

SOUTH32 HERMOSA COMMUNITY FUND



Report of Grant Making Through June 2022



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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 and Leadership, Economic Participation, Good Health and Social Wellbeing, and Natural Resource Resilience. The South32 Hermosa Fund is held at the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona and its geographic affiliate, the Santa Cruz Community Foundation.

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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

The South32 Hermosa Community Fund supports nonprofit organizations based in Santa Cruz County, AZ



A full list of eligibility requirements is available at cfsaz.org/grants/south32-grants.

Other eligibility requirements:

- Must be a 501(c)(3) in good standing and doing charitable work in Santa Cruz County.
- Must have local leadership.

FUNDS

The South32 Hermosa Fund has two grant cycles per year, one in January and the second in June, providing 501(c)3 organizations up to \$10,000.

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

A total of \$686,450 has been distributed to 42 different nonprofit organizations for 81 projects since inception in 2019.

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Eight grant cycles since the funds inception in July 2019 with a grand total of \$686,450 in support.

42

42 non-profits in Santa Cruz County have received grants.

OUR GRANT RECIPIENTS

FY21 (from July 2021 through June 2022) 19 projects were funded through the following organizations:

- Sky Island Tourism Association
- Patagonia Creative Arts Association
- Nogales/Santa Cruz County Public Library
- Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest
- Nogales Lions Club
- Circles of Peace
- Patagonia-Sonoita Rotary Club
- Family Health Care Amigos
- Mariposa Community Health Center
- Green Valley Assistance Services
- Helping Ourselves Pursue Enrichment, Inc.
- Society for Bevel Intentions
- The Patagonia Museum
- Santa Cruz Council on Aging
- Border Youth Tennis Exchange
- Santa Cruz Training Programs
- Patagonia Community United Methodist Church



SUCCESS STORIES



Patagonia Museum

The Patagonia Museum and its historic Lochiel Schoolhouse, where locals and tourists alike can visit and host gatherings, is committed to preserving the history of eastern Santa Cruz County. Support from the South32 Hermosa Community Fund provided necessary infrastructure improvements and facility maintenance.

Grant funding was used to create a roadside sign at the Lochiel Schoolhouse, painted by renowned local artist Rhonda Brew, and to restore the hand-painted territorial schoolhouse signs. The Patagonia Museum received an essential upgrade in the form of an ADA ramp, making the museum more accessible for visitors.

The projects sourced materials from local businesses and utilized local students from Patagonia Union High School to complete the improvements, with additional support and direction from the Patagonia Creative Arts Association.

“This project has been a great experience for the students, many of whom are direct descendants of the former students at the Lochiel School house - including both instructors. ... [T]hese current Patagonia Public School students are helping to rehab a building that is still a part of their school district. When kids help beautify public spaces it gives them a feeling of ownership which makes them less likely to vandalize. This program also helps instill that LOBO pride for their school and their community.”

- Cassina Farley, Director of the Patagonia Creative Arts Association

SUCCESS STORIES



Santa Cruz Council on Aging

The Santa Cruz Council on Aging, located in Nogales, serves more than 300 community members aged 60 and over by providing transportation, nutrition, and referral for social and health services in Santa Cruz County. During the pandemic, the Council had to revamp operations and meet growing demand for nutritional meals to local seniors, all while facing reduced budgets and rising food costs.

Between August 2021 and May 2022, support from the South32 Hermosa Community Fund helped the Council to serve 13,990 meals, to approximately 85 to 100 seniors in the community each month. The Council's modified operations allowed them to serve hot meals curbside or inside in the dining room, deliver meals to those who are homebound, and even transport some community members to the center for a nutritious meal in a social setting.

"This grant was extremely helpful in allowing us to keep our regular menu going for our seniors in the community which is of great help for some of them, and for which most of them cannot cook at home anymore."

- Marco Lozoya, Center Manager, Santa Cruz Council on Aging

SUCCESS STORIES



Society for Bevel Intentions

In August 2021, the Patagonia Elementary School Governing Board approved a STEM curriculum for elementary students. Together, the Mat Bevel Company, University of Arizona School of Mathematical Sciences and the Patagonia Elementary School developed “The Universe Within” curriculum to be taught as part of The Creative STEM Club.

Support from the South32 Hermosa Community Fund supported these STEM efforts by providing video lessons and tools for students and resources for instructors. Fourth and fifth graders participated in “The Art of Kinetics” lessons that blended original thinking with scientific observation, engineering, and technology to grow the next generation of creators, makers and inventors. Funding will also help scale this program.

The program’s results are incredible. Patagonia Elementary students who participated in The Creative STEM Club over the last year increased reading benchmark scores by 26% for fourth graders and 15% for fifth graders. Math benchmark scores increased by 33% for fourth graders and 28% for fifth graders.

“This is the first Integrated STEM curriculum that we have officially approved at the school. It’s nice to see students learning many great things and getting interested in STEM while also having fun. Programs that build creativity and problem-solving skills in fun ways, where students may not realize how much they are learning, is very exciting.”

- Kenny Hayes, Superintendent of Schools, Patagonia Public Schools