

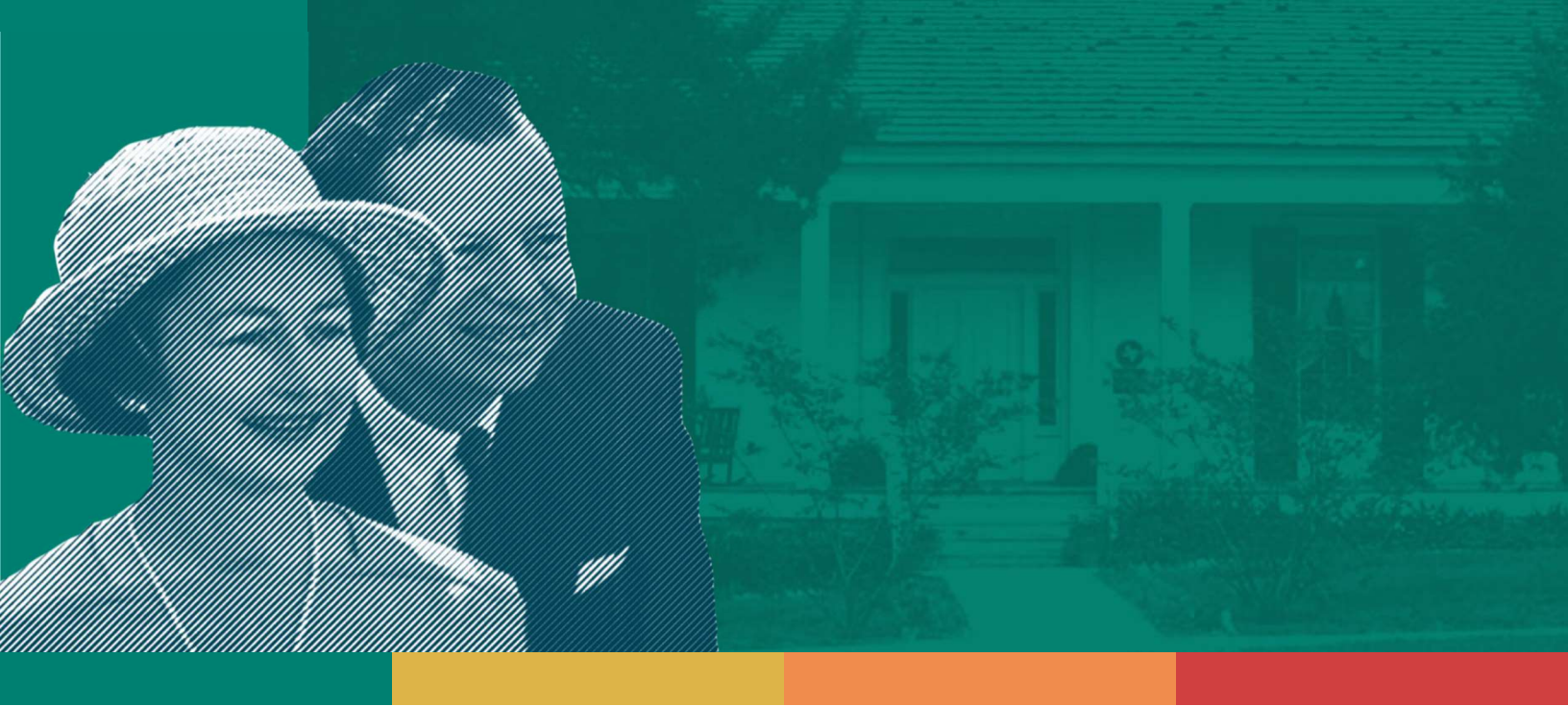


the POWELL
FOUNDATION

**2025 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 \$135 million in 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 Foundation's governance and work. Today, the Board of Directors, comprised of Powell family members and independent advisors, continues to champion the founders' philanthropic heritage and intent.

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.



