



Report to the Community
Fiscal Year 2025





Remaining Steady & Solutions Focused

Letters from the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona's Leadership



I will always think of 2025 as a year of “before” and “after” for the nonprofit sector and philanthropy. Before, government, businesses, donors, and nonprofits fit together in an imperfect but familiar patchwork of support. Now that pattern is shifting, and it's clear things will be different going forward.

Government funding for nonprofit work has shrunk and remains uncertain. Tax laws affecting philanthropy have changed, and it's not so clear how we all fit together. As generous as Southern Arizonans are, donors can't make up for lost public funding. For the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona (CFSA), where our mission is to build a thriving Southern Arizona through philanthropy, new opportunities have emerged by asking ourselves four key questions:

How can we best support nonprofits?
How can we show up for our neighbors?
How can we help donors express their values through their generosity?
How can we stay steady?

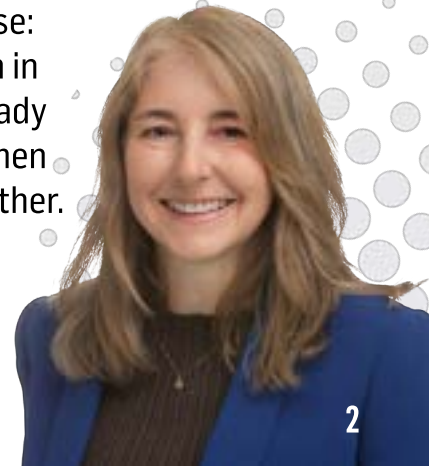
Earlier this year, a neighbor asked me over coffee how to get involved. Within a minute or two, I could think of five ideas. When I asked a few coworkers, they each had five more. It's easy to feel stuck when problems seem bigger than us, but talking with others who share our values places solutions within reach. With that in mind, our team has focused on projects, large and small, where we can make a real, local impact.

Conversations with community members, donors, and nonprofit leaders revealed a hunger for up-to-date information about Southern Arizona's nonprofit sector and ideas for actions we can take on the local level. To meet that need, we launched “The Steady Saguaro,” a personalized newsletter offering valuable community updates, action items, and inspiration. Named for the strength and resilience of our desert landscape and CFSA's values of adaptability and generosity, it's fueled by the collective power we hold to make our communities better.

Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Readers appreciate its focus on practical solutions, and nonprofits are grateful for the emphasis on giving unrestricted dollars. Through this small but meaningful initiative, we've seen that our community is seeking calm, connection, and actionable solutions.

In a time of uncertainty and change, CFSA remains steady and solutions-focused. The efforts highlighted in this year's report reflect our belief that adaptability, generosity, and connection will help Southern Arizona navigate shifting landscapes and rising needs. By listening and engaging with neighbors, donors, and nonprofits, CFSA continues to cultivate a shared sense of purpose: reminding us that even in challenging times, steady progress is possible when we move forward together.


Jenny Flynn
President and CEO



This year was filled with the challenges faced by our community and the opportunities that emerged from them. Across Southern Arizona, nonprofits confronted shrinking public dollars and rising community needs. As federal funding declined, CFSA convened partners to quantify impact and work toward a regional response. In an era at the tail-end of one-time pandemic support and ongoing inflation, we prioritized flexible general operating support to help organizations protect their capacity.

What could have been a year of uncertainty became a year of collaboration as CFSA leaned into its role as a trusted hub, aligning donors, peer funders, and nonprofits around shared data and collective action. This summer, to better understand the impacts of the shifting funding landscape, CFSA developed a regional survey to help gather critical information on the evolving needs of our nonprofit sector. The survey revealed that Southern Arizona's nonprofit community remains steadfast, creative, and committed to its people while its long-term stability depends on whether funders and policymakers choose to move from short-term relief to long-term solutions.

In a year of headwinds, our job was simple: keep the work moving and the doors open.

My top priority this year as Board Chair was to lead with values, keeping people, community, and ethics at the center of every decision. I wanted CFSA to model collaborative leadership and ensure that those with lived experience were at the table shaping our approach. This begins and ends with the unique relationship our board and staff share, working together to remain informed and engaged with the evolving needs of the community.

It was equally important to keep the region and nonprofit sector steady by remaining grounded as a convenor and collaborator, providing reliable and trust-based programming and resources that allow nonprofits to remain focused on their mission despite the hardships to come.

Balancing steadiness while exploring bold solutions guided the efforts of staff, who remained eager in their work toward expanding initiatives such as the Nonprofit Solar Project, which permanently lowers

overhead costs for organizations who may be impacted by funding cuts. Other initiatives, like Press Forward Southern Arizona through our Local News Initiative, continue to strengthen civic information in a region that is incredibly dependent on the strength of local news organizations. I'm especially proud that we achieved a record \$1.35 million in CORE Grants to 61 nonprofits, our largest unrestricted grant round ever! Through the Center for Healthy Nonprofits, we saw real-time gains in leadership, governance, and capacity building that made organizations sturdier across the region.

