

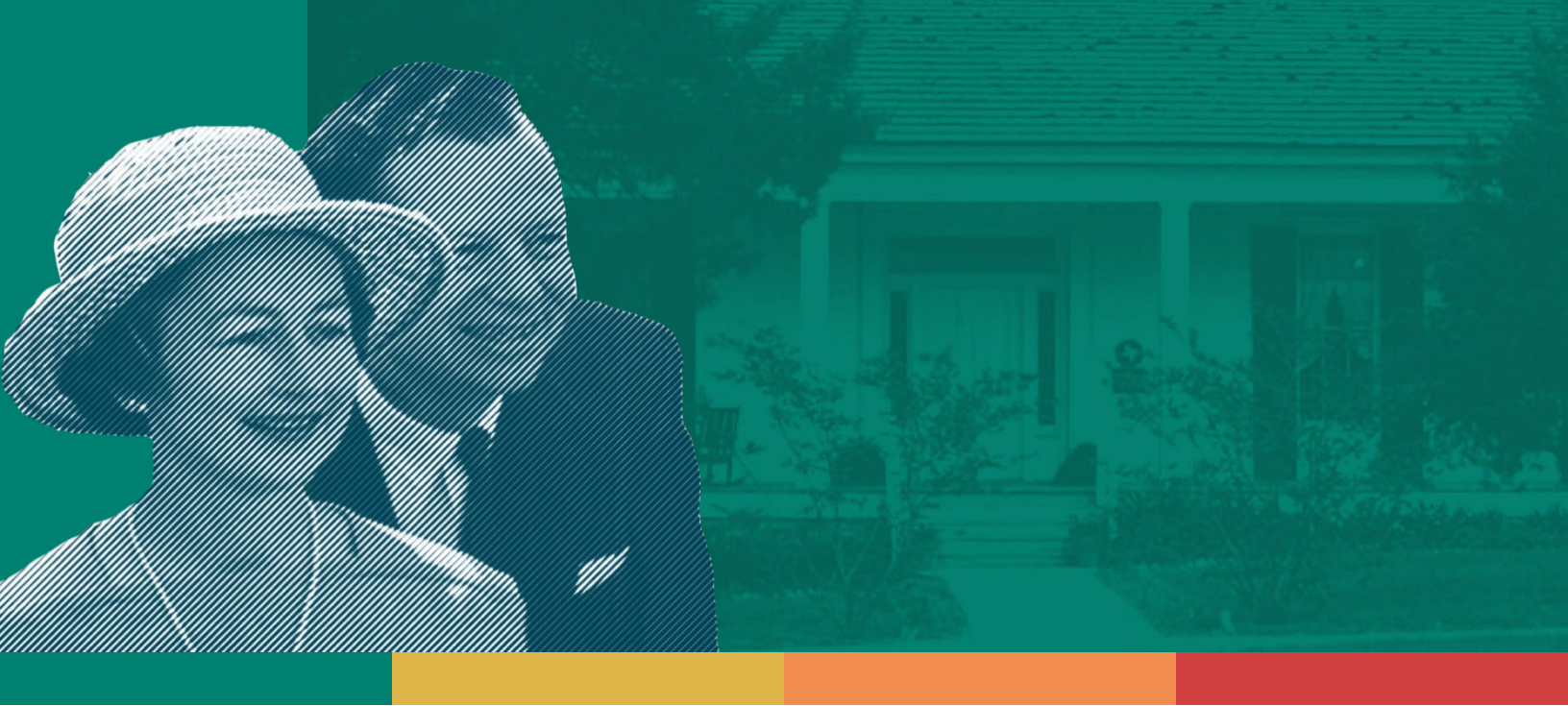


the POWELL
FOUNDATION

2023 ANNUAL
GRANTMAKING REPORT

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A. INTRODUCTION

Founded by Ben Powell, Jr., and Kitty King Corbett Powell in 1967, the Powell Foundation (or the “Foundation”) has awarded more than \$90 million of grants to improve the quality of life for residents of Harris, Travis, and Walker Counties in Texas. Above all, Ben and Kitty emphasized the importance of education in their own lives and in the lives of their children and grandchildren. In honoring Ben and Kitty’s legacy, the Foundation made an important decision to prioritize grantmaking in support of creating strong public education systems in the Foundation’s geographic areas of interest. The Foundation also provides funding to the arts, conservation, and human services under its supportive communities portfolio.

