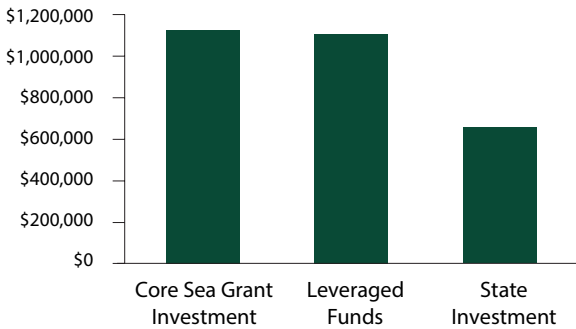


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\$2,271,354 in leveraged funds
= 338% return on state's investment



Economic Opportunity

- **\$2.3 million** economic benefit
- **9** coastal businesses created or sustained
- **28** jobs created or sustained
- **137%** increase of maricultured oyster harvest, from \$272,440 in 2017 to \$645,423 in 2018



Coastal Resilience

- **4** trainings to improve coastal community resilience
- **9** communities implemented sustainable development practices and plans



Education & Workforce Development

- **15,950** K-12 students reached
- **241** teachers trained and 21 of 46 counties engaged
- **34** graduate students and fellows supported
- **4** undergraduate students supported

Volunteer Stewardship

- **3,784** volunteer hours completed
- **\$93,427** value of volunteer time
- **399** acres of beach habitat enhanced

