

Our Environment, Our Home.

The health of our environment shapes daily life in ways we can see and feel. Across our region, hotter days stretch longer, water resources face growing strain, and rapid growth puts pressure on the land, air, and natural spaces our communities depend on.

These challenges are real, and so are the solutions. Local nonprofits are protecting our water, restoring our land, engaging youth in hands-on environmental leadership, and caring for animals that are part of a healthy ecosystem and community.

Support emerging and promising nonprofits by investing in cleaner air, safer water, and a stronger, more resilient Earth for all.



ActivateSA

San Antonio • activatesa.org • EIN: 86-1599046

Support improves transportation infrastructure and helps turn priorities into policy. This work advances equitable, climate-smart solutions that deliver safer streets, trails, cleaner air, conserved land, and better access for all San Antonians.



Arboretum San Antonio

San Antonio • arboretumsa.org • EIN: 87-3625684

Support accelerates the development of a world-class arboretum, expanding green space, native plant conservation, and environmental education for thousands of visitors each year in a rapidly growing urban region.



Bexar Branches Alliance

San Antonio • bexarbranches.org • EIN: 87-1957313

Funding helps improve community health by engaging youth in planting and preserving trees that reduce extreme heat, improve air quality, and strengthen neighborhood resilience across South Central Texas through equitable urban forestry programs.

RAPID GROWTH

is increasing demand on land, transportation, and natural resources in South Texas.

The area is preparing for

1M

additional residents

and

2x

its existing developed land footprint

by 2040.



The Impact Guild Climate Ready Neighborhoods Program

San Antonio • theimpactguild.com/climate-ready
EIN: 81-4523471

Additional investment equips frontline neighborhoods with climate resilience strategies, helping residents prepare for extreme heat, flooding, and other climate risks through community-led planning and action.



Green Spaces Alliance

South Texas • greensatx.org • EIN: 74-2884531

Support protects and stewards thousands of acres of natural and agricultural land, cultivates community gardens and urban forests, and expands education programs that connect people to nature to promote vibrant, healthy communities.



Headwaters at the Comal

New Braunfels • headwatersatthecomal.com • EIN: 82-2200071

Funding preserves and activates a critical ecological and cultural site, expanding access to environmental education and protecting the headwaters that sustain the Comal River and downstream ecosystems.

Protecting what protects us means ensuring our neighborhoods, green spaces, and waterways can thrive for generations.



Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance

Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Atascosa, and Medina Counties
aquiferalliance.org • EIN: 25-1907558

Additional funding strengthens advocacy and policy efforts to protect the Edwards Aquifer, safeguarding the primary drinking water source for more than two million people across the region.



River Aid San Antonio

Bexar, Medina, and Wilson Counties • riveraidsanantonio.org
EIN: 87-2119590

Support expands river and creek cleanups and restoration efforts, removing 50+ tons of debris annually since 2021 while mobilizing volunteers to protect waterways that are vital to both community health and local ecosystems.

AIR QUALITY

continues to decline as energy use increases.

The SA-New Braunfels metro area ranked

20th worst
in the U.S.

for ozone pollution in 2025.

Energy consumption accounts for

80%

of greenhouse gas emissions

in the region.

CLIMATE PRESSURES

are increasing the frequency and severity of natural hazards.

Of buildings in the area, approximately

74%

are at risk of wildfire

and

19%

are at risk of flooding.



San Antonio Parks Foundation

San Antonio • saparks.org • EIN: 74-2167369

Funding enhances and activates public parks through improvements, programming, and conservation efforts that increase access to safe, welcoming green spaces for families across the city.



San Antonio Pets Alive!

San Antonio • sanantoniopetsalive.org • EIN: 45-4141531

Support strengthens community-based programs that keep pets with their families and out of overburdened systems, helping create safer, more walkable neighborhoods and healthier environments for people and animals alike.



Texas Tribal Buffalo Project

Floresville • texastribalbuffaloproject.org • EIN: 85-3887724

Funding advances land restoration and cultural revitalization by supporting the return of buffalo to Tribal lands. The project improves biodiversity while reconnecting communities to heritage, food systems, and ecological stewardship.

RISK IS RISING

as temperatures climb and drought persists.

By 2050, San Antonio could see

47

days each year above 100.8°F.

up from 7 days in 1990

Since 2000, the Upper San Antonio watershed has experienced drought conditions in

63%

of weeks.

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO INVEST IN OUR ENVIRONMENT

Volunteer with these nonprofits. Your time and energy will help sustain meaningful impact.

Share this Giving Guide with a friend or family member. They can help us care for the environment we call home.

Contact our Philanthropic Advisors for customized recommendations at donorservices@saafdn.org.

Protect what protects us. Give where nature grows.

Your gift or grant today will help protect the land, water, and natural spaces that sustain families and communities across our region.



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