



Community Investment Fund

Homelessness Innovation Grants Funding Recommendations

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Today's Presentation

- Review process that resulted in the Community Investment Fund (CIF)
- Review community priorities
- Consider homelessness innovation grants funding recommendations
- Review remaining implementation activities for CIF



Background – CIF Planning Process

"[We should be] investing where it matters most."

"We keep spending money, but I am not seeing results. What are we getting for our investment?"

"Who can tell me if we are duplicating services?"

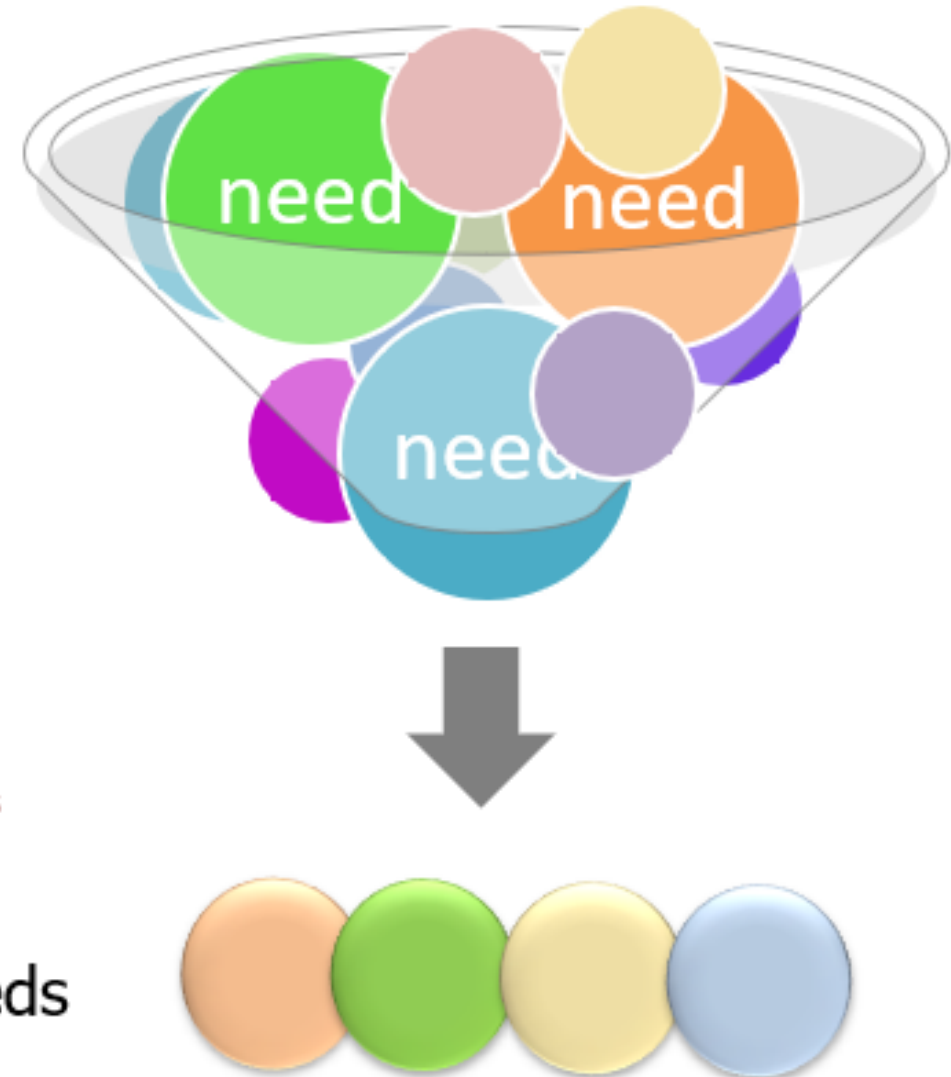
Identify Needs

- Existing reports
- Community data
- Interviews
- Surveys

Apply Criteria

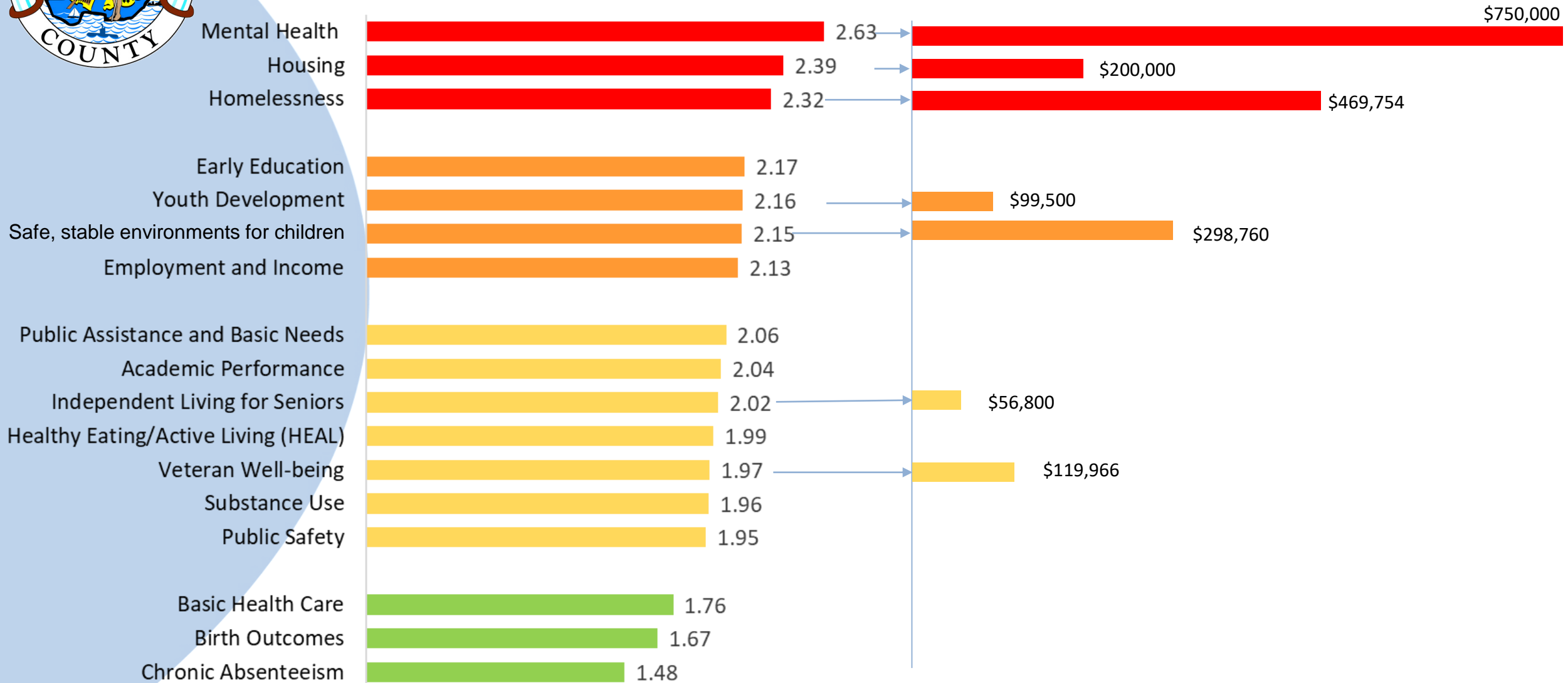
- Magnitude
- Direct impact
- Early intervention
- Leveraging opportunities
- Stakeholder priority