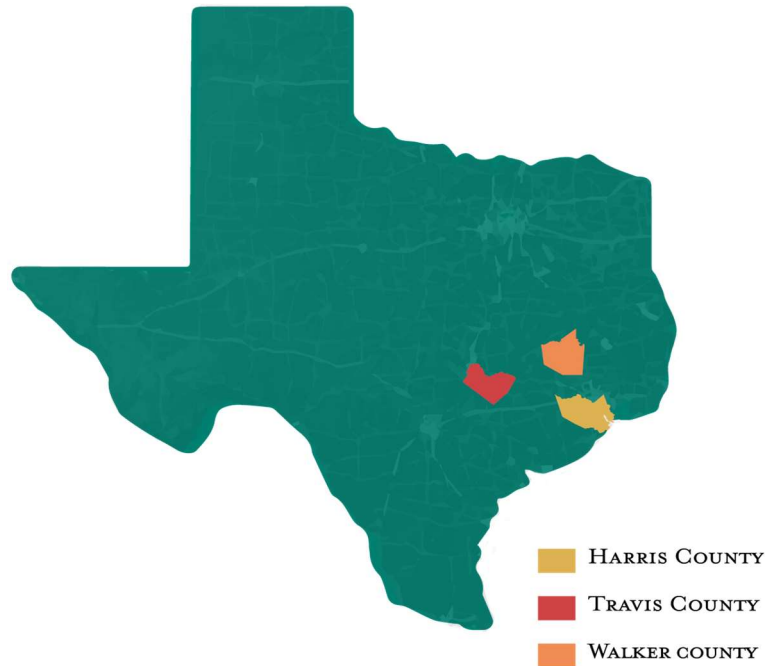
Lead with Purpose. We strive to be and to support visionary and collaborative leaders who drive change with the knowledge, skills, and spirit to excel.



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 across three geographies. Additionally, the Foundation makes select statewide grants that directly benefit the three counties of interest and prioritized issue areas.



2025 AWARD DISTRIBUTION BY GEOGRAPHY

59%

Harris County

Total Amount Distributed:
\$11.3 Million

25%

Travis County

Total Amount Distributed:
\$4.7 Million

9%

Walker County

Total Amount Distributed:
\$1.7 Million

7%

Texas/Statewide

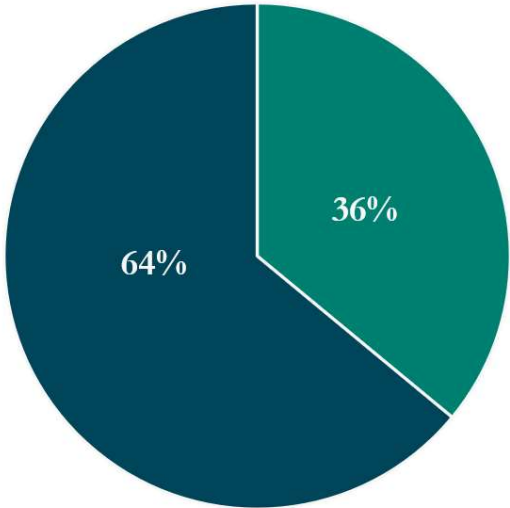
Total Amount Distributed:
\$1.4 Million

Percentages are based on the dollar amount distributed, rounded to the nearest hundred thousand.

D. 2025 GRANT AWARDS AT A GLANCE

\$19.1 Million
Distributed

2025 PORTFOLIO DISTRIBUTION



Percentages are based on the dollar amount distributed, rounded to the nearest hundred thousand.

