

Walton County Local Triumph Committee Meeting November 1, 2017 3:00-5:00 pm





WORKSHOP TOPICS

Welcome & Committee Introductions

Local Triumph Board Chairwoman-Cecilia Jones

Local Committee Members

Gus Andrews-District 1 Appointee

Juliet Milam-District 2 Appointee

Bill Fletcher-District 3 Appointee

Bob Brooke-District 4 Appointee

Bonnie McQuiston-District 5 Appointee

City of Freeport-Mayor Russ Barley

City of Defuniak-City Manager Danny Lucas

City of Paxton-Mayor Hayward Thomas

Sheriff's Office-Major Joe Preston

Walton County School Board-Kim Kirby

Northwest Florida State College-Dennis

Sherwood



Walton County Local Triumph Committee Meeting Objectives

- 
- Provide members with a legal overview of the Florida Statue related to Sunshine Laws and conflict of interest
 - Provide members with an overview of the Federal Restore Act and the Gulf Coast Economic Corridor Act (Act), and 2017 Legislative Revisions to the Act
 - Review Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. (Triumph) Board, Actions To Date and Funds
 - Provide members an overview County's Charge and Staff Actions To Date
 - Review Pre-Screen Application Process
 - Discuss “transformational” projects, stake-holder collaboration, and priority hot-spots
 - Provide general discussion/strategy for Triumph Projects for first grant application cycle.
 - Provide members with pre-application projects submitted to the county
 - Provide members with the opportunity to review projects, hear from applicants, and provide recommendations to the Walton County BOCC for the November 7th meeting
 - Board Decisions and Next Steps



TRIUMPH GULF COAST – TIMELINE

- **2010** – Deepwater Horizon (DwH) Event
- **2013** – Legislature passed the Gulf Coast Economic Corridor Act (“Act”) and created Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. (Triumph) as well as the laws governing the BP settlement funds and Triumphs responsibilities and authority.
- **2015** – State settles with BP for economic damages in the amount of \$2 billion over a 15 year period.
- **2016** – State receives first BP payment of \$400 million for DwH economic damages.
- **2017** - Florida legislature revises the Act.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS TO THE ACT

- Directs that 75% (\$300M of the \$400M) to Triumph for the benefit of the eight –Panhandle counties (Escambia to Wakulla County).
 - Of this amount, a minimum allocation of at least 5% (i.e., \$15M) per county -- must be used for projects in each of the eight counties.
- Directs that future payments will be transferred to Triumph in the amount of \$80 million/yr. for 15 years (2019-2033).
 - Of this amount, a minimum allocation is 4% per county – must be used for projects in the eight counties.
- **Total over next 15 years for Walton County is Estimated at \$63 Million**
- All funding decisions are made by Triumph.

Revisions - cont'd

- Two additional members were added to the existing 5-member Triumph board, to represent the 4 least populous of the 8 counties.
 - **Jason Shoaf**, appointed by the Senate President to represent Gulf, Franklin and Wakulla counties.
 - **Don Gaetz**, appointed by House Speaker to represent Walton county.
 - Existing Members: Stan Connally-President/CEO Gulf Power, Allan Bense - Former Speaker of the House, Bob Bonezzi- Developer/Okaloosa County, Pam Dana PhD—(Institute for Human & Machine Cognition), Stephen Riggs-CPA Carr/Riggs Ingram,
- Triumph Board is Charged with:
 - Establishing and reviewing priorities for economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the 8-counties.
 - Establishing an application and award process.
 - Publishing a summary of the project and program and its intent to award a project(s) at least 14 calendar days before approving an award.
 - Make awards based on projects or programs consistent section 288.8017, FS – see next slide, and entering into contracts.

Revisions – cont'd

➤ **AWARDS CRITERIA-** projects or programs that provide for economic recovery, diversification, and enhancement of the 8-counties. (summarized)

- 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;
- Grants to support programs that provide participants in the disproportionately affected counties with transferrable, 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.

