Together with our donors, Gulf Coast Community Foundation transforms our region through bold and proactive philanthropy. Through strategic community initiatives and grants, Gulf Coast invests in the good work that effective charitable organizations and other community partners accomplish every day. Gulf Coast also facilitates gifts from individual philanthropists who wish to invest in the causes they care about, here in our region and around the world.

The following community investments were approved by the Gulf Coast Board of Directors at its June 2019 meeting:

**Community Grants**
Community Grants ($10,000 or less) totaling **$60,870** were made to the following organizations from March 25 to May 15, 2019:

- Denise Amber Lee Foundation
- Elling O. Eide Charitable Foundation
- Englewood Community Care Clinic
- Englewood Florida Chamber of Commerce
- Florida House Institute
- Girl Scouts of Gulf Coast Florida
- Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital
- Junior Achievement of Florida Foundation
- Loveland Center
- Pines of Sarasota Foundation
- Pregnancy Solutions
- Rotary Futures Program
- Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center
- Sarasota Housing Funding Corporation
- SunCoast Blood Bank
- Take Stock in Children
- The New Paradigm Foundation
- Venice Institute for Performing Arts
- Center Management
- Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club

*Funding for the grants above comes from the following funds:*

- Venice Endowment Fund
- Community Health Endowment Fund
- Ed and Barbara Strobel Fund
- Bruce Harrison Richter Leukemia Fund
- Miriam P. Raines Charitable Fund
- Anna V. Pfister, Nellie Mae Koss and Helen K. Hadden Memorial Endowment Fund
- Barbara W. Herndon Charitable Fund
- Katherine Naismith Witten Fund
Project Fund Grants
Gulf Coast serves as the fiscal agent for charitable and regional efforts that meet its mission but do not have a 501(c)(3) public charity corporate designation. Acting in this role, Gulf Coast made $1,332,537 in distributions from the following project funds in March and April 2019:

- Academy at Glengary Project Fund
- Gulf Coast Disaster Fund
- First 1,000 Days Project Fund
- Eloise Werlin Causeway Park Project Fund
- Coming Together Against Cancer Project Fund
- Venice Area Beautification Project Fund
- Lord Higel House Restoration Fund
- Mental Health Project Fund
- Nathan Benderson Park Foundation
- Start-Up Fund
- Partners for Places Project Fund
- Peace River Botanical and Sculpture Gardens Project Fund
- Resilient Retreat Project Fund
- Rosemary District Project Fund
- Sarasota Bayfront 2020 Project Fund
- Sarasota Bayfront Planning Organization
- Teacher Recruitment/Retention Project Fund
- Venice Heritage Historical Resources Fund

Donor-Recommended Grants
Individuals, families, corporations, and organizations partner with Gulf Coast to establish funds that support their charitable interests. Some donors establish a charitable fund during their lifetime, while others choose to establish a fund through their estate. Gulf Coast dutifully stewards the charitable funds entrusted to its care and maintains the highest level of integrity in honoring each donor’s philanthropic intent.

The Gulf Coast Board of Directors ratified $5,672,514 in donor-recommended grants made to the following organizations from March 25 and May 15, 2019:

- African Vision of Hope
- Aid to the Church in Need
- All Angels By The Sea
- All Faiths Food Bank
- All Star Children's Foundation
- American Cancer Society
- American Center for Law and Justice
- American Civil Liberties Union Foundation
- American Jewish Committee
- American Red Cross - Southwest Florida Chapter
- And Then There Were None
- Animal Rescue Coalition
- Arlington Food Pantry
- Art Center Sarasota
- Asolo Repertory Theatre
- Berea College
- Bethany Baptist Church
- Bethel United Methodist Church
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast
- Boca Grande Historical Society
- Boy Scouts of America - Five Rivers Council
- Boy Scouts of America, Southwest Florida Council
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Sarasota County
Boys Town
Broward County Right To Life Foundation
Calvary Episcopal Church
CAN Community Health
Cardinal Newman Society
Carnegie Mellon University
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice
Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida
Chautauqua Foundation
Chi Omega Foundation
Child Protection Center
Children First
Church of Hope
Church of the Palms
Church of the Redeemer
Circus and Traveling Shows Retirement Project
Circus Arts Conservatory
Classical WSMR Member Services
Cleveland Jewish Publication
Company Foundation
Coalition on Abortion - Breast Cancer
Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
Columbus Jewish Foundation
Community Cooperative
Community Foundation of Orange County
Community Foundation of Sarasota County
Community Pregnancy Clinic
Congregation Kol Haneshama
Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast
Constitution for the People
Continuo Arts Foundation
Couple to Couple League International
Cross Catholic Outreach
Designing Women Boutique
Dexter Southfield Marywood Retreat and Conference Center
Diocese of St. Augustine Marywood Retreat and Conference Center
Diocese of Venice - Catholic Faith Appeal
Diocese of Venice - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center
Diocese of Venice - Our Mother's House
Divine Redeemer Church
Doctors Without Borders, USA.
Dorset Theatre Festival
Durham's Partnership for Children
Dwight-Englewood School
Easter Seals of Southwest Florida
Education For Life (Women's Pregnancy Center)
Education Foundation of Sarasota County
Embracing Our Differences
Emmaus Homeless Shelter
Everyday Blessings
Family Living Council/Patient Rights Council
Family Promise of Sarasota
Family Promise of South Sarasota County
First Presbyterian Church
First Step of Sarasota
Florida Center for Early Childhood
Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches
Florida Southern College
Florida Studio Theatre
Florida West Coast Public Broadcasting (WEDU TV)
Florida Winefest & Auction
Food for the Poor
Forest Hills Presbyterian Church
Forty Carrots Family Center
Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land
Freedom From Religion Foundation
Friends of Boca Grande Community Center
Friends of the Daniel Centers for Progressive Judaism
Friends of the Shawangunks
Friends, Relatives, Enabling Elderly and Family Council (F.R.E.E.)
Friendship Centers
FSU/Asolo Conservatory
Girls Incorporated of Pinellas
Girls Incorporated of Sarasota County
Glasser/Schoenbaum Human Services Center
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria
GWF USA Foundation
H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute Foundation
Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County
Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida
Harvest House Transitional Centers
Harvey Milk Festival
Heart of Minnesota Animal Shelter
Hebrew Benevolent Congregation the Temple
Hermitage Artist Retreat
Hershorin Schiff Community Day School
Hillels of the Florida Suncoast
Historic Spanish Point
Hudson River Museum of Westchester
Humane Society at Lakewood Ranch
Humane Society of Manatee County
Humane Society of Sarasota County
Humane Society of West Michigan
International Rescue Committee
Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind
Israel Tennis Centers Foundation
JCF of San Francisco, Marin, the Peninsula and Sonoma Counties
Jewish Family and Children's Service of the Suncoast
Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh
Jewish Housing Council Foundation
Jewish National Fund
John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art
Johns Hopkins All Children's Foundation
Johns Hopkins University
JoshProvides Epilepsy Assistance Foundation
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation – Tampa Bay Chapter
Lakes Region Conservation Trust
Laurel Civic Association
League of Women Voters of Sarasota County
County Education Fund
Lemon Bay Conservancy
Leukemia and Lymphoma Society - Chicago Chapter
Library Foundation for Sarasota County