Three generations of the Powell family are involved in the governance and work of the Foundation. Today, the Board of Directors, comprised of Powell family members and independent advisors, continues to champion the philanthropic heritage and intent of the founders.

B. VISION, MISSION, AND VALUES

VISION

Harris, Travis, and Walker Counties are thriving communities where all residents have a high quality of life.

MISSION

To foster thriving communities in Harris, Travis, and Walker Counties, we catalyze progress in public education through bold and collaborative grantmaking and initiatives; to promote conditions that reinforce our primary grant making, we also support the arts, conservation, and human services.

VALUES

The Foundation’s culture, operations, decisions, and programmatic work are grounded in a set of core values.



Steward with Integrity. We conduct our work according to the highest standards of responsibility, accountability, excellence, and ethical conduct.



Think Big. We set ambitious goals for impact, focus on innovative and promising solutions, and take calculated risks.



Center People. We are inclusive; treat all people with respect; honor diverse identities, viewpoints, and experiences; and consider the effect of our actions on others.



Work Together, Learn Together. We collaborate to increase our impact and learn from each other, our partners, and the communities we serve.



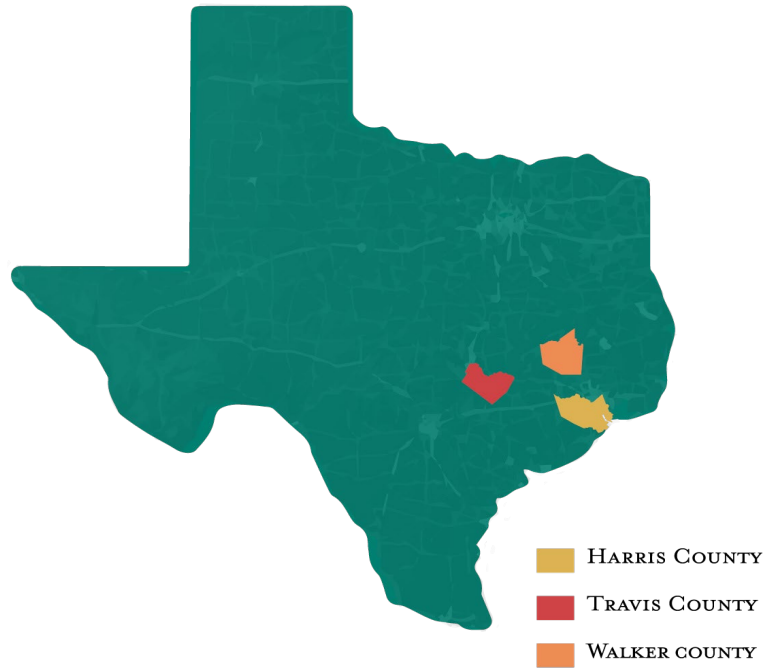
Lead with Purpose. We strive to be and to support visionary and collaborative leaders who drive change with the knowledge, skills, and spirit to excel.



Continuously Improve. We recognize that we will only succeed if we have the humility to continually learn, adapt, and improve.

C. GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS

The Foundation supports nonprofit organizations whose work directly benefits the residents of Harris, Travis, and Walker Counties in Texas. The Foundation appreciates the unique assets and diversity of each of the counties it serves. While the Foundation's primary geographic focus and office are in Houston, the Foundation is engaged in and makes grants in across three geographies. Additionally, the Foundation makes select statewide grants that directly benefit the three counties of interest and prioritized issue areas.