64%
Education

Total Amount Distributed: \$12.3 Million
Average Grant Distributed: \$270K

36%
Supportive Communities

Total Amount Distributed: \$6.8 Million
Average Grant Distributed: \$110K

2025 AWARDS BY GRANT PURPOSE



Total Amount Distributed:
\$2.7 Million

Total Amount Distributed:
\$4.3 Million

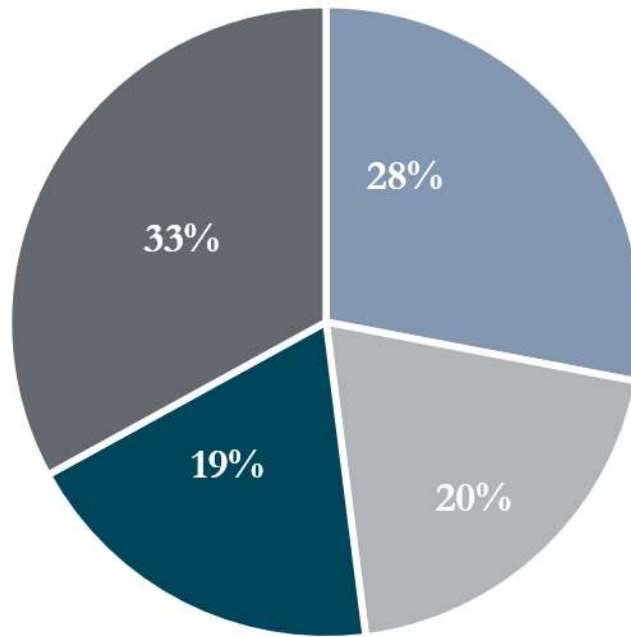
Total Amount Distributed:
\$12.1 Million

Percentages are based on the number of awards provided; some grants are included in more than one designation.

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 TARGET AREA BREAKDOWN



20%

Aligned Cradle to Career

Total Amount Distributed: \$2.5 Million



33%

Early Childhood Education

Total Amount Distributed: \$4.1 Million



28%

Post Secondary Pathways

Total Amount Distributed: \$3.5 Million



19%

Quality K-12 Public Schools

Total Amount Distributed: \$2.2 Million



2025 EDUCATION PORTFOLIO GRANT RECIPIENTS



ALIGNED CRADLE TO CAREER EDUCATION SYSTEM

Organization Name	Strategy	Grant Purpose	Amount
Bonterra Jumpstart Fund c/o Philanthropic Ventures Foundation	Effective Tools, Policies, and Systems	Specific Project	260,000
Catalyst Exchange	Effective Tools, Policies, and Systems	Specific Project	700,000
E3 Alliance	Effective Tools, Policies, and Systems	General Operating	150,000
Education First c/o The Philanthropic Collaborative for Education	Effective Tools, Policies, and Systems	Specific Project	372,313
Philanthropy Advocates c/o Waco Foundation	Effective Tools, Policies, and Systems	General Operating	200,000
The Bridgespan Group	Effective Tools, Policies, and Systems	Specific Project	838,176
		Subtotal	\$2,520,489

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION



Organization Name	Strategy	Grant Purpose	Amount
4.0 Schools	High-Capacity Sector	Specific Project	370,000
AVANCE, Inc.	Supportive Caregivers	Specific Project	365,000
Children At Risk Inc.	High-Capacity Sector	Specific Project	150,000
Collaborative for Children	High-Quality Providers and Educators	Agency Program	150,000
First3Years	High-Capacity Sector	Agency Program	50,000
Good Reason Houston	High-Capacity Sector	Specific Project	150,000
Improving Education Inc.	Supportive Caregivers	Specific Project	191,000
KIPP Texas, Inc.	High-Quality Providers and Educators	Agency Program	100,000
Mainspring Schools	High-Quality Providers and Educators	Specific Project	125,000
National Association for Family Child Care	High-Quality Providers and Educators	Agency Program	350,000
Rice University: School Literacy & Culture	High-Quality Providers and Educators	Agency Program	200,000
The Bridgespan Group	High-Capacity Sector	Specific Project	140,000
The Bridgespan Group	High-Capacity Sector	Specific Project	252,463
Thinkery	High-Quality Providers and Educators	Agency Program	200,000
Trust for Learning, a project of New	High-Capacity Sector	Specific Project	350,000

Venture Fund

United Way for Greater Austin	High-Quality Providers and Educators	Specific Project	655,729
United Way of Greater Houston	High-Quality Providers and Educators	Agency Program	300,000
Subtotal			\$ 4,099,192