Revisions - cont'd

- Each board of county commissioners of the 8-counties is required by section 288.8013 (2) (c) FS to solicit programs and projects from other elected boards (i.e., Walton County School Board, Northwest Florida State College, Emerald Coast Technical College, the Cities of Paxton, DeFuniak Springs, & Freeport, Sherriff's Office etc.),
 - The list is dynamic and may be updated as needed.
 - Triumph has the sole discretion and responsibility of selecting the projects and programs to be awarded Triumph funds, including each counties allocation.

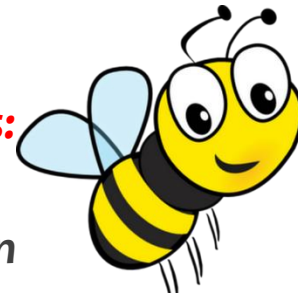
TRIUMPH BOARD ACTIONS

October 10, 2017, Triumph announced a mandatory Pre-screening application would be required for proposed projects and programs **and** that they would have rolling cycles for submission of pre-screening applications.

- ▶ November 15, 2017: initial Pre-Screening application cycle.
- ▶ Pre-screening Applications should be submitted direct to Triumph.
- ▶ Triumph is hiring consultants to review and evaluate all applications and make recommendations to Triumph for awards.
- ▶ A portion of the \$300M available at this time will be committed during this cycle, **but not** the total amount, the projects, how much will come from allocations/county **has not been** decided.
- ▶ Expect emphasis by Triumph board during this round on projects that are **ready to start/shovel ready**.

Triumph Project Buzzwords:

- ▶ Transformational
- ▶ Economic Diversification
 - ▶ Infrastructure
 - ▶ Sustainable



STAFF ACTIONS TO DATE

- Attending Triumph Board meetings and distributing timely information.
- Reach out to all potential awardees identified by statute as noted previously School Board, municipalities, colleges, Emerald Coast Technical College, Sherriff's office, emergency management, etc. for their list of proposed Triumph projects to meet statutory requirements.
- Reach out to private businesses, individuals, community groups, etc.
 - Announcing the Triumph pre-screening applications/first open cycle due November 15th;
 - Asking if any proposed projects for Board consideration for inclusion on its list of recommended projects to Triumph.
 - Established (11) member local stakeholder board
- Working with Triumph Executive Director, Susan Skelton



GOING FORWARD – DECISION POINTS

■ Local Committee Process for Assessing Project Pre-Applications

■ *Staff Recommendation:* Assess Projects based on 3 Considerations:

- 1. Does it meet Statuary Eligible Uses?
- 2. Does it Meet Statuary Priorities?
- 3. Is it Transformational?

- A project determined by a majority of the committee to meet 3 of the above considerations will fall into Category A.
- A project determined by a majority of the committee to meet 2 of the above considerations will fall into Category B.
- A project determined by a majority of the committee to meet 1 of the above considerations will fall into Category C.
- A project determined by a majority of the committee to meet none of the above considerations will fall into Category D.

■ Local Committee Recommendations to the BOCC based on Project Assessments

- *Staff Recommendation:* Projects in Categories A, B and C be submitted to the BOCC for review

GOING FORWARD – CRITERIA

1. Does the Project meet one or more of the Statutory Eligible Uses?
 - Ad valorem tax rate reduction within disproportionately affected counties;
 - Local match requirements of s. 288.0655 for projects in the disproportionately affected counties;
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GOING FORWARD – CRITERIA

2. Does the Project meet one or more of the Statuary Priorities?

- 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 with the disproportionately affected counties as of January 1, 2012;
- Are recommended the BOCC of the county in which the project or program will be located; and
- Partner with convention and visitor bureaus, tourist development councils, or chambers of commerce located with the disproportionately affected counties.

GOING FORWARD – CRITERIA

3. Is it Transformational?

TIMELINE

- November 7th – Next Walton County BOCC Meeting
- November 8th – TRIUMPH Board Meeting at Wakulla County Community Center, time not yet determined.
- November 15th - Pre-screening applications due to Triumph

