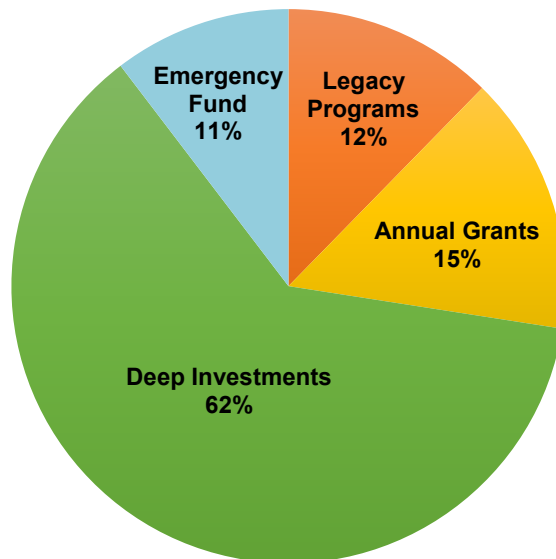


Community Investment Fund Update (Non-County Contributions)

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. FY2026/27 marks the third 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 supports a four-pronged approach to community investment:

FY2026/27 Community Investment Fund



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

Legacy Programs: There are four Legacy Programs continuing in FY2026/27 totaling \$297,291 which address a variety of community needs.

| | Agency | Purpose | FY2026/27 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 | Food Bank CC/Solano | Food and nutrition services | \$50,000 |
| Grand Total: | | | \$297,291 |

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 a Request for Proposal (RFP) solicitation process. A total of 95 individuals attended the mandatory bidders’ conference, and the County received 38 applications. Of those, 6 applications did not pass the initial screening process. The remaining 32 applications were reviewed and scored by the review panel for funding recommendations approved by the Board on June 9, 2026, for a July 1 start date.

Those programs are as follows:

| | Agency | Purpose | Need | FY2026/27 Amount |
|---------------------|--|--|---|------------------|
| 1 | Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano | Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano will deliver free, locally sourced fresh produce to 20 sites across Solano County, serving over 10,000 individuals monthly and increasing access to nutritious food while supporting local farmers. | Safe and Stable Environments for Children | \$75,000 |
| 2 | Planned Parenthood Northern California | Planned Parenthood Northern California will improve mental health outcomes through coordination between Community Health Workers and behavioral health services, providing early identification, counseling, and linkages to care for Solano County residents. | Mental Health | \$75,000 |
| 3 | Innovative Health Solutions | Innovative Health Solutions will implement the Grow and Glow: Perinatal Support Project to support vulnerable Black pregnant individuals and families experiencing housing insecurity through housing navigation, basic needs assistance, mental health support, fresh produce, and nutrition education. | Homelessness | \$65,000 |
| 4 | Food is Free Bay Area | Food is Free Bay Area will provide food and basic resources through distribution sites across Solano County and host quarterly Family Health Hub events connecting families to referrals, nutrition education, and community resources. | Safe and Stable Environments for Children | \$75,000 |
| 5 | Rio Vista Care | Rio Vista CARE will provide counseling and substance use support for uninsured and underserved youth and adults, case management and family resource services, and school-based mental health education focused on suicide awareness, anxiety, depression, and coping strategies. | Mental Health | \$75,000 |
| Grand Total: | | | | \$365,000 |

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: The SolanoConnex Program, operated by Touro University, continues to play a key role in expanding access to mental and behavioral health resources in Solano County through its web-based platform, outreach, navigation, and community engagement efforts. During the reporting period, the program generated 4,671 portal visits and reached 792 individuals through outreach and navigator activities, while maintaining 100% positive interaction and referral follow-up rates among community members engaging with navigators.

The program also continued its focus on behavioral health education and capacity-building by providing Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) and Be Sensitive, Be Brave (BSBB) training throughout the county. To date, 25 individuals completed MHFA training and 285 individuals participated in BSBB suicide prevention training. Additional accomplishments included launching mental health-focused podcast episodes, conducting community fellowship activities, supporting bilingual outreach efforts, verifying web-app resources, and recruiting 331 participants for the randomized control trial study. SolanoConnex continues to demonstrate strong progress toward improving behavioral health awareness, navigation, and access to care across Solano County. SolanoConnex is well on its way to meeting or exceeding many of its annual goals for FY2025/26.

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 FY2026/27, 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.

The Keep People Housed Program, operated by United Way California Capital Region (UWCCR), is leading homelessness prevention efforts in Solano County through a combination of direct client support and systems coordination. During the reporting period, the program received applications from 4,929 household and provided flexible financial assistance and housing stabilization support services to 853 households at risk of homelessness, helping prevent housing loss and support long-term housing stability.

In addition to the annual CIF allocation, Solano County will rollover funding from All Home totaling \$627,653 from FY2024/25 and FY2025/26 to continue homelessness prevention activities under the Keep People Housed Solano initiative. These funds support ongoing flexible financial assistance, housing stabilization services, coordinated intake and assessment activities, and system coordination efforts designed to prevent households from entering homelessness. The rollover funding provides continuity of services and allows the County and its partners to continue addressing increasing community needs related to housing instability and homelessness prevention.

The shift of \$627,653 in rollover funding from All Home (FY2024/25 and FY2025/26) increases the County's total homelessness prevention investment from \$700,000 to \$1,327,653 in FY2026/27. This expanded investment allows Solano County and its partners to sustain and strengthen homelessness prevention efforts, including flexible financial assistance, housing stabilization services, coordinated intake and assessment activities, and system coordination. By leveraging these rollover funds, the County can maintain service continuity, respond to increasing community demand, and help more households remain safely housed and avoid entering homelessness.

| | Agency | Purpose | FY2026/27 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 |
| 4 | United Way Capital Region | Homelessness Prevention Roll over All Home Funds | \$627,653 |
| Grand Total: | | | \$2,127,653 |