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# SOUTH32 HERMOSA COMMUNITY FUND

Report of Grant Making Between May 2019 & May 2020



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# ABOUT THE SOUTH32 HERMOSA COMMUNITY FUND

The South32 Hermosa Community Fund supports nonprofit organizations based in Santa Cruz County, Arizona. Supported areas include: Education; Arts, Culture and History; Environment; Health and Welfare; Recreation; and Civic Enhancement. The South32 Hermosa Fund is held at the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona and its geographic affiliate, the Santa Cruz Community Foundation.

## OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS



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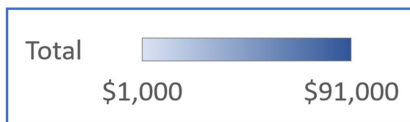
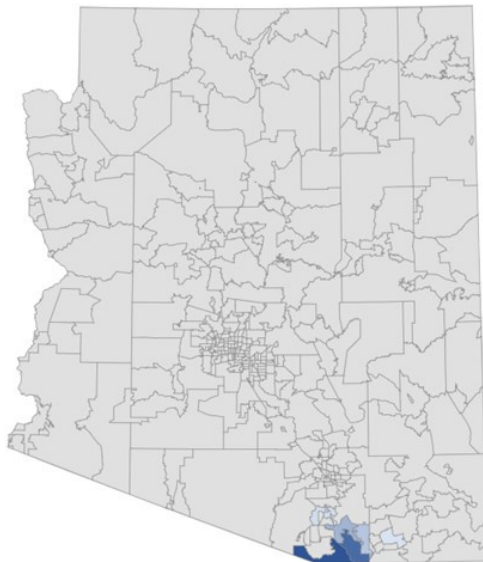


**Mark Montoya**

VP Operations,  
Community Foundation  
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# SANTA CRUZ COUNTY COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

## Funding by Zip Code



**\$237,700**

*Four grant cycles provided organizations based in Santa Cruz County a grand total of \$237,000 in support.*

**30**

*30 projects from 8 zip codes in Santa Cruz County and Southern Arizona were supported.*

## FUNDING

Four grant cycles starting in May, 2019 extending through May, 2020 provided 501(c)(3) organizations up to \$10,000.

Funds were only rewarded to programs that directly benefited people living in the greater Santa Cruz community.

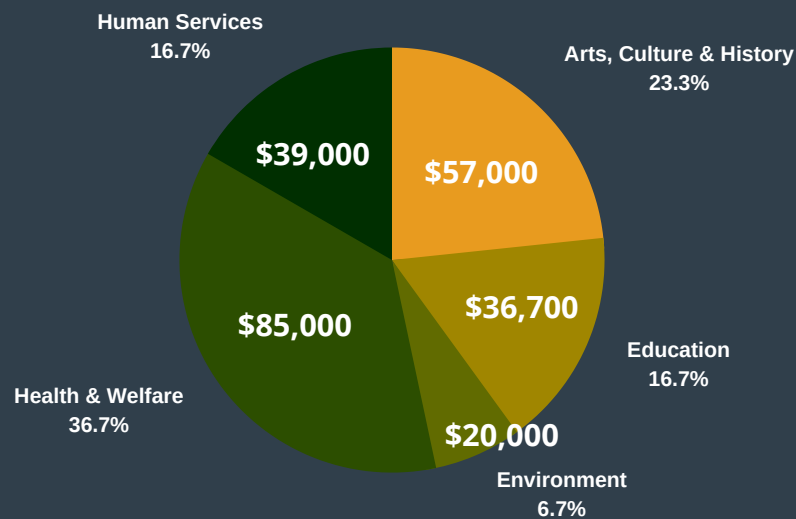
A total of \$237,700 of funds were distributed to 27 different nonprofit organizations for 30 projects. The average amount of funding for each project was \$7,923.

# OUR GRANT RECIPIENTS

The following 501(c)(3) organizations were awarded funding during the 2019 and 2020 cycles (27 in total):

- Appleton-Whittell Research Ranch of the National Audubon Society
- Boys & Girls Club of Santa Cruz County, Inc.
- Champions for Youth Foundation
- Circles of Peace
- East Santa Cruz County Food Bank
- Family Health Care Amigos
- Friends of Patagonia Pool Green
- Valley Assistance Services KPUP-LP
- Los Charros Foundation
- Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest
- Mat Bevel Company
- Nogales Community Development Corporation
- Patagonia Community Garden
- Patagonia Volunteer Fire And Rescue, Inc.
- Patagonia Creative Arts Association/Tin Shed Theater
- Patagonia FFA Alumni & Supporters
- Rebuilding Together Santa Cruz County
- Santa Cruz Advocates for the Arts
- Santa Cruz Council on Aging, Inc.
- Santa Cruz Training Programs
- SCCFRA Foundation, Inc.
- Senior Citizens of Patagonia, Inc.
- Sierra Vista Symphony
- Society for Bevel Intentions, Inc.
- The Patagonia Museum
- United Way of Santa Cruz County, Inc.

## Projects By Focus Area



# SUCCESS STORIES

## Appleton-Whittell Research Ranch (AWRR) of the National Audubon Society - Developing the AWRR Exploration Trail



The Appleton-Whittell Research Ranch (AWRR) consists of 8,000 acres of rural grasslands in Elgin, Santa Cruz County. AWRR was historically closed to the public and was traditionally exclusive to researching scientists. However, support from the South32 Hermosa Community Fund enabled the creation of the AWRR exploration trail to share this conservation site with the entire community. This new trail provides the community a hiking experience enriched by interpretive signs, plant markers, and scenic outlooks. This new trail is educating and inspiring visitors to value Elgin's scenic grasslands and biodiversity.

*"I know that it sounds dramatic, but the news that the conditions of the grant had been released and the funds could be used as needed, literally saved one of our employees jobs and families housing. We could not be more grateful for that freedom."*

*-AWRR*

# SUCCESS STORIES

## Boys & Girls Club of Santa Cruz County - VIP Job Training Program



The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Cruz County's VIP Job Training Program helps young people develop the competencies that not only enable them to seek and gain employment as teens, but set the course for continual professional development for the rest of their lives. This training program provided mentorship and experience for teens in need of real world employment opportunity, teens like Andrea, Fernando, and Max (pictured above). Each graduated in May, 2020 in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, which forced the closure of the Club and an early end to the VIP program.

Despite these challenges, the program helped Fernando secure a job at the Santa Cruz County Detention Center and Max a job at the local Safeway.

*"When I told him how impressed I was with what he did, [Max] just said "You told me I could." - Boys & Girls Club*

# SUCCESS STORIES

## Senior Citizens of Patagonia, Inc. - Supporting Congregate Meals and Transportation Programs



Senior Citizens of Patagonia's Congregate Meals and Transportation programs serve seniors and people with disabilities nutritious lunches and transportation services to medical and dental appointments. Support from the South32 Hermosa Community Fund sustained these food and transportation programs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

*"These grants have been especially valuable during this critical time when the Coronavirus threatens the health and even the lives of so many people - especially elderly and disabled people who are our foremost clients." - Senior Citizens of Patagonia, Inc.*