2023 AWARD DISTRIBUTION BY GEOGRAPHY

62%

Harris County

Total Number of Grants: 91

Total Amount Distributed: \$10,306,496

21%

Travis County

Total Number of Grants: 34

Total Amount Distributed: \$3,455,000

2%

Walker County

Total Number of Grants: 6

Total Amount Distributed: \$276,000

15%

Texas/Statewide

Total Number of Grants: 10

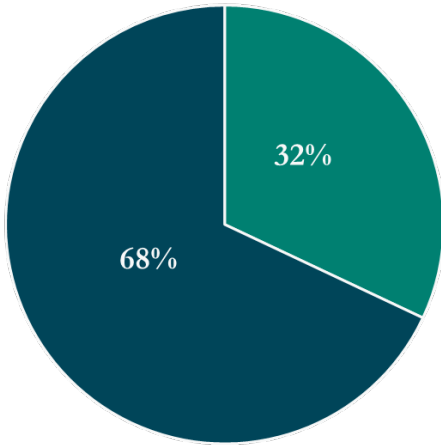
Total Amount Distributed: \$2,520,000

Percentages are based on the dollar amount distributed.

D. 2023 GRANT AWARDS AT A GLANCE

139 Grants
\$16,557,496
Distributed

2023 PORTFOLIO DISTRIBUTION

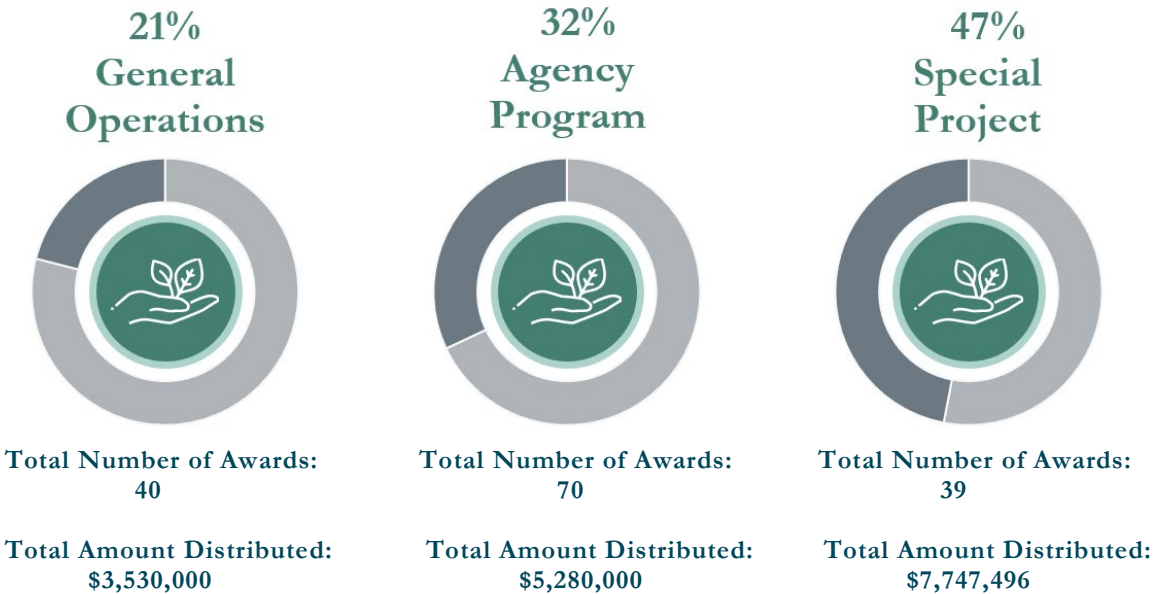


Percentages are based on the dollar amount distributed.