Little Sisters of the Poor Chicago Province
Loveland Center
Lupus Foundation of America
Madonna of the Streets
Majella Cares
Make-A-Wish Southern Florida, Suncoast Regional Office
Mannie Jackson Center for Humanities Foundation
Marie Selby Botanical Gardens
Marietta Schools Foundation
Marine Corps Association Foundation
Meals on Wheels Plus of Manatee
Media Alliance
Mental Health Community Centers
Mercy Home for Boys & Girls
Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
Mote Marine Laboratory
Mothers Helping Mothers
Mount Carmel Area Rescue Squad
Mount Carmel Public Library
Muhlenberg College
NAMI Sarasota County
Nantucket Atheneum
Nantucket Conservation Foundation
Nate's Honor Animal Rescue
National Council of Jewish Women Incorporated
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Pancreas Foundation
National Restaurant Association
Educational Foundation
Natural Womanhood
Neuro Challenge Foundation  Sarasota County School Board
New College Foundation  Sarasota County School District
New Gate School  Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office
New Israel Fund  Charitable Foundation
Next Generation of Holocaust Survivors  Sarasota Cuban Ballet School
Northlight Theatre  Sarasota Family YMCA
Northwestern University  Sarasota Housing Funding Corporation
Out-of-Door Academy  Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation
Paper Mill Playhouse  Sarasota Military Officers
Perlman Music Program Suncoast  Scholarship Fund
Pines of Sarasota Foundation  Sarasota Opera Association
Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida  Sarasota Orchestra
Plymouth Harbor Foundation  Sarasota Seahawks Lacrosse
Population Research Institute  Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Federation
Pregnancy Crisis Careline  Save Our Seabirds
Pregnancy Solutions  Sedalia School District Foundation
Project 180 Sarasota  Selah Freedom
Racquet Up Detroit  Sheriff’s Activities League of Sarasota County
Ratio Christi  Siesta Key Chapel
Relevant Radio  Soul Fire Farm Institute
Resilient Retreat Inc.  Southeastern Guide Dogs
Restoration Project  Southern Poverty Law Center
Resurrection House  Southside School Foundation for the Arts
Ringling College Library Association  Southwest Harbor-Tremont Nursing Service
Ringling College Lifelong Learning Academy  SPCA of Luzerne County
Ringling College of Art and Design  SRQ Jews Without Borders
Roskamp Foundation  St. Joseph Catholic Church
Roskamp Institute  St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center  St. Patrick Parish
Saint Anne Catholic Church  St. Paul's School
Saint Mark School  St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Saint Vincent de Paul Society - Our Lady of Mount Carmel  State College of Florida Foundation
Salvation Army Sarasota  Stop Drop and Pray Network
Samaritan’s Purse  Sullivan County Scholarship Association
San Diego Grantmakers  Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
Sarasota Ballet of Florida  Team Tony Brain Cancer Foundation
Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse  Telluride Council for the Arts and Humanities
Sarasota Concert Association  Temple Emanu-El
The Academy at Glengary
The Bascom Corporation
The Bridge Church Venice
The British Academy of Film and Television Arts
The Caring Outreach
The Chicago Community Trust
The Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind
The Children's Health Fund
The Everglades Foundation
The Gesu School
The Jewish Federations of North America
The Marie Selby Botanical Gardens
The Nature Conservancy
The Nature Conservancy – Florida Field Office
The SKY Family YMCA
The Tower Foundation of San Jose
State University
The University of the South
The Venice Symphony
The Wendell Gilley Museum of Bird Carving
Tickets for Kids Foundation
Tidewell Hospice
Transylvania University
Trustees of Newark Academy
Unbound
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
United Way Suncoast
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Montana Foundation
University of Tennessee Martin
Urbanite Theatre
USF Foundation
Van Wezel Foundation
Venice Area Beautification
Venice Area Chamber of Commerce
Venice Bible Church
Venice Challenger Baseball
Venice Youth Boating Association
Visible Men Academy
Washington and Lee University

West Linn Baseball Association #169
Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe
Westminster Presbyterian Church - Camp Henry
Winnipesaukee Playhouse
Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland
Women's Resource Center
Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland
Women's Rights Without Frontiers
Word Among Us
World Jewish Congress American Section
Wounded Warrior Project –
Jacksonville Headquarter Division
WUSF 89.7 - USF Foundation