

Gulf Coast Community Foundation Surpasses \$500 Million in Grants Awarded

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Pictured: Cyclists and the public gather at the Legacy Trail North Port Connector Ribbon Cutting in September 2022. Courtesy of Gulf Coast Community Foundation.

Gulf Coast Community Foundation (Gulf Coast) has surpassed \$500 million in grants awarded marking a significant moment in the foundation’s 27 year history. On the heels of providing over \$3 million to help families and businesses through its Hurricane Ian Recovery Initiative, Gulf Coast reached this milestone together with its donors. Established with an \$85 million endowment from the sale of the Venice Hospital, Gulf Coast’s \$500 million achievement reflects the incredible power of partnership, philanthropy, and endowment. Gulf Coast has grown to nearly 1,000 funds that support a wide range of nonprofit organizations in addition to its endowment. In reflecting on its impact, the foundation noted that, together with their donors, they have provided over \$300,000 in monetary support and countless hours of advocacy and partnership to realize the continued expansion of the Legacy

Trail; Gulf Coast has provided over \$1.5 million dollars in their historic partnership with Venice Area Beautification, Inc., including \$400,000 in grants to support the Venice Urban Forest; and as a founding partner, Gulf Coast has invested over \$1.7 million in our regional workforce development program, CareerEdge. Surpassing \$500 million in grants awarded shows the impact Gulf Coast has had on transformative change in our region. To learn more, visit <https://www.gulfcoastcf.org/>.

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