To our donors and partners, I thank you for your steadiness when it counted most. Your generosity kept lights on, teams intact, and neighbors served. As we look onward into our new fiscal year, CFSA remains committed to our mission, vision, and the community-first solutions that will ensure that our region not only survives but thrives.



Taunya Villicana
Board Chair



Turning Pages, Building Community

A Unique Book Club Unites Diverse Voices to Share Ideas and Inspire Action

In 2024, the Solutions-Focused Community Book Club, an initiative designed to unite community, spark conversation, and build momentum toward positive change, was launched at CFSA. What began as a collaboration between Caitlin Schmidt, founder of the Tucson Spotlight, and the Tucson Tome Gnome, a local nonprofit and book-sharing project, quickly became a vehicle for community conversation and engagement.

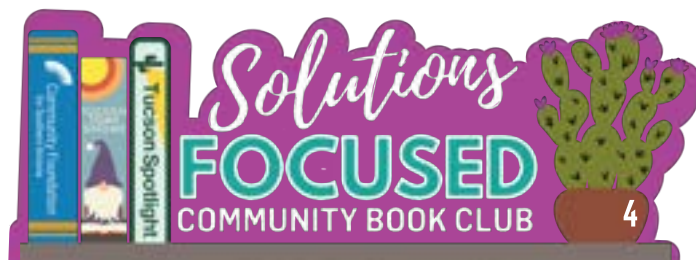
"I was working on a solutions-reporting beat and had received a grant to gather community feedback," Caitlin explains. "The collaboration with the Tome Gnome was the final part of that project, which was a social event that featured books centered around solutions-focused themes like having difficult conversations, showing up in community, and navigating differences

across divides." The success of that first event ignited a desire to continue those conversations. CFSA, motivated to become a welcoming space to the larger community beyond traditional philanthropy, became the third collaborator: providing space and infrastructure to make this initiative a reality.

Emily Walsh, co-founder of Tucson Tome Gnome and CFSA's Chief Operating Officer, recalls the first book club: "We had good attendance, and the conversations went across the political aisle." The event featured journalist Mónica Guzmán's "I Never Thought of It That Way: How to Have Fearlessly Curious Conversations in Dangerously Divided Times," which the group found to be an impactful and recurring topic in future clubs. Jody Hardy, Tome Gnome co-founder, shares,

"We don't have to come knowing all the answers. One of the solutions we've found is community building and creating relationships."

The book club works to pair fiction and nonfiction selections that encourage lively dialogue, while group agreements help participants navigate difficult topics respectfully. Over time, the clubs have nurtured friendships, regular attendance, and meaningful exchanges of ideas. "The book club is a framework in which to have conversations that might otherwise feel random or difficult. The social nature of the club is fun and engaging, there's less at stake, and we don't have to take ourselves too seriously," added Emily.



The partnership has been central to the program's success. CFSA provides event support and creates a welcoming and comfortable space, helping participants engage fully while gaining insight into community priorities. The Tucson Tome Gnome keeps the love of books and reading at the book club's center, providing a book sharing table at each event where participants can bring their own books and swap with others. Tucson Spotlight brings visibility and outreach, highlighting grassroots initiatives that connect to club topics and amplifying conversations that stem from book club sessions. Caitlin notes, "As a new media outlet, it's been invaluable to have the support of longstanding organizations like CFSA, and the Tome Gnome has a huge social media community that believes in the power of books and literacy. Together, we reach people looking to engage with news and ideas differently, in a fun and fact-based way."

The book club has proven to be more than a social gathering. It is a safe space for reflection and action, particularly during challenging times. Club participants have developed connections and friendships. Others have felt comforted to have a space to feel seen. Emily recalls a session following a contentious election centered on "The Stonewall Reader," an anthology chronicling the tumultuous fight for

LGBTQ rights in the 1960s and the activists who spearheaded it: "The folks who came needed that space to process and feel like they weren't alone. It created a sense of community in a crucial moment."

"More than a club, it has become a space for comfort and shelter when things get difficult. Discussions around climate change, poverty, and other topics have tapped into what the community wants to engage in," Caitlin adds.

The program also emphasizes accessibility. "It's a low-barrier book club," Caitlin says. "If you haven't finished the book, you're not locked out. Thoughtful questions connect the book with real-life discussions. You can share your thoughts, and we don't want to turn anyone away. The book is simply the vehicle to spark conversation and form community."

