safety and prevention practices, providing measurable career readiness and soft skill gains, creating student produced media and storytelling projects, developing a repeatable curriculum, and building a documented regional model that can be expanded to other eligible counties. Outcome measures may include number of students served, number of classes delivered, attendance, pre and post student surveys, partner satisfaction, student media projects completed, certifications or badges earned, and school or partner reports of program value.

## **Timeline**

Months 1 through 3 will focus on final partner commitments, curriculum refinement, hiring, procurement, site selection, and evaluation design. Months 4 through 6 will launch pilot programming in initial sites and begin data collection. Months 7 through 12 will expand delivery, produce student media projects, and complete the first annual outcome report. Year 2 will scale to additional sites, deepen employer and education partnerships, refine the model, and prepare for long term sustainability through sponsorships, grants, and local partner support.

## **PROPOSAL ELIGIBILITY CATEGORIES**

Selected categories are marked below.

- 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 disasters
- Grants to support programs that prepare students for future occupations and careers at K through 20 institutions that have campuses in 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
- Grants to the tourism entity created under s. 288.1226 for advertising and promoting tourism and Fresh From Florida, and grants to promote workforce and infrastructure

## **PRIORITIES THIS PROPOSAL WILL ACHIEVE**

- Generate maximum estimated economic benefits through outcome measures, cost benefit, return on investment, and long term workforce impact analysis
- Increase household income in the disproportionately affected counties above national average household income by strengthening the student to workforce pipeline
- Leverage or further enhance key regional assets, including educational institutions, military bases, veteran talent, and local employer networks
- Partner with local governments to provide funds, infrastructure, land, or other assistance for the project, pending local commitments
- Benefit the environment, in addition to the economy
- Provide outcome measures
- Partner with K through 20 educational institutions or school districts located within the disproportionately affected counties
- Are recommended by the board of county commissioners of the county in which the project or program will be located, pending formal request and approval
- Partner with convention and visitor bureaus, tourist development councils, or chambers of commerce located within the disproportionately affected counties