Select Priority Needs





HSNA Top Needs vs. Post-2020+ Funding



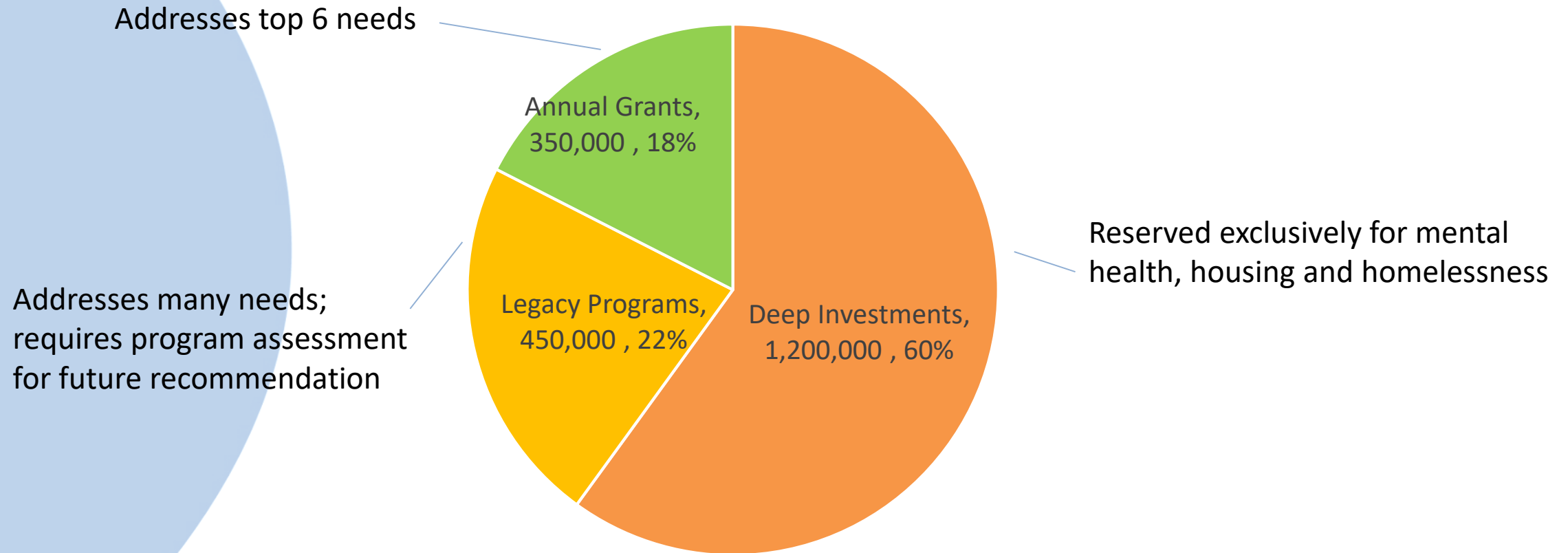


Three-pronged Community Investment Fund

<div>\$2,000,000</div> <div>Community Investment Fund</div> <div>(formerly non-county contributions)</div>		
<div>Legacy Programs</div> <div>\$450,000 Annually</div> <div>3-year commitment</div> <div>Addresses many needs</div>	<div>Deep Programming</div> <div>\$1,300,000 Annually</div> <div>3-year commitment</div> <div>Addresses top 3 needs</div>	<div>One-Time Programs</div> <div>\$250,000 Annually</div> <div>1-year commitment</div> <div>Addresses top 6 needs</div>

Community Investment Fund Overview

Community Investment Fund 2020



Note: year 1 deep investments were reduced by \$100,000 and annual grants were increased by \$100,000, due to delays in implementation related to COVID-19



Outcomes Framework: Homelessness

Community Goal: Reduce homelessness

Gap/problem to be addressed	Potential Program Strategies	Partners	Program Outcome Indicators
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of coordination of efforts and resources between entities trying to address homelessness• Lack of provider and community understanding of how to respond/refer persons who are homeless or at risk of being homeless	<p>Strengthen capacity to address homelessness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Hire homelessness expert to clarify System of Care and maximize coordination efforts between county, cities, and CAP Solano JPAb. Contract an entity to seek funding, distribute funding, administer grants, and ensure compliance and renewalc. Continue to provide technical assistance to providers to increase the quality of care and coordination of care	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cities• CAP Solano JPA• Housing First Solano• County Behavioral Health• Shelters• Health Care Providers• Workforce Development• Housing & Supportive Service Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homelessness expert hired• Fund development entity contracted• Increased amount of funding acquired• Percent of grants renewed• Increased calls to the Coordinated Entry system• Increased number of clients served by the Coordinated Entry system



Request for Proposals #2020-03

Goal: Strengthen Capacity of Solano County to address Unsheltered Homelessness

Requirements:

1. Must provide temporary housing, permanent housing, *and/or* services for unsheltered or people placed in temporary or permanent housing
2. Must use a Housing First approach
3. Must participate in regional coordination efforts, including:
 - Receive all referrals from Resource Connect Solano
 - Must participate in the local Continuum of Care (CoC), Housing First Solano