Through books, dialogue, and discussion, the Solutions-Focused Community Book Club nurtures a culture of acceptance, solutions, and collaboration, one conversation, one connection, and one shared story at a time.

Find more information on our next book club at **cfsaz.org/bookclub**.



Collaborative Community Problem-Solving

2025 Bold Aspirations BLOOM Award - Tucson Credit Unions



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At CFSA, we believe lasting changes happen when innovative organizations pool their most vital resources, people, and ideas to solve complex problems. This vision inspired the Bold Aspirations BLOOM Award, created to recognize those who dream boldly and courageously, inviting others to join them in tackling the region's toughest challenges.

That spirit of collaboration was evident in the work and enthusiasm of the 2025 Bold Aspirations BLOOM Award recipient: Tucson Credit Unions. The collaboration among six local credit unions represents a creative, community-driven approach to addressing

the region's housing crisis, shaped by population growth, limited affordable housing, and rising evictions.

"This honor reaffirms Tucson Credit Unions' commitment to financial inclusion and innovation in workforce housing solutions, showcasing how mission-driven financial institutions can create lasting change."

— Nayab Abbasi of GoWest Foundation

Pima Federal, Tucson Federal, Vantage West, Hughes Federal, Pyramid Federal, and Tucson Old Pueblo Credit Unions established

the Tucson Welcome Home Program in November 2024, supporting zero down payment assistance (100% finance for first-time buyers). By helping families move from renting to homeownership, the program strengthens the region's long-term stability and quality of life.

The solutions created by this partnership are sure to produce real changes for our region. They inspire us all to continue exploring how we might work together across sectors and focus areas, to explore solutions that go beyond the confines of historic programmatic efforts.

From Intent to Impact

CFSA's Philanthropy Staff Share Their Approach to Giving



CFSA prides itself on serving as a preferred and welcoming resource for community-minded donors. Our Philanthropy team sits at the center of that inclusive partnership, building meaningful relationships and thinking strategically about how our donors conduct their philanthropy to and through our foundation. For this team, their work is guided by the idea that there is no single way to give back.

Whether someone is donating to a favorite nonprofit, planning a legacy gift for the future, or sharing generosity across generations, each approach helps meet the community's changing needs.

Giving Now

For some donors, giving means acting now to respond to urgent needs as they develop. In these moments, the team must be prepared to respond as well. This involves having options

available and accurate, up-to-date information about the needs in our nonprofit community. When many nonprofits faced sudden funding cuts this year, CFSA donors stepped forward. "Donors reached out to learn more about the organizations being affected, from healthcare to basic needs to public media, and how they could help. We saw some make responsive grants from their funds and some increase their support for CFSA's grantmaking," recalls Laura Maher, CFSA's Vice President for Philanthropy.

This moment underscores the importance of CFSA's role in local knowledge sharing. "Having a permanent charitable resource like a community foundation offers a way for everyone to invest in the place where we all live, make meaningful and informed decisions about giving, and inspire generosity."

Laura's role as Vice President involves guiding CFSA's approach to philanthropy and remaining knowledgeable about the immediate needs of the region so that donors can give impactfully. Programs like CORE Grants, which provides flexible funding to strengthen nonprofits, show how responsive giving makes a difference.

Donors at various giving levels can contribute to an annual funding pool to ensure unrestricted grants make their way to a broad set of nonprofits. "Showing up for your community is an immediate action people can take," adds Danielle Raines, CFSA's Major Gifts Officer, whose role involves helping people create and realize giving strategies that turn ideas into impact. "We've seen donors and family foundations drawn to programs like CORE because they can see the results close up."



**“Legacy Funds remind us that philanthropy persists,” Danielle says.
“The generosity continues shaping our region long after a donor’s lifetime.”**

Giving for Tomorrow

Other donors are inspired by ideas of giving that endure. A few examples include estate and legacy gifts, where donors leave planned gifts to the Community Foundation to impact the community for years to come. Choosing to 'give later' allows individuals to decide what their contribution will be to their local communities beyond their lifetimes, with trust in the Foundation's ability and expertise in stewarding those gifts properly.

"Estate planning is deeply personal," Laura explains. "We want to help donors find joy in thinking through what they'd like to see in the world and what can be accomplished through the gift they're leaving."

One donor, a scientist who valued arts education in her own youth, included funding for youth arts and culture programs in her estate plan. When her gift arrived years later, it supported local organizations through CFSA's annual CORE Grant Program. This gift benefited young people she would never meet, but whose creativity would flourish because of her vision.

The team is often inspired by the stories of the people behind the funds and the opportunity to understand the legacy they'd like to leave.

