



Board of County Commissioners • Escambia County, Florida

July 12, 2017

Chairman Brian Spencer
Pensacola City Council
222 W. Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

RE: Triumph Gulf Coast Project Solicitation

Dear Chairman Spencer,

On June 2, 2017 Governor Scott signed the Gulf Coast Economic Corridor Act into law. The Act directs \$1.5 billion to be spent in the eight disproportionately affected counties in Northwest Florida over a fifteen-year period. Currently there is \$300 million available to the eight counties through Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. The Act guarantees a minimum allocation of five percent, or \$15 million, be spent in each of the disproportionately affected counties the first funding cycle, and a minimum of four percent thereafter.

The Act directs each board of county commissioners to solicit proposed projects and programs from other elected local governing boards within the county. As such, Escambia County would like to request a list of five proposed projects and/or programs from your board. Attached are an Escambia County project application form and the Triumph legislation (Ch. 2017-63) which lists the seven eligible funding activities. In the near future, Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. will develop the formal submittal and selection process, and they will ultimately approve all projects and programs before awards are made.

The funds expected over the next fifteen years from Triumph Gulf Coast have the potential to create generational change in Escambia County and Northwest Florida. Our elected local governing boards and Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. can work together to ensure worthwhile projects are funded to create lasting positive changes for the citizens of Northwest Florida.

Please contact Chips Kirschenfeld, Director of Natural Resources Management by phone at (850) 595-4988 or by email at jtkirsche@myescambia.com for guidance to work through the process. You may submit your board's proposed projects at restore@myescambia.com. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me or my staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doug Underhill", is written over a horizontal line.

Doug Underhill, Chairman
Escambia County Board of County Commissioners