 - Housing provider proposals must track project data and services through the local Homeless Management Information System



Proposal 1: Rapid Rehousing Program

- 1. Rapid Rehousing program** with Volunteers of America for up to \$710,000 over 3 years for 20 clients per year
- Outreach and Intake: Intake 20 individuals into the program annually.
 - Housing Search and Placement: Locate suitable housing based on client's income, needs and preferences.
 - Exits to Permanent Housing: Clients will receive Case Management services to help them live independently and maintain payment of rent and other housing costs on their own.



Proposal 2: Temporary Shelter Program

2. Temporary Shelter program with SHELTER Solano for up to \$708,323 over 3 years for 24 clients per year

- Provide clean and safe shelter accommodations of 8 shelter beds for 2,920 service days/bed nights
- Provide flexible, client-centered case management and link participants to external services, resources, and mainstream benefits.
- Provide housing location and retention services.
- Recommended contract negotiation considerations
 - Exclude certain line items in the budget
 - Use contract as a launching point better integration of resources in Solano County.



Homelessness Funding Recommendations

	Strategy	Agency	Annual Recommended Amount	Total for 2 years, 11 months
1	Strengthen capacity to address homelessness – Rapid Rehousing Program	Volunteers of America	250,000	\$710,000
2	Strengthen capacity to address homelessness – Temporary Shelter Program	SHELTER Solano	250,000	\$708,323
		Grand Total:		\$1,418,323

Totals are slightly less because to the first year was shortened to 10 months due to COVID-19 related delays



Community Investment Fund Summary

Board Consideration	CIF Component	Date Begins	Year 1 Amount
Complete	Legacy Programs	July 1, 2020	\$450,000
Complete	Annual Grants	July 1, 2020	350,000
Complete	Mapping the Mental Health System of Care & Navigation	August 1, 2020	340,000
Complete	Mental Health First Aid Training	Aug 1, 2020	240,000
Today	Homelessness Innovation Ideas	Sept 1, 2020	420,000
Sept/Oct	Housing Affordability as it related to reducing homelessness	Oct 1, 2020	200,000
		Total:	\$2,000,000



Today's Considerations

- Consider approval of a recommendation to allocate up to \$710,000 to Volunteers of America-Northern California/Northern Nevada
- Consider approval of a recommendation to allocate up to \$708,232 to SHELTER Solano, Inc, over 3 years for the period of September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 from the Community Investment Fund, Deep Investments category, in Response to Request for Proposal #2020-03 – Homelessness Innovations