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TCCEED awarded grant from Truist Foundation



TCCEED program participant Leo Mulligan works with UES at a May 29, 2026 Hard Hat Hustle event at Project LIFT in Fort Pierce. Photo by Anita Fischer

Port St. Lucie/July 1, 2026 – Truist Foundation has awarded the Treasure Coast Center for Economic and Educational Development (TCCEED) a grant to expand its existing workforce training, employer partnership and coordinated systems programs.

TCCEED was awarded a \$100,000 grant for building career pathways to economic mobility. Truist Foundation awards grants during three windows each year and focus on two pillars, building career pathways to economic mobility and strengthening small businesses.

“At Truist, our purpose is to inspire and build better lives and communities, and that purpose comes to life through partnerships like this,” said Steven Rivera, Truist market president. “We’re proud to be part of an effort that creates lasting impact for both individuals and the communities they serve.”

This grant will support the expansion of adult workforce pathways through industry-recognized certification training aligned with immediate hiring needs across the region. It will specifically allow TCCEED to help about 100 participants obtain credentials such as OSHA 10 and Forklift Certification and then connect them to employment opportunities.

"We are incredibly honored and grateful to Truist Foundation for believing in TCCEED's mission and investing in the future of our workforce," said TCCEED Executive Director Anita Fischer. "This transformational grant will allow us to expand access to industry-recognized certifications while connecting approximately 100 adults to meaningful career opportunities with our network of employer partners. At TCCEED, we know that workforce development is economic development. Every individual we help earn a credential and secure a quality local job strengthens our businesses, our families, and the future of the Treasure Coast. We are proud to partner with Truist Foundation to create lasting opportunities for our community."

TCCEED's mission includes a focus on connecting adult learners across the Treasure Coast to industry-recognized training and employment opportunities that lead to stable, higher-wage careers. A 501(c)3 nonprofit, it was created in 2025 by the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County St. Lucie County (EDC) to build a modern, job-ready talent pipeline while strengthening access to sustainable, locally based careers.

TCCEED acts as a workforce intermediary, alongside partners that include Project LIFT, Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County, United Way of St. Lucie County, United Against Poverty, Florida Training Services and more. In addition to providing workforce training, TCCEED helps connect Treasure Coast residents with its network of more than 100 partner employers across high-demand industries including manufacturing, healthcare, construction and logistics.

"We are truly so grateful to Truist Foundation for this investment in TCCEED's mission. Their support through this grant strengthens our ability to work alongside our partners, including other nonprofits and our employer network, to open doors for more residents of the Treasure Coast seeking stable, quality jobs and careers. The estimated 100 individuals who will benefit directly from this grant represent just the beginning," TCCEED Board Chair Azlina Goldstein said. "I cannot wait to see the positive long-term

impacts that this grant will have on the jobseekers, their families, the employers, the communities we call home, and Treasure Coast region as a whole.”

About TCCEED

The Treasure Coast Center for Economic and Educational Development is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization that connects the region’s businesses, educators and workforce leaders to build a stronger, more competitive talent pipeline in St. Lucie County and beyond. TCCEED helps align education with community needs, helping businesses grow while providing career opportunities for individuals. Contact TCCEED at 772.324.2014 ext. 204 or visit www.tceed.org.

About the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County

The Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting economic vitality in St. Lucie County through the attraction, retention and expansion of businesses in the community. The EDC works in partnership with local governments and the private sector to advance its goals of creating more and better-paying jobs for residents, broadening the tax base and improving St. Lucie County’s economic quality of life. Contact the EDC at 772.324.2014, contact@youredc.com or www.youredc.com.

About Truist Foundation

Truist Foundation is committed to Truist Financial Corporation's (NYSE: TFC) purpose to inspire and build better lives and communities. The Foundation, an endowed private foundation established in 2020 whose operating budget is independent of Truist Financial Corporation, makes strategic investments in a wide variety of nonprofit organizations centered around two focus areas: building career pathways to economic mobility and strengthening small businesses to ensure all communities have an equal opportunity to thrive. Embodying these focus areas are the Foundation's leading initiatives—the Inspire Awards and Where It Starts. Learn more at TruistFoundation.org.