68%
Education
 Total Number of Grants: 81
 Total Amount Distributed: \$11,300,000
 Average Grant Distributed: \$139,506

32%
Supportive Communities
 Total Number of Grants: 58
 Total Amount Distributed: \$5,257,496
 Average Grant Distributed: \$90,646

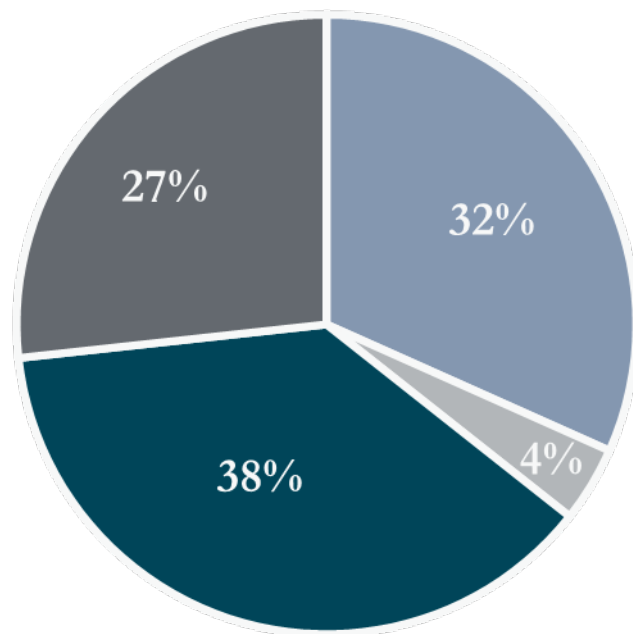
2023 AWARDS BY GRANT PURPOSE



EDUCATION

The Powell Foundation seeks to ensure that children and youth, especially those furthest from opportunity, receive an excellent cradle-to-career education that prepares them for meaningful employment and lifelong success.

EDUCATION PORTFOLIO: TARGET AREA BREAKDOWN



4%



Aligned Cradle to Career

Total Number of Grants: 2

Total Amount Distributed: \$500,000

27%



Early Childhood Education

Total Number of Grants: 19

Total Amount Distributed: \$3,100,000

32%



Post Secondary Pathways

Total Number of Grants: 27

Total Amount Distributed: \$3,610,000

38%



Quality K-12 Public Schools

Total Number of Grants: 33

Total Amount Distributed: \$4,090,000

2023 EDUCATION PORTFOLIO GRANT RECIPIENTS



ALIGNED CRADLE TO CAREER EDUCATION SYSTEM

Organization Name	Strategy	Grant Purpose	Amount
E3 Alliance	Effective Tools, Policies, and Systems	General Operating	\$300,000
Educate Texas at Communities Foundation of Texas	Effective Tools, Policies, and Systems	Agency Program	\$200,000
Subtotal			\$500,000

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION



Organization Name	Strategy	Grant Purpose	Amount
Any Baby Can, Inc.	Supportive Caregivers	Agency Program	\$50,000
BookSpring	Supportive Caregivers	Agency Program	\$50,000
Children At Risk Inc.	High-Capacity Sector	Specific Project	\$150,000
Children's Museum Houston	Supportive Caregivers	General Operating	\$100,000
Chinese Community Center Inc.	High-Quality Providers and Educators	Agency Program	\$50,000
Easter Seals of Greater Houston, Inc.	Supportive Caregivers	Specific Project	\$75,000
First3Years	High-Capacity Sector	Specific Project	\$125,000
Houston Education Research Consortium	High-Capacity Sector	Specific Project	\$100,000
Improving Education Inc.	Supportive Caregivers	Specific Project	\$300,000
Jeremiah Program Austin	High-Quality Providers and Educators	Agency Program	\$25,000
KIPP Texas, Inc.	High-Quality Providers and Educators	Agency Program	\$100,000
Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute	Supportive Caregivers	Specific Project	\$250,000
Rice University: School Literacy & Culture	High-Quality Providers and Educators	Agency Program	\$200,000
Texans Care for Children	High-Capacity Sector	Agency Program	\$150,000
Texas Association for the Education of Young Children	High-Quality Providers and Educators	Specific Project	\$400,000
Texas Policy Lab at Rice University	High-Capacity Sector	Specific Project	\$300,000
Thinkery	High-Quality Providers and Educators	Agency Program	\$225,000