"We want people to be able to meet their individual potentials. This includes formal education. Beyond a formal education, we want to encourage others to try new things, even if it means that they may initially fail,"
—Wayne and Judy Mejeur, Legacy Donors

Giving as a Family Tradition

Philanthropy is also becoming a family affair, with multiple generations participating in giving decisions. Many CFSA funds include family members as advisors, each bringing their own perspectives to the table. When giving and volunteering are engrained as a family value, family traditions can be continued across generations by organizations like CFSA.

"Every generation has its own take on what it means to support the community," Laura says. "What unites them is the instinct to do good in the moment they're living in."

These shared conversations about generosity often deepen family connections and spark new ways of giving. "Small actions can inspire larger ones," Laura adds. "Generosity can be guided and amplified when families talk about it together."

Personalized Giving, Lasting Impact

If there's one message this team hopes to share, it's that everyone can be a philanthropist. Danielle emphasizes, "Our goal is to provide a personalized solution—understanding motivations and helping donors accomplish what matters most."

That flexibility and partnership are what keep CFSA's work steady and solutions-focused, even in uncertain times. "We have a community-centered approach connecting passion and purpose in ways that truly make a difference," Laura said.

Because, when it comes to philanthropy, there are countless ways to build a stronger, more compassionate Southern Arizona.





Honoring Enduring Generosity & Vision

2025 Impactful Philanthropy BLOOM Award - Diana Charbonneau

This year's report to the Southern Arizona community pauses to reflect not only on the progress our community has made together, but also on the community members whose contributions have made that progress possible. Diana Charbonneau, recipient of the 2025 Impactful Philanthropy BLOOM Award, exemplifies the commitment and level of generosity for which the award was created to celebrate.

A native Tucsonan and Corporate Learning Facilitator at Tucson Electric Power, Diana's contributions to our community represent what it means to go beyond everyday philanthropy. Her work demonstrates the unquantifiable value of embedding oneself into the mission and focus of a local nonprofit and becoming an ambassador for those missions. She extends her impact through the recruitment of other volunteers in the region; impressing upon them the importance of giving beyond financial resources to ensure organizations can

carry out their work without pause. This mission is personal to her as a journey that began shortly after returning to Tucson from college and continues through lessons taught to her young daughter.

"Having a five-year-old little girl, I want to lead by example and show her how a simple act of kindness can create a ripple effect that sometimes lasts a lifetime."

– Diana Charbonneau

Diana has long recognized that philanthropy is both a response to today's challenges and an example to set for the generation that follows. In that faith, she has volunteered for over 25 local nonprofits and founded the Tucson Cares Nonprofit Facebook group – connecting more than 1,200 people to help support local nonprofits. The Community Foundation for Southern Arizona is grateful for Diana's steadfast dedication to philanthropy and the waves created through her impact on our region.

Grassroots Impact

Comunidad Grants Fuel Southern Arizona's Changemakers



CFSA proudly expanded its commitment to building strong, resilient communities with the launch of Comunidad Grants, a program providing general operating grant support to small, grassroots nonprofits with annual budgets under \$100,000. Since its launch in 2024, the program has granted \$266,000 to 40 local organizations across Southern Arizona, empowering them to address both immediate and systemic community needs with flexibility and trust.

Inspired Through Trust-Based Philanthropy

Comunidad Grants were created in response to a clear need identified through CFSA's work in the region. After years of success with the CORE Grants Program, which offers unrestricted support to nonprofits with budgets between \$100,000 and \$2 million, CFSA recognized

that smaller, community-based organizations were often left out of traditional funding opportunities.

"We recognized the gap not being met for organizations with smaller budgets: grassroots groups whose work in the community often happens without the infrastructure, staff, and resources of a larger nonprofit," explained CFSA's Senior Director for Community Impact, Jeaiza Quiñones. "Comunidad Grants prove that real change happens when local leaders have the freedom and resources to respond to their communities' unique needs in real time."

By providing unrestricted funds, CFSA continues to build its stake in a journey toward trust-based philanthropy, a framework rooted in mutual respect between grantseekers and funders and the autonomy that allows nonprofits to determine how to utilize

resources as they know best. Rather than restricting how funds are used, Comunidad Grants allow nonprofits to decide what will make the most difference for their mission, whether that means paying staff, covering rent, or expanding programming.

Supporting Those Closest to the Work

Comunidad Grants prioritize organizations serving rural and historically marginalized communities, recognizing that those closest to the challenges are often closest to the solutions. Applications are evaluated on community awareness, response, financial impact, and sustainability.

In its first year, CFSA received 39 eligible applications representing 17 focus areas, from arts and culture to animal welfare, food security, and community development. Like



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most CFSA programs, grant decisions are made by community volunteers who reflect the diversity of the region. This process also gives previous CORE and Comunidad grantees the chance to serve as reviewers, bringing valuable insight from their own experience.

