The S.C. Sea Grant Consortium, an independent state agency, is a federal-state partnership which supports integrated research, extension, and education programs to achieve its mission. One of 34 university-based programs located across the United States, Consortium efforts provide for future economic opportunities, improve the social well-being of citizens, and ensure wise use and development of marine and coastal natural resources.

$3,671,886 in non-state funds  
= 569% return on state’s investment

**Economic Opportunity**
- $9,629,613 economic benefit
- 14 coastal businesses created or sustained
- 170 jobs created or sustained
- 236 attendees trained by the Calling the Coast Home Realtor Training Program received 472 continuing education credits across 7 sessions, providing an economic benefit of $16,407.

**Coastal Resilience**
- 79 trainings to improve coastal community resilience
- 5 communities implemented sustainable development practices and plans

**Education & Workforce Development**
- 10,768 P-12 students reached
- 427 teachers trained and 13 of 46 counties engaged
- 26 graduate students and fellows supported
- 18 undergraduate students supported

**Volunteer Stewardship**
- 5,142 volunteer hours completed
- $28.54/hr for volunteers
- $160,538 value of volunteer time