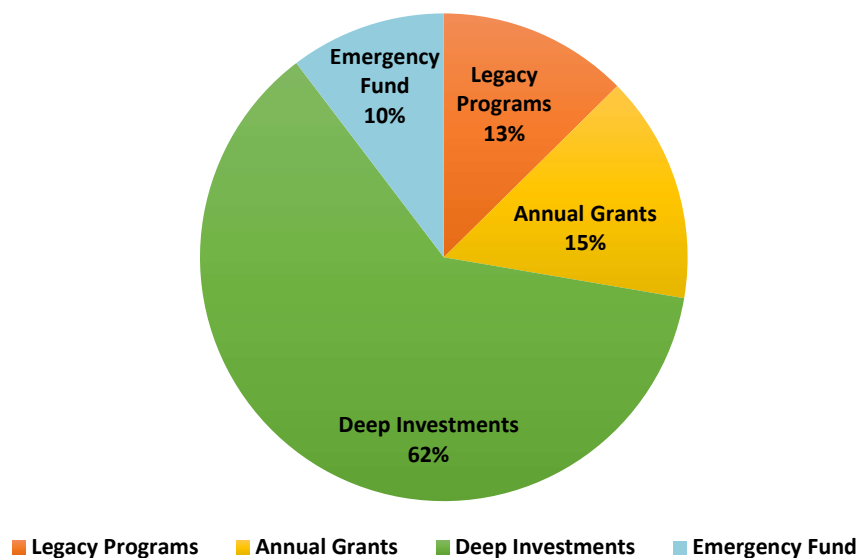


## Community Investment Fund Update (Non-County Contributions)

In November 2023, the Board of Supervisors conducted a three-year review of the \$2 million Community Investment Fund (CIF), which supports top human service needs in the county. The review reaffirmed the existing priority areas and recommended adjustments to the funding allocations across the grant categories. FY2025/26 is the second year of funding under this updated cycle. Additionally, the Board approved the creation of an Emergency Fund to provide one-time support for agencies addressing urgent needs within the County's priority areas. The CIF has since grown to \$2.3 million and now supports a four-pronged approach to community investment:

### FY2025/26 Community Investment Fund



Since the approval of the CIF, staff have been implementing the CIF on behalf of the Board. An update on each of these program categories is as follows:

**Legacy Programs:** Of the various programs previously authorized by the Board, there are 5 programs that originated with or were initially brought forward by a Board of Supervisor member. These 5 Legacy Programs total \$305,291 for FY2025/26 and address a variety of community needs.

Agency		Purpose	FY2024/25 Amount
1	CASA	Children's advocates	\$130,325
2	Superior Court	Collaborative court case manager	86,966
3	Children's Network	Children's Alliance – Child Abuse Prevention Council	30,000
4	North-Bay Stand-Down	Veteran connect to programs and services	8,000
5	Food Bank CC/Solano	Food and nutrition services	50,000
Grand Total:			\$305,291

**One-Time Programs:** The one-time programs are provided through annual grants and are designated to address any of the top 6 needs in the county:

1. Mental Health
2. Housing
3. Homelessness
4. Early Education
5. Youth Development
6. Safe and stable environments for children

These one-time programs are secured annually through Request for Proposal solicitation process. A total of 23 agencies came to the mandatory bidders' conference, and the County received 20 applications. A review panel scored and ranked the proposals and recommendations were approved by the Board on June 3, 2025, for a July 1 start date.

Those programs are as follows:

	Agency	Purpose	Need	FY2024/25 Amount
1	Crescent Moon	Mental health awareness and stress reduction for Solano County Residents	Mental Health	\$25,000
2	Bay Area Community Resources	Diaper Bank Program for families in need	Safe and stable environments for children	\$16,237
3	Parents by Choice	Triple P Parent Education	Mental Health	\$75,000
4	Touro University	Mental health awareness and stress reduction for Youth	Mental Health	\$75,000
5	Food is Free Bay Area	Alleviate food insecurity for vulnerable populations	Safe and stable environments for Solano County Residents	\$75,000
6	Rio Vista CARE	Increase mental health access and supports for fathers and families	Mental Health	\$75,000
		Grand Total:		\$341,237

**Deep Programs:** The Board designated the majority of its approximately \$2 million to address the top 3 needs in the county:

#### **Mental Health**

Mental Health was ranked the highest need in Solano County. Local experts shared that Solano County should clarify the existing System of Care and access points for mental health services and then widely share that information via a community engagement campaign.

Behavioral Health System of Care Mapping and Connection: SolanoConnex continues to play a vital role in enhancing access to mental and behavioral health resources in Solano County. Through their web-based platform, SolanoConnex has connected over 4,500 residents to local mental and behavioral health services in FY2024/25. Trained navigators offer personalized support, ensuring individuals receive appropriate referrals and follow-up care, with 100% of users reporting positive interactions. The program also includes in-person outreach, with mental health navigators making 48 visits to various community spaces and reaching more than 1,000 people through events and navigator activities. Additionally, SolanoConnex has released 17 mental health-focused podcast episodes to increase community awareness and engagement regarding emotional well-being.

Capacity-building remains a key focus, with SolanoConnex offering Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) and Be Sensitive, Be Brave (BSBB) trainings across the county. To date, 24 individuals have completed MHFA and over 330 have participated in BSBB, with most participants reporting increased confidence in recognizing and responding to mental health concerns. The program has also supported a community-based fellowship, where participants develop and implement action plans to address behavioral health needs in their own communities. While some evaluation metrics are still in progress, including the randomized control trial and key informant interviews, SolanoConnex is expected to meet or exceed many of its annual goals for FY2024/25.