“Working with the grant review committees is one of the most rewarding aspects of this process,” Jeaiza states. “No one understands these applicants more than people who have already been through the cycle.”

The impact of these grants was quickly felt across the region. “This grant means everything to the people we support who need access to culturally grounded and trauma-informed therapy,” said Faviola Augustin of Sagrado Wellness. Similarly, Desiree Guerrero of South Tucson Community Outreach shared, “The Comunidad grant helps us extend our senior pop-up markets, increasing access to fresh, culturally appropriate food.”

A Growing Network of Change-Makers

The 2024 grant recipients represented the diversity and creativity of Southern

Arizona's nonprofit landscape, including organizations such as Juneteenth Festival Inc., No Jail Deaths, Sustainable Tucson, and The Land with No Name Sanctuary. Each of these small but mighty organizations demonstrates the power of local leadership in driving meaningful change.

Building on this success, CFSA continued the program in 2025, awarding \$134,000 in general operating support to 16 nonprofits. The new grantees include Ajo Council for the Fine Arts (ACFA), Building Out Safer Spaces (BOSS), Chiricahua Land Conservancy, and Patagonia Community Garden.



For these organizations, unrestricted funding often represents more than just financial support, it signals trust in their mission from their local funders and the ability to plan. Jennifer Jankovich, Board President of the Ajo Council for the Fine Arts, shares, “This money allows us the opportunity to upgrade current equipment and expand our offerings to the community by starting classes again. Our community is small, but we have a strong connection to the arts, and we hope to broaden our offerings.”

Building Toward Sustainable Impact

Comunidad Grants affirm CFSA's ongoing dedication to building a thriving Southern Arizona through philanthropy. As a permanent charitable resource, the foundation understands that organizations in the region need consistent, flexible support. Finding flexible resources can sometimes be difficult, even for community foundations, as many of the funds held at CFSA consist of donor-advised funds or funds that are otherwise restricted to a specific focus.

When working toward identifying resources to launch the program, the team made a decision to sunset another capacity building

program in order to free up those resources and provide that funding directly to nonprofit organizations.

“Sunsetting a program is never an easy choice,” said Jeaiza. “But we understood that transformative impact takes time, trust, and resources. It’s our responsibility to ensure that we are stewarding those resources effectively and paying attention to where we can create the most impact.”

By continuing to expand opportunities for smaller nonprofits, CFSA is helping to build a more equitable philanthropic ecosystem. It is the Foundation's hope that this program results in the growth and evolution of its grantees; organizations that may someday outgrow the parameters of this program and qualify for larger grants. For other organizations, their mission and scale may remain where it is to serve the communities around them most effectively. Regardless of the path they choose, CFSA plans to be there with resources to support their efforts.





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Leadership in Addressing Youth Homelessness

2025 Vital Nonprofit BLOOM Award - Youth On Their Own

With about 1,600 youth enrolling in the program each year and an impressive 93% graduation rate, Youth On Their Own's (YOTO) impact is undeniable. It came as no surprise to those familiar with their efforts when YOTO were chosen as the recipient of CFSA's Vital Nonprofit BLOOM Award in 2025.

The award honors a Southern Arizona nonprofit making exceptional impact toward building a vibrant and equitable community. Vital nonprofits are mission-driven and sustainable organizations that address essential community needs, drive social change, and enhance our quality of life.

YOTO supports youth experiencing homelessness by addressing core barriers like housing, transportation, and basic needs so students can stay in school and thrive. Programs include financial assistance, a basic needs "mini mall", transportation support, and referrals to healthcare, counseling, and job opportunities.

"Receiving recognition from CFSA – a cornerstone of our Tucson nonprofit community – draws even more attention not only to YOTO's work, but to the issues and challenges facing youth today."
— Elizabeth Slater of Youth On Their Own

The organization extends its impact beyond its direct services through a focus on advocacy that aims to raise awareness and amplify the voices of its youth. Their advocacy work aims to share the perspectives of program participants with those who can create lasting, systemic change toward the issues they face. In their effort to address the barriers that prevent local youth from achieving their educational goals, YOTO ensures that they can dream beyond their challenges and pour back into the community around them.



YOUTH ON THEIR OWN

Financial Highlights

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Investment Performance

Endowment Pool as of June 30, 2025 per draft audited financials.

1-year	12.4%
3-year	10.4%
5-year	8.2%

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2025 per draft audited financials.

Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$17,470,806
Investments	\$197,791,222
Unconditional Promises to Give, Net	\$1,800
Contributions Receivable	\$674,266
Property and Equipment, Net	\$5,096,575
Other Receivables and Other Assets	\$2,194,797
Total Assets	\$223,229,466

Liabilities

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$309,195
Grants and Distributions Payable	\$1,500,995
Designated Obligations	\$586,279
Due To Other Agencies	\$8,957,644
Notes Payable	\$2,226,218
Total Liabilities	\$13,580,331

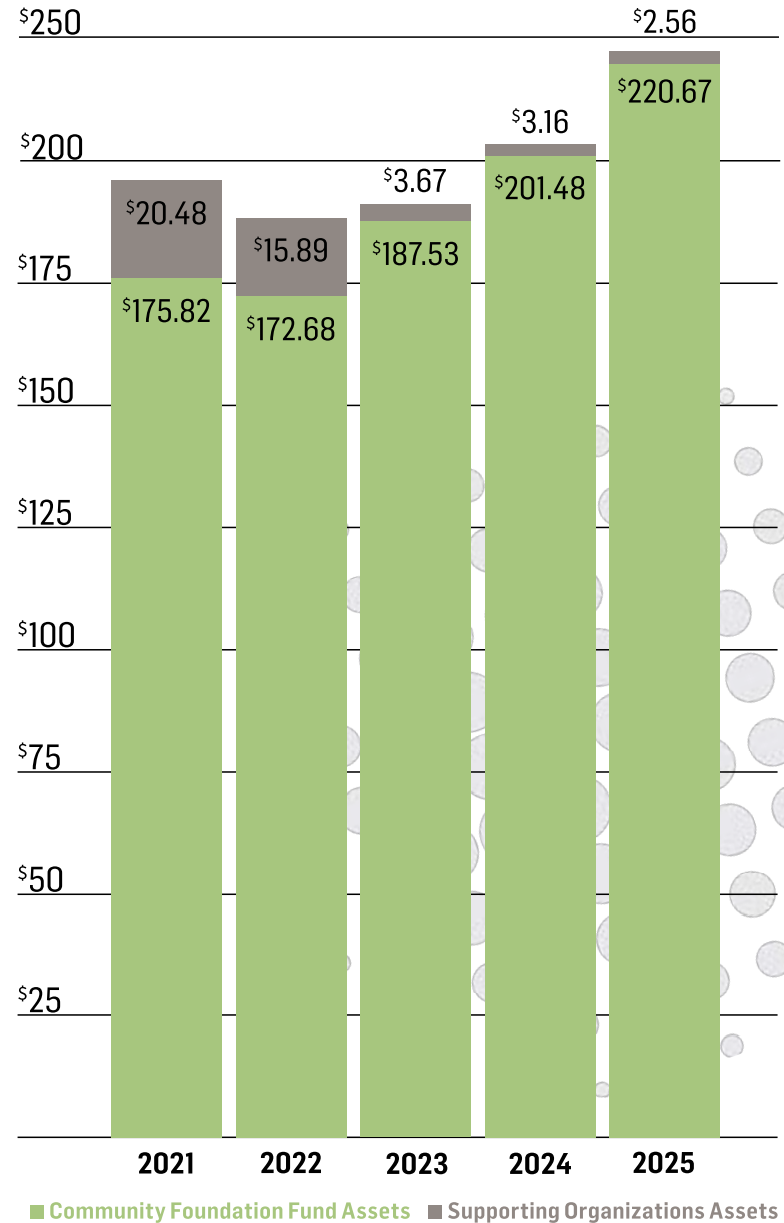
Net Assets

Without Donor Restriction	\$94,954,711
With Donor Restriction	\$114,694,424
Total Net Assets	\$209,649,135

Total Liabilities and Net Assets **\$223,229,466**

Assets in Millions

As of June 30, 2025 per draft audited financials.