POST-SECONDARY PATHWAYS



Organization Name	Strategy	Grant Purpose	Amount
Austin 2030 Network c/o Social Good Fund, Inc.	Post-Secondary Access and Success	Specific Project	308,000
Boys & Girls Club of Walker County	Post-Secondary Access and Success	Specific Project	1,186,557
Breakthrough Central Texas	Post-Secondary Access and Success	General Operating	200,000
BridgeYear	Post-Secondary Access and Success	Specific Project	949,815
EMERGE Fellowship	Post-Secondary Access and Success	General Operating	200,000
OneGoal	Post-Secondary Access and Success	General Operating	100,000
SERJobs	Post-Secondary Readiness	Agency Program	75,000
University of Houston Foundation	Post-Secondary Access and Success	Specific Project	399,000
Subtotal			\$ 3,418,372

QUALITY PUBLIC K-12 SCHOOLS



Organization Name	Strategy	Grant Purpose	Amount
A Time 2 Read, Inc.	Student Supports	Agency Program	25,000
Austin Ed Fund	Excellent Educators	Specific Project	150,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Austin Area	Student Supports	Agency Program	100,000
Boys & Girls Club of Walker County	Student Supports	General Operating	75,738
Communities In Schools of Central Texas	Student Supports	General Operating	100,000
FuelEd Schools Inc.	Excellent Educators	General Operating	50,000
Houston Museum of Natural Science	Student Supports	Agency Program	50,000
Huntsville Independent School District	Student Supports	Specific Project	151,000
Latinos for Education	Excellent Educators	Agency Program	50,000
Summer House Institute	Excellent Educators	Specific Project	200,000
Teach For America - Austin	Excellent Educators	Specific Project	100,000

TEACH for Houston	Excellent Educators	Specific Project	100,000
Teach Plus, Inc.	Excellent Educators	Agency Program	50,000
The Holdsworth Center	Excellent Educators	Specific Project	981,164
YES Prep Public Schools Inc.	Quality Schools and Models	General Operating	100,000
		Subtotal	\$ 2,282,902

