

TRIUMPH GULF COAST, INC. PRE-APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Individual/Entity/Organization: Franklin County Board of County Commissioners

Proposal Title: Franklin County Sheriff's Office Emergency Power Infrastructure Project

Amount of Triumph Funds Requested: \$665,000.00

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$690,000.00

Brief Description of Individual/Entity/Organization:

Franklin County is a rural, fiscally constrained county in Florida's Panhandle that provides essential public safety, emergency management, and infrastructure services to more than 12,450 residents and thousands of annual visitors. The Franklin County Sheriff's Office operates the county's primary law enforcement, detention, and emergency response functions, serving as a critical facility for public safety operations during hurricanes, tornadoes, and other disaster events.

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

- Franklin County Sheriff's Office

REQUIRED EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Amount of Funds Being Sought from Triumph Gulf Coast

Franklin County is requesting \$665,000 in Triumph Gulf Coast funding to replace the failed diesel emergency backup generator system at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. This request covers a complete emergency power infrastructure package, including a new Caterpillar 500kW diesel generator, a 96-hour fuel tank, an 800A automatic transfer switch, a generator docking station for temporary power redundancy, full electrical installation, permitting and engineering, and the initial fuel load required for commissioning. The project budget also includes contingency to address any site-specific electrical conditions or material cost fluctuations identified during final design. This estimate reflects current vendor pricing and comparable installation costs from similar critical facility generator projects, ensuring the Sheriff's Office receives a fully funded, turnkey emergency power system.

Amount and Identity of Other Funding Sources

Franklin County has committed \$25,000 in local funds to support the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Emergency Power Infrastructure Project. This contribution reflects the County's commitment to strengthening the reliability of its critical public safety facilities and demonstrates Franklin's active participation in delivering a fully funded, long-term emergency power solution for the Sheriff's Office. No other external funding sources are anticipated for this project.

Location of the Project or Program

The project will take place at the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, located at 270 State Road 65, Eastpoint, Florida 32328. The facility is situated approximately 1.5 miles from the Gulf of America, placing it in a location that is highly vulnerable to hurricanes and severe weather events. This is the site where the new emergency backup generator system will be installed and operated.

Summary Description of the Proposed Program and Transformational Impact

The transformational impact of this project is demonstrated clearly by the recent failure of the Sheriff's Office generator during the tornado produced by Hurricane Isaias. When the storm struck Franklin County, the facility lost power and the existing 22-year-old generator operated for only one hour before shutting down. This failure caused immediate operational disruptions, including non-functioning key fob door systems within the jail and interruptions to 911 communications. During the outage, Franklin County had to issue an alternate emergency number to ensure residents could still reach public safety services, highlighting how essential reliable power is for both the Sheriff's Office and the community it serves.

The Sheriff's Office is located approximately 1.5 miles from the Gulf of America, placing it directly in the path of coastal storms, hurricanes, and tornado-producing weather systems. A dependable emergency power system is critical to maintaining detention operations, emergency response coordination, and public safety communications during these events. The failure during Hurricane Isaias demonstrated that the current system cannot support the facility's needs during extended outages, creating risks for inmates, staff, and the public.

Franklin County considers this project a priority public safety investment that strengthens the County's disaster resilience and ensures continuity of essential government operations. The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners has formally recommended this project, recognizing its importance for community safety and the uninterrupted delivery of critical services during emergencies.

By installing a modern, long-duration emergency generator system, Franklin County will eliminate the risk of future power-related service interruptions and ensure continuity of operations during severe weather events. This project protects essential public safety functions and ensures that residents have uninterrupted access to emergency services when they need them most.

Summary Timeline for the Proposed Project or Program

Upon approval of funding, Franklin County will immediately begin procurement of the generator, fuel tank, automatic transfer switch, and associated electrical components. The vendor has indicated an estimated 24–30-week lead time for delivery of the generator and major equipment. Following delivery, installation, testing, and commissioning will proceed as soon as scheduling and permitting allow. Completion of the project is expected within 9–10 months of award, subject to vendor lead times and permitting.

Please Select the Proposal's Eligibility Category:

- Public infrastructure projects for construction, expansion, or maintenance which are shown to enhance economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the disproportionately affected counties

Please Select the Priorities this Proposal's Outcomes will Achieve

- Partner with local governments to provide funds, infrastructure, land, or other assistance for the project.
- Are recommended by the board of county commissioners of the county in which the project or program will be located.