Organization Name	Strategy	Grant Purpose	Amount
United Way for Greater Austin	High-Capacity Sector	Agency Program	\$150,000
Wesley Community Center	High-Quality Providers and Educators	Agency Program	\$50,000
Subtotal			\$3,100,000



POST-SECONDARY PATHWAYS

Organization Name	Strategy	Grant Purpose	Amount
Austin Ed Fund	Access and Success	Specific Project	\$60,000
Austin Partners In Education	Readiness	Agency Program	\$60,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star	Readiness	Agency Program	\$60,000
		General Operating	
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas	Readiness	Agency Program	\$60,000
		General Operating	
Breakthrough Central Texas	Access and Success	General Operating	\$200,000
Breakthrough Central Texas	Access and Success	Specific Project	\$500,000
Breakthrough Houston	Access and Success	General Operating	\$100,000
BridgeYear	Access and Success	Agency Program	\$100,000
College Possible	Access and Success	General Operating	\$35,000
CollegeSpring	Access and Success	Specific Project	\$100,000
Complete College America Inc.	Policies and Systems	Specific Project	\$125,000
Con Mi Madre	Access and Success	General Operating	\$30,000
DiscoverU	Readiness	General Operating	\$200,000
Eight Million Stories, Inc.	Readiness	Agency Program	\$50,000
Equal Opportunity Schools	Readiness	Specific Project	\$870,000
Explore Austin	Readiness	Agency Program	\$30,000
		Agency Program	
Friends of the Children - Austin	Readiness	General Operating	\$100,000
Genesys Works - Houston	Readiness	General Operating	\$100,000
Greater Houston Opportunity Youth			
Collaborative c/o ACAM	Access and Success	Specific Project	\$100,000
OneGoal	Access and Success	General Operating	\$100,000

Organization Name	Strategy	Grant Purpose	Amount
		Agency Program	
PAIR	Readiness	General Operating	\$120,000
SER-Jobs for Progress	Readiness	Agency Program	\$60,000
The Woods Project	Readiness	General Operating	\$100,000
University of Houston-Downtown	Readiness	Agency Program	\$50,000
Workcred, Inc. c/o American National Standards Institute (ANSI)	Policies and Systems	Specific Project	\$250,000
Youth Justice Alliance	Access and Success	Agency Program	\$50,000
		Subtotal	\$3,610,000

QUALITY PUBLIC K-12 SCHOOLS



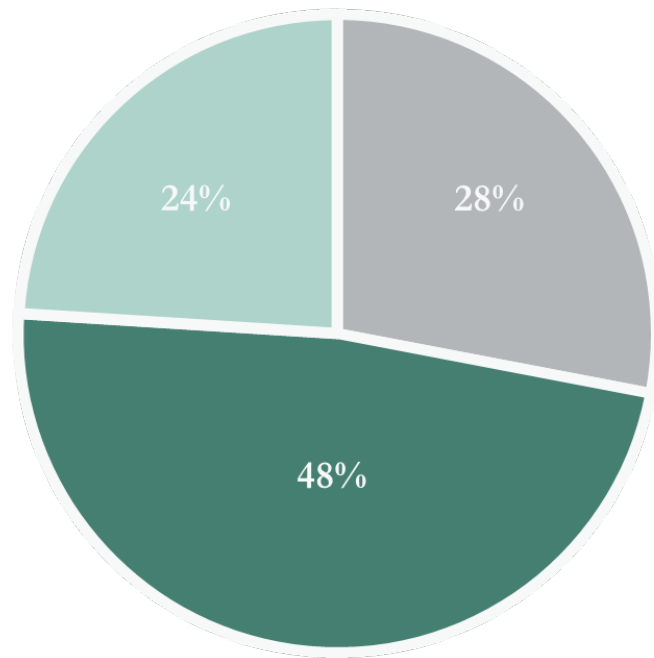
Organization Name	Strategy	Grant Purpose	Amount
A Time 2 Read, Inc.	Student Supports	Agency Program	\$25,000
Boys & Girls Club of Walker County	Student Supports	Agency Program	\$75,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Austin Area	Student Supports	Agency Program	\$50,000
		Agency Program	
Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Houston	Student Supports	Specific Project	\$100,000
Charles A. Dana Center, The University of Texas at Austin	Excellent Educators	Specific Project	\$600,000
Communities In Schools of Central Texas	Student Supports	General Operating	\$200,000
Communities In Schools of Houston, Inc.	Student Supports	General Operating	\$150,000
Educate Texas at Communities			
Foundation of Texas	Excellent Educators	Specific Project	\$75,000
Education Trust, The	Excellent Educators	Agency Program	\$50,000
Families Empowered	Quality Schools and Models	General Operating	\$50,000
FuelEd Schools Inc.	Excellent Educators	General Operating	\$150,000
		Agency Program	
Holdsworth Center, The	Excellent Educators	Specific Project	\$400,000
Houston Museum of Natural Science	Student Supports	Agency Program	\$50,000
Holocaust Museum Houston	Student Supports	Specific Project	\$30,000
Houston Public Library Foundation Inc.	Student Supports	Agency Program	\$50,000