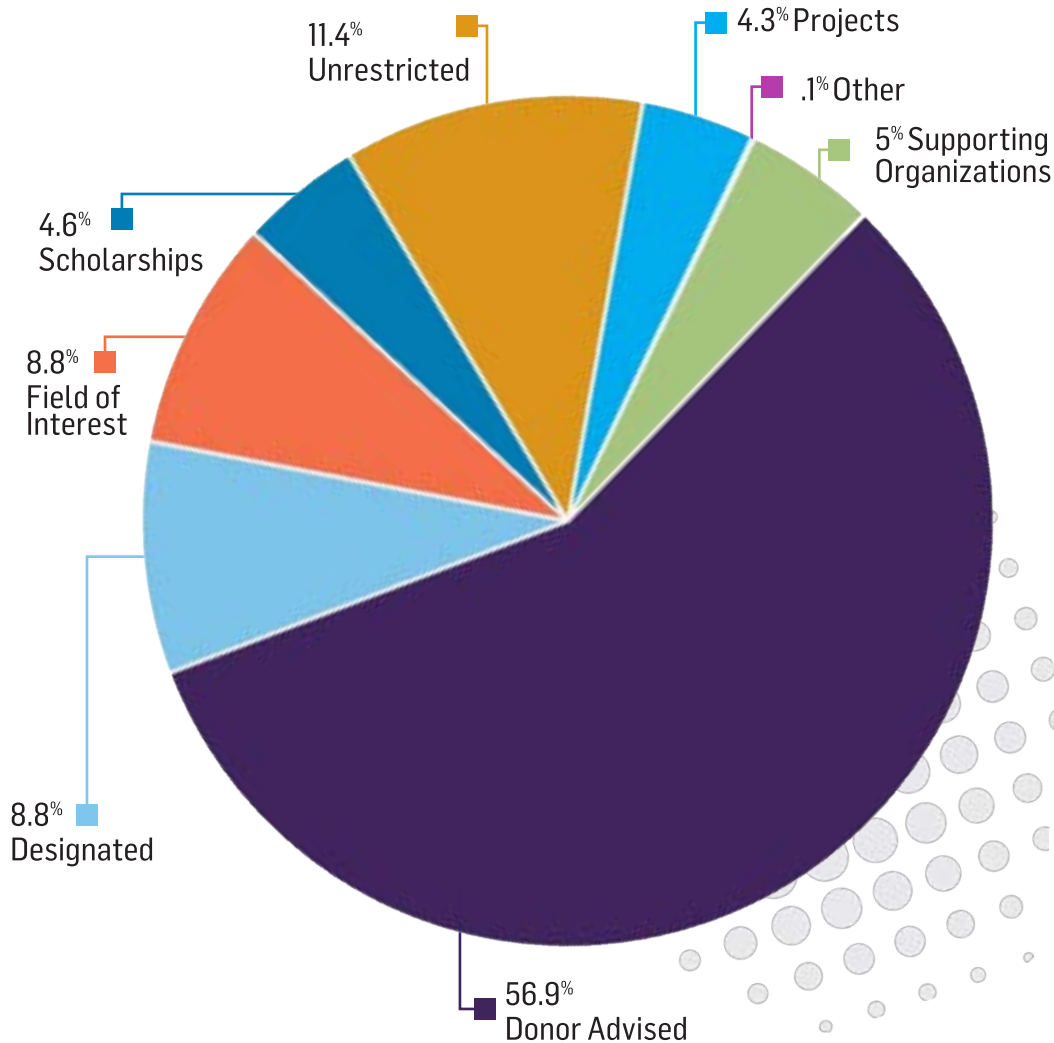
*For CFSA's approved audited financials, visit cfsaz.org/financials.

Community Investments

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Grant Distributions

By Fund Type



Gifts
\$14,163,811

Grants
\$12,781,970

Scholarships
\$627,687

Corporate Scholarships \$310,473
General Scholarships \$104,500
Criteria-Specific Scholarships \$212,714

Awards
\$14,000

Excellence Educator Award \$1,000
Student Integrity Prize \$1,000
Igor Gorin Memorial Award \$12,000



Our Initiatives



The **African American Legacy Fund** (AALF) works to improve the quality of life for African Americans in Southern Arizona by promoting philanthropy and collaboration. Established in 2013, AALF supports a more equitable and vibrant region by supporting innovative nonprofit programs, investing in Black and African American leadership, and championing Black-led organizations. Learn more at cfsaz.org/aalf.

The **Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Fund** (APIDA) strengthens and uplifts APIDA communities across Southern Arizona. The fund supports engagement, collaboration, and education to combat anti-Asian hate and harmful legislation, while addressing community health needs and creating spaces to celebrate APIDA heritage. Learn more at cfsaz.org/apida.

The **Center for Healthy Nonprofits** strengthens the Southern Arizona nonprofit community by offering free and reduced-cost capacity-building workshops and training for nonprofit professionals and volunteers. Work in the nonprofit sector presents unique challenges, often stemming from too few resources. The Center works to fill that resource gap and maximize the impact of every nonprofit. Learn more at cfsaz.org/center.

The **Community Foundation Campus** opened in January 2019 as a shared space designed to strengthen Southern Arizona's nonprofit community through collaboration and connection. The Campus offers nonprofit offices, suites, coworking, and meeting spaces that foster partnership and shared learning. Learn more at cfsaz.org/campus.



The **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer (LGBTQ+) Alliance Fund** fosters charitable giving to support programs benefiting Southern Arizona's LGBTQ+ community. Founded in 1999, the fund connects donors with impactful projects through annual grants and endowment building. Learn more at cfsaz.org/alliancefund.

The **Local News Initiative of Southern Arizona** strengthens local news and information to fill critical gaps in our community. It raises awareness about the impact of losing local news and builds philanthropic support to fund local solutions. The Initiative also hosts Press Forward Southern Arizona, part of a national network expanding resources for local journalism. Learn more at cfsaz.org/localnewsinitiative.

