

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: **The District Board of Trustees of Tallahassee State College (TSC)**

Proposal Title: **Wakulla Center for Healthcare Excellence**

Amount of Triumph Funds Requested: **\$21,849,425**

Total Estimated Project Cost: **\$29,224,425**

Brief Description of Individual/Entity/Organization:

Tallahassee State College (TSC) is an open-admission Florida College System institution annually serving almost 16,000 students with a primary service district in Gadsden, Leon, and Wakulla counties. Our 170-acre Wakulla campus houses the Wakulla Environmental Institute (WEI), whose mission is workforce education, conservation, and recreation.

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

Wakulla County Public Schools, Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners, Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce, Wakulla County Economic Development Council, HCA Healthcare, Sunshine Health, Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare, and Apalachee Regional Planning Council

REQUIRED EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In a maximum of three (3) pages, please describe the proposed project or program, 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.

Tallahassee State College (TSC) requests grant funding to establish a state-of-the-art healthcare training facility at its Wakulla Environmental Institute (WEI) campus in Wakulla County. TSC seeks to construct the Wakulla Center for Healthcare Excellence, a multi-functional comprehensive teaching hub for regional health education training. This new facility will serve the dual purpose of providing educational opportunities for high-wage, in-demand healthcare occupations while meeting the growing workforce and elder care needs of Wakulla County.

The facility will provide classrooms, conference center space, and a state-of-the-art simulation center with cutting-edge medical technologies, simulation manikins, and virtual reality simulators. This technology is critical as it develops students' clinical, communication, and teamwork skills in a controlled environment. TSC aims to utilize the new space to expand existing health education and implement new programs to meet growing workforce demands.

<i>Expansion of Current Programs</i>	<i>New Healthcare Programs</i>
Certified Phlebotomy Technician	Nursing Assistant - Long-Term Care (CNA)
Clinical Medical Assisting	Practical Nursing Program (LPN)
Patient Care Technician (PCT) Program (launching Spring 2025)	Intravenous Certification for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN)
	Professional Nursing (RN)

To further diversify health education, the Wakulla Center for Healthcare Excellence will initiate partnerships with health providers and educational institutions to host conferences, seminars, and specialty training in the region.

TSC anticipates conferring approximately 2,430 healthcare credentials over the ten-year grant term. TSC is committed to investing in the continuum of healthcare services offered in Wakulla County by creating a skilled pipeline of healthcare employees with diverse opportunities for stackable credentials.

Projected Ten-Year Budget:

<i>Construction Cost</i>	
New Healthcare Facility	\$16,200,000
<i>Furnishings/Equipment/Supplies</i>	
Classroom Furnishings/Equipment	\$1,200,000
Simulation Equipment/Supplies	\$4,000,000
Audio/Visual Equipment	\$250,000
<i>Personnel/Training/Scholarships</i>	
Additional Faculty/Staff	\$6,209,425
Faculty Training	\$15,000
Scholarship/Student Support	\$1,350,000
Projected Budget Total: \$29,224,425	

Projected Match Funds:

<i>Funding Source</i>	
Newly Collected Tuition/Fees	\$3,000,000
In-Kind Value from TSC Support: Facilities, Communication outreach, Clerical, Advisors and Recruiters, IT support	\$2,200,000
20% Existing Facility Rededication for Health Industry Certification Testing	\$500,000
Anticipated PIPELINE funds	\$675,000
Revenue from earned CAPE Certifications	\$1,000,000
Projected Match Funds Total: \$7,375,000	

Economic/Transformational Impact:

In 2022, the annual per capita wage in Wakulla County was \$17,678, a markedly lower starting salary than the wage for health sciences and nursing graduates, which ranges from \$31,230 to \$73,880. Developing a coastal regional healthcare center will significantly transform the local economy by introducing educational opportunities unavailable in this predominantly rural part of the state. Healthcare infrastructure is a cornerstone of economic development, as it boosts workforce health and productivity, lowers healthcare costs for businesses, attracts and retains talent, and enhances the area’s appeal to investors and entrepreneurs. With the construction of the new facility, TSC will ensure the long-term sustainability of the healthcare workforce to meet the needs of Wakulla County as the population grows.

Timeline for Implementation:

The project is proposed over a 10-year period after a fully executed agreement is completed.

<i>Timeframe</i>	<i>Deliverable</i>
Spring 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commence renovations of existing classroom space for the testing center - Secure construction plans for Wakulla Center for Healthcare Excellence - Submit requests for approval to SACSCOC, FL Board of Nursing, and ASEN for Practical Nursing and Nursing Assistant – Long-Term Care
Fall 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enroll the first cohort for Practical Nursing and Nursing Assistant – Long-Term Care - Commence construction on the new Healthcare facility - Acquire instructors and simulation equipment - Submit requests for approval to SACSCOC, FL Board of Nursing, and ASEN for Professional Nursing
Spring 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acquire furniture, fixtures, and audio/visual equipment - Provide professional development training on simulation equipment
Fall 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transition all Wakulla healthcare education programs to the new facility - Commence hosting regional continuing education and conferences - Introduce IV Therapy certification
Spring 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Begin the application process for the Professional Nursing Program
Fall 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome the first cohort for the Professional Nursing Program
Spring 2028 - Spring 2035	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to meet benchmarks as outlined for the grant lifecycle

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This 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 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.