Organization Name	Strategy	Grant Purpose	Amount
iEducate USA	Student Supports	Agency Program	\$50,000
Latinos for Education	Excellent Educators	Agency Program	\$50,000
Literacy First c/o The University of Texas Foundation	Student Supports	General Operating	\$100,000
Literacy Now	Student Supports	Agency Program	\$50,000
Neuhaus Education Center	Student Supports	Agency Program	\$75,000
Project X-CEL c/o Texas A&M Health Science Center	Excellent Educators	Specific Project	\$50,000
Seedling Foundation	Student Supports	General Operating	\$60,000
Summer House Institute	Excellent Educators	Agency Program	\$100,000
Teach For America - Austin	Excellent Educators	Agency Program	\$75,000
TEACH for Houston	Excellent Educators	Specific Project	\$200,000
Teach Plus, Inc.	Excellent Educators	Agency Program	\$100,000
TeachingWorks c/o University of Michigan	Excellent Educators	Specific Project	\$50,000
Texas Partnership for Out of School Time	Student Supports	General Operating	\$50,000
The University of Texas at Austin, College of Education	Excellent Educators	Specific Project	\$475,000
University of Houston-Downtown	Excellent Educators	Specific Project	\$150,000
US PREP c/o Texas Tech Foundation Inc.	Excellent Educators	Specific Project	\$300,000
YES Prep Public Schools Inc.	Quality Schools and Models	General Operating	\$100,000
		Subtotal	\$4,090,000
EDUCATION TOTAL			\$11,300,000

SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES

The Powell Foundation invests in the arts, conservation, and human services to build robust communities that allow residents, particularly children and youth, to thrive.

SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES TARGET AREA BREAKDOWN



24%



The Arts

Total Number of Grants: 21

Total Amount Distributed: \$1,260,000

48%



Conservation

Total Number of Grants: 18

Total Amount Distributed: \$2,502,496

28%



Human Services

Total Number of Grants: 19

Total Amount Distributed: \$1,495,000

2023 SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO GRANT RECIPIENTS



ARTS

Organization Name	Strategy	Grant Purpose	Amount
Alley Theatre	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	\$50,000
Art League Houston	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	\$40,000
Arts Connect Houston	Student Education Programs	General Operating	\$75,000
Austin Symphony Orchestra	Student Education Programs	Specific Project	\$50,000
Center for Women & Their Work	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	\$30,000
East End Improvement Corporation	Public Arts and Culture Access	Specific Project	\$50,000
Harris County Cultural Arts Council	Public Arts and Culture Access	Agency Program	\$30,000
Hogan Brown Gallery	Public Arts and Culture Access	Agency Program	\$50,000
Houston Ballet Foundation	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	\$50,000
Houston Grand Opera Association Inc.	Student Education Programs	Agency Program Specific Project	\$75,000
Houston Symphony	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	\$50,000
Main Street Theater Houston	Student Education Programs	General Operating	\$100,000
MINDPOP	Student Education Programs	General Operating	\$100,000
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston: Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	\$50,000
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston: Glassell School of Art	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	\$50,000
Open Dance Project	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	\$30,000
Performing Arts Houston	Public Arts and Culture Access	Specific Project	\$30,000
Prelude Music Foundation	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	\$30,000
Sam Houston State University	Student Education Programs	Specific Project	\$70,000
Texas Cultural Trust	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	\$50,000
Young Audiences Inc. of Houston	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	\$200,000
		Subtotal	\$1,260,000

