

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: CITY OF PORT ST. JOE
Proposal Title: WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS
Amount of Triumph Funds Requested: \$12,000,000 - \$50,000,000
Total Estimated Project Cost: \$50,000,000

Brief Description of Individual/Entity/Organization: CITY GOVERNMENT OF
PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA IN GULF COUNTY.

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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

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.

Triumph Gulf Coast Pre-Application Narrative

Wastewater Treatment Facility Compliance Enhancement & New Construction

The City of Port St. Joe wastewater treatment facility was constructed in 1971 for industrial use and not for residential. It consists of a 480 million gallon holding pond adjacent to St. Joe Bay. Recently, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection has issued a consent order to remove the holding pond by 2033 and replace it with a state-of-the-art advanced wastewater treatment facility that will meet the new 2033 environmental standards.

The city is planning to address this consent order in phases:

1. Repair the current filtration system and become compliant with the DEP consent order.
2. Construct a solid waste handling facility to cease the use of the current holding pond. Estimates state that the holding pond needs three years of non-use to digest the current volume of wastewater.
3. Construct a new advanced wastewater treatment facility by August 2033.

Outcomes

- Port St. Joe is required by DEP to make immediate enhancements to the current wastewater treatment facility (phases 1 & 2).
- Port St. Joe is required to become DEP compliant by 2033 by constructing a new activated sludge wastewater treatment facility.
- The city can continue an impressive economic growth trajectory by: (1) offer workforce housing opportunities; (2) invite new businesses to move in; (3) expand tourism; (4) expand educational opportunities; (5) continue to be good stewards of the environment; and (6) Remove the liability and potential impact of a 53-year-old 480-million-gallon lagoon system to the St Joseph Bay.

Amount Requested

\$12,000,000 for phases 1 & 2

\$50,000,000 for phase 3

Other Sources of Funds

Local taxes

Bond

Grant application with the USDA Rural Development / U.S. Department of Agriculture

Other state and national grant opportunities

Location

The enhancements and new construction will be located at the current wastewater treatment facility site in the City of Port St. Joe.

Promote Economic Recovery & Growth

As stated in the outcomes section, the new wastewater treatment facility will allow the city to continue along a notable growth trajectory. The current wastewater treatment facility is a monumental roadblock to the community, who, in recent years, has begun to experience a notable economic shift due to tourism. On a grand scale, the new wastewater treatment facility

will become the catalyst to immeasurable job growth in Port St Joe and Gulf County. The new facility will allow the city to build multi-family workforce housing, new single-family homes, and additional hotels, restaurants, and businesses. In a nutshell, a Triumph Gulf Coast grant would be the key to unlocking tremendous potential for the city and county.

Like many Florida coastal communities, Port St. Joe has been impacted by several weather related events, including the devastation perpetuated by Hurricane Michael. In addition, Port St. Joe maintains a rather small population of 3900 residents and does not have the tax base to construct the facility without support from Triumph Gulf Coast and other similar charitable organizations.

Timeline

- Facility plans and design by August 31, 2025
- Final funding secure by August 31, 2026
- Dewatering facility for ferric sludge at water plant by August 31, 2028
- Lagoon demolition by August 31, 2033

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