**Housing**

Housing was ranked the second highest need by the community. While there are many aspects to “housing,” housing affordability for lower income residents who are spending the majority of their income on housing was the priority. The Board expressed interest in addressing affordable housing as it relates to reducing homelessness.

Housing Trust Fund: For FY2025/26, the CIF is contributing \$200,000 as the required local match to the Housing Trust Fund (County Housing - Fund 323).

**Homelessness**

Homelessness was ranked the third highest need in Solano County. Experts cited the lack of coordination efforts and resources between entities trying to address homelessness, as well as the lack of provider/community understanding of how to respond to persons who are homeless/at risk of homelessness.

United Way California Capital Region (UWCCR) is leading homelessness prevention efforts in Solano County through a combination of direct client support and systems coordination. All eligible staff and navigators have completed specialized training facilitated by All Home and Bay Area Community Services. UWCCR has made strong progress in reaching households at risk of homelessness by conducting intake assessments, providing flexible financial assistance, and offering housing stabilization support to 245 households. These efforts help prevent housing loss and promote long-term stability for individuals and families.

Agency		Purpose	FY2024/25 Amount
1	Touro University	Mapping the Mental Health System of Care	\$600,000
2	Solano County	Housing Trust Fund	200,000
3	United Way Capital Region	Homelessness Prevention	700,000
Grand Total:			\$1,500,000

**Other Non-County Contributions:**

The following table provides a summary of the non-county contributions in the FY2025/26 Recommended Budget which are outside of the CIF.

The FY2025/26 Recommended Budget includes the following Contributions to Non-County Agencies. The Total Appropriations across all County operating funds is \$1,299,126.						
Dept	Description	FY2024/25 WB Working Budget	FY2024/25 General Fund Share	FY2025/26 Recommended Budget	FY2025/26 General Fund Share	Purpose
1001	BOS-DISTRICT 1	30,000	30,000	15,000	15,000	To Be Determined
1002	BOS-DISTRICT 2	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	To Be Determined
1003	BOS-DISTRICT 3	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	To Be Determined
1004	BOS-DISTRICT 4	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	To Be Determined
1005	BOS-DISTRICT 5	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	To Be Determined
1008	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADMIN	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	Contribution to City of Fairfield for Travis Community Consortium, for representation by a Washington-based advocacy firm to look after issues affecting Travis AFB.
1101	GENERAL REVENUE	50,000	0	50,000	0	.33 Revenue for Solano County Fair.
1450	DELTA WATER ACTIVITIES	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	Solano Water Authority Administration - Anticipated contribution for County's share of Solano Water Authority administrative costs per Resolution No. 2005-079.
1903	CONTRIBUTION- TRIAL COURTS	130,325	130,325	130,325	130,325	Contribution to Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
1903	GENERAL EXPENDITURES	96,524	96,524	117,503	117,503	To fund the new staffing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Community Action Partnership (CAP) Solano.

Dept	Description	FY2024/25 WB Working Budget	FY2024/25 General Fund Share	FY2025/26 Recommended Budget	FY2025/26 General Fund Share	Purpose
1903	GENERAL EXPENDITURES	189,188	189,188	141,510	141,510	Contributions to Solano County Superior Court for a Legal Process Clerk II (\$112,095), and 1/3 FTE Case Manager for the Veterans Court (\$29,415).
2532	CA WILDFIRE MITIGATION GRANTS	185,000	0	130,000	0	Contribution to Montezuma, Suisun, and Vacaville Fire Protection Districts for a on-year wildfire prevention program.
2539	2023 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM	25,000	0	0	0	2023 HSGP -Grant funded purchases
2539	2024 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM	77,774	0	77,774	0	2024 HSGP -Grant funded purchases
2910	LAND USE ADMINISTRATION	55,000	55,000	25,000	25,000	Payment to the City of Fairfield for the County's contribution to the Tri-City Cooperative Planning Area per the Memorandum of Understanding and contribution to STA for the regional Housing Element update.
2950	FISH & WILDLIFE FUND	10,000	0	10,000	0	Grants to local agencies for the improvement of wildlife habitat and propagation, environmental education and wildlife rescue.
4052	VEHICLE THEFT INVES/RECOVERY	36,000	0	36,000	0	Contribution to California Highway Patrol for vehicle theft investigations and recovery assistance.
6550	OES (OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SVCS)	100,000	0	100,000	0	Contribution to Solano County Interagency Hazardous Materials Team (SCIHMT).
6901	CCP PLANNING	192,972	0	195,928	0	Funding for the Superior Court to fund Collaborative Court manager position.
6901	CCP PLANNING	24,126	0	24,135	0	Contribution to the Superior Court to fund 1/3 of a 0.5 FTE Veterans Court Case Manager funded with 2011 Realignment, balance funded with 1991 Realignment through H&SS and General Fund.
7501	SPECIAL COSTS	137,579	137,579	137,579	137,579	To provide funding to CAP Solano for Coordinated Entry (\$79,579), a \$50,000 contribution to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano County, and a \$8,000 contribution for North Bay Stand-down.
7780	CONREP PROGRAM	15,603	0	21,872	0	Contribution to the Superior Court to fund 1/3 of a 0.5 FTE Veterans Court Case Manager funded with 1991 Realignment: balance of position funded with County General Fund and 2011 Realignment.