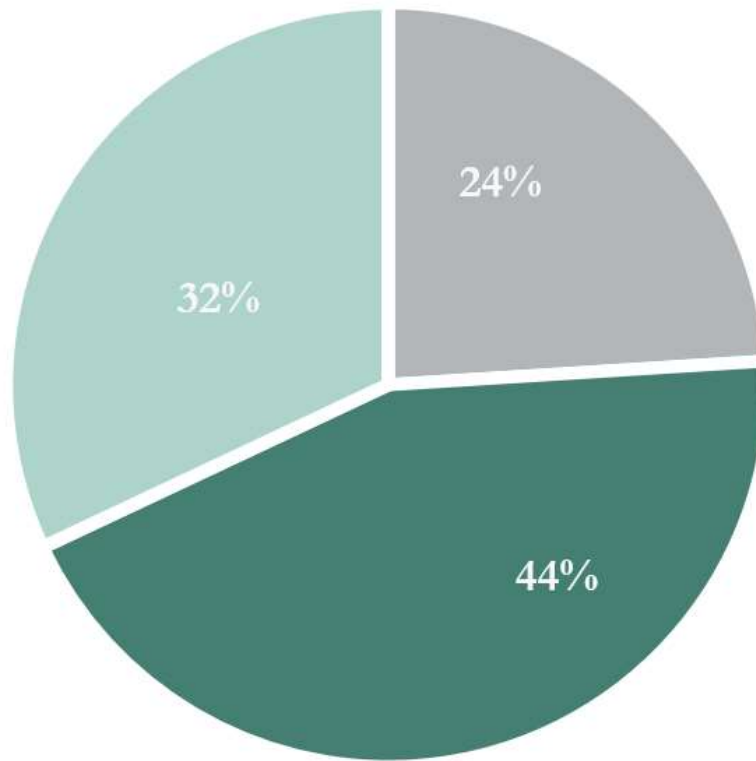
EDUCATION TOTAL

\$ 12,320,955

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



32%

The Arts

Total Amount Distributed: \$2.2 Million



44%

Conservation

Total Amount Distributed: \$3 Million



24%

Human Services

Total Amount Distributed: \$1.6 Million



2025 SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO GRANT RECIPIENTS



ARTS

Organization Name	Strategy	Grant Purpose	Amount
Alley Theatre	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	50,000
American Festival for the Arts	Student Education Programs	General Operating	50,000
Art League Houston	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	40,000
Arts Connect Houston	Student Education Programs	Specific Project	350,000
Austin Theatre Alliance	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	50,000
Center for Women & Their Work	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	100,000
Creative Action	Student Education Programs	General Operating	50,000
Creative Action	Student Education Programs	Specific Project	350,000
DACAMERA	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	50,000
FotoFest Inc.	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	50,000
Houston Ballet Foundation	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	50,000
Houston Grand Opera Association Inc.	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	50,000
Houston Metropolitan Dance Center, Inc.	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	30,000
Houston Symphony	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	50,000
Houston Youth Symphony	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	35,000
Main Street Theater Houston	Student Education Programs	General Operating	50,000
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	100,000
Performing Arts Houston	Public Arts and Culture Access	Specific Project	50,000
Huntsville Youth Orchestra c/o Sam Houston State University	Student Education Programs	Specific Project	35,000
Texas Cultural Trust	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	100,000
The Anderson Center for the Arts	Public Arts and Culture Access	Agency Program	100,000
The Ensemble Theatre	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	50,000
Writers in the Schools	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	100,000
Young Audiences Inc. of Houston	Student Education Programs	Agency Program	150,000
		Subtotal	\$ 2,190,000



CONSERVATION

Organization Name	Strategy	Grant Purpose	Amount
Bayou City Waterkeeper	Environmental Protection	Agency Program	50,000
Coastal Prairie Conservancy	Environmental Protection	General Operating	50,000

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	150,000
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	50,000
Memorial Park Conservancy Inc.	Connecting People to Nature	General Operating	150,000
Precinct4Forward	Connecting People to Nature	Specific Project	1,500,000
Shield Ranch Foundation Fund	Conservation/Environmental Education	Agency Program	50,000
Shoal Creek Conservancy	Environmental Protection	General Operating	50,000
The Trail Conservancy	Connecting People to Nature	Specific Project	330,000
TreeFolks	Environmental Protection	Specific Project	50,000
Trees For Houston	Environmental Protection	General Operating	100,000
Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy	Connecting People to Nature	Specific Project	100,000
Zilker 351	Connecting People to Nature	Specific Project	50,000
Subtotal			\$ 3,030,000

HUMAN SERVICES



Organization Name	Strategy	Grant Purpose	Amount
BakerRipley	Stabilization and Empowerment	Agency Program	100,000
Central Texas Food Bank	Stabilization and Empowerment	Agency Program	50,000
ChildBuilders	Emotional Wellbeing	General Operating	40,000
Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County	Stabilization and Empowerment	Agency Program	50,000
Connective	Stabilization and Empowerment	Specific Project	150,000
Family Houston	Emotional Wellbeing	Agency Program	125,000
Girls Empowerment Network	Emotional Wellbeing	Agency Program	128,000
Houston Area Women's Center	Stabilization and Empowerment	General Operating	50,000
L.I.F.E. Houston	Stabilization and Empowerment	Agency Program	40,000
LifeWorks	Stabilization and Empowerment	Agency Program	50,000
Manor ISD Education Foundation	Emotional Wellbeing	Specific Project	90,000
Memorial Assistance Ministries Inc	Stabilization and Empowerment	General Operating	25,000
Mobile Loaves & Fishes Inc.	Stabilization and Empowerment	Agency Program	100,000
re:MIND	Emotional Wellbeing	Agency Program	100,000
Rooted School Foundation	Stabilization and Empowerment	Specific Project	100,000
Saint Louise House	Stabilization and Empowerment	Specific Project	100,000
Sam Houston State University	Stabilization and Empowerment	Agency Program	50,000
The SAFE Alliance	Stabilization and Empowerment	Agency Program	50,000
Urban Harvest Inc.	Stabilization and Empowerment	General Operating	100,000

Urban Roots	Stabilization and Empowerment	General Operating	100,000
		Subtotal	\$1,598,000

SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES TOTAL **\$6,818,000**

FIVE LARGEST GRANTS IN 2025