The **Nonprofit Solar Project**, launched in 2022, helps local nonprofits meet their energy needs through solar power. Seeded by an anonymous donor, this project is further supported by TEP and others who give to the Environmental Sustainability Impact Fund. Learn more at cfsaz.org/solar.

The **Solutions-Focused Book Club** brings people together to connect, learn, and take action for a better Southern Arizona through shared reading and conversation. Hosted in partnership with Tucson Tome Gnome and Tucson Spotlight, CFSA is proud to create a space where community members can exchange ideas, find inspiration, and build momentum for positive change. Learn more at cfsaz.org/bookclub.

Our Services

Individuals and Families

CFSA provides personalized service to individuals and families to help identify and actualize your philanthropic goals. We learn about your interests and recommend a combination of giving vehicles to best achieve those goals.

Private Foundations

While establishing a private foundation remains an upfront tax-advantaged solution, some philanthropists find that they can achieve the same lasting impact by opening a donor advised fund with CFSA, while avoiding the burdensome reporting requirements and potential taxes.

Professional Advisors

Individuals rely on professional advisors — attorneys, financial planners, CPAs, trust officers, investment advisors, and insurance agents — to guide them in the process of making decisions about their financial and estate plans. CFSA partners with professional advisors to help establish giving options that maximize their clients' tax benefits and ensure their philanthropic intent is honored.

Southern Arizona Businesses

CFSA offers expertise and administrative support to large and small corporations and businesses to efficiently contribute to the community.

Southern Arizona Nonprofit Organizations

In addition to the financial support provided to nonprofits through donor advised grants and competitive grantmaking, CFSA also supports local nonprofits beyond the check with capacity-building and technical assistance through its Center for Healthy Nonprofits.

The Center's training programs include a variety of workshops, roundtables, and seminars featuring both "hot topics" and essential nonprofit management and leadership curricula. By tapping into the rich resources of the regional nonprofit consulting community and nationally recognized experts, the Center offers nonprofits of all sizes valuable guidance and skill development.

CFSA also provides endowment management services for nonprofits ready to engage in endowment building to provide financial support to their organization in perpetuity.

Geographic Affiliates

Santa Cruz Community Foundation (SCCF) is a permanent charitable resource founded in 2001 by area residents to empower their community to invest in itself. SCCF assists Santa Cruz County to prepare for the future by strengthening the community through scholarships and grants to local nonprofit organizations. Learn more at cfsaz.org/santacruz.

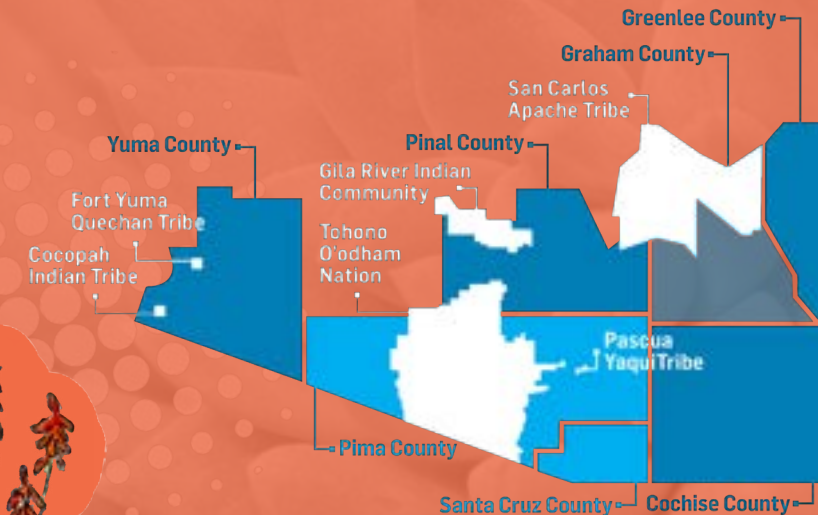




Investing in Southern Arizona

The Community Foundation for Southern Arizona (CFSA) has been dedicated to making Southern Arizona a better place for all since 1980. As the region's largest grantmaker, CFSA serves Pima and Santa Cruz counties while supporting a broader seven-county region—including Cochise, Yuma, Graham, Greenlee, and Pinal counties—as well as six tribal nations: Cocopah, Fort Yuma Quechan, Gila River, Pascua Yaqui, San Carlos Apache, and Tohono O'odham.

CFSA connects donors to the causes they care about, serving as a vital link between philanthropy and the community's evolving needs. By bringing together individuals, families, businesses, and nonprofits, CFSA creates lasting solutions to the region's challenges, ensuring that investments are driven by those who best understand the needs of our communities.



Leadership and Staff

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