CONSERVATION



Organization Name	Strategy	Grant Purpose	Amount
Bayou City Waterkeeper	Environmental Protection	Agency Program	\$50,000
Bayou Land Conservancy	Environmental Protection	General Operating	\$50,000
Coastal Prairie Conservancy	Environmental Protection	General Operating	\$100,000
Emancipation Park Conservancy	Connecting People to Nature	General Operating	\$50,000
Environmental Defense Fund Incorporated	Conservation/Environmental Education	Agency Program	\$200,000
Hermann Park Conservancy	Connecting People to Nature	General Operating	\$100,000
Houston Audubon Society	Conservation/Environmental Education	Agency Program	\$50,000
Houston Botanic Garden	Connecting People to Nature	General Operating	\$50,000
Houston Zoo	Conservation/Environmental Education	General Operating	\$75,000
Memorial Park Conservancy Inc.	Connecting People to Nature	Specific Project	\$100,000
National Wildlife Federation	Conservation/Environmental Education	General Operating	\$100,000
Shield Ranch Foundation c/o Austin Community Foundation	Connecting People to Nature	Agency Program	\$50,000
Shoal Creek Conservancy	Environmental Protection	General Operating	\$50,000
SPARK	Connecting People to Nature	Specific Project	\$800,000
Travis Audubon Society, Inc.	Conservation/Environmental Education	General Operating	\$50,000
Trees For Houston	Environmental Protection	General Operating	\$100,000
Westcave Outdoor Discovery Center	Conservation/Environmental Education	Agency Program	\$25,000
Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy	Connecting People to Nature	General Operating	\$502,496
		Subtotal	\$2,502,496



HUMAN SERVICES

Organization Name	Strategy	Grant Purpose	Amount
BakerRipley	Stabilization and Empowerment	Agency Program	\$50,000
Bridges To Life	Stabilization and Empowerment	Agency Program	\$30,000
Brighter Bites	Stabilization and Empowerment	Specific Project	\$60,000
ChildBuilders	Emotional Wellbeing	General Operating	\$40,000
Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County	Stabilization and Empowerment	Agency Program	\$50,000
Family Houston	Emotional Wellbeing	Agency Program	\$50,000
Girls Empowerment Network	Emotional Wellbeing	Agency Program	\$100,000
Houston Area Women's Center	Stabilization and Empowerment	General Operating	\$50,000
Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston	Stabilization and Empowerment	Agency Program	\$50,000
Kids' Meals Inc.	Stabilization and Empowerment	Specific Project	\$250,000
L.I.F.E. Houston	Stabilization and Empowerment	Agency Program	\$40,000
Mental Health America of Greater Houston	Emotional Wellbeing	Agency Program	\$300,000
Mobile Loaves & Fishes Inc.	Stabilization and Empowerment	Agency Program	\$100,000
Sam Houston State University	Stabilization and Empowerment	Agency Program	\$25,000
The Children's Assessment Center Foundation	Emotional Wellbeing	Agency Program	\$50,000
The SAFE Alliance	Stabilization and Empowerment	Agency Program	\$50,000
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	Stabilization and Empowerment	Specific Project	\$50,000
Urban Harvest Inc.	Stabilization and Empowerment	General Operating	\$100,000
Urban Roots	Stabilization and Empowerment	General Operating	\$50,000
		Subtotal	\$1,495,000

SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES TOTAL

\$5,257,496

FIVE LARGEST GRANTS IN 2023

