# Community Investment Fund Update (Non-County Contributions)

In June 2019, the Board of Supervisors established a Community Investment Fund (CIF) to address the top human service needs in the county. This CIF was the result of 3-phase assessment process that consisted of data gathering, key informant interviews, and a community survey. The CIF consists of \$2 million which funds a three-pronged approach to investing in the community:



Since the approval of the CIF, staff have been working to establish the infrastructure to implement the CIF. An update on each of these program categories is as follows:

<u>Legacy Programs</u>: Of all the various programs previously authorized by the Board of Supervisors, 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 FY2022/23 and address a variety of community needs.

Agency		Purpose	FY2022/23 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	

Program updates for several of these programs will be brought forward for Board consideration over this fiscal year.

<u>One-Time Programs</u>: 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 were solicited for via a Request for Proposal. A total of 37 agencies came to the mandatory bidders' conference, and the County received 13 applications. A review panel scored and ranked the proposals and recommendations were brought forward to the Board in May, for a July 1 start date. In addition to the \$250,000 the Board originally allocated for Annual Grants, the Board awarded an additional \$100,000 from savings in the Legacy Program category to fund 7 proposals for a total of \$350,000.

Those programs are as follows:

	Agency	Purpose	FY2022/23 Amount
1	On the Move	Youth drop-in center and transition to adulthood	\$50,000
2	La Clinica de la Raza	Increase access to mental health system	\$50,000
3	Napa Solano SANE SART	Housing for families who have experienced violence	\$50,000
4	Parents by Choice	Triple P Parent Education	\$50,000
5	Rio Vista CARE	Mental health services for uninsured residents	\$50,000
6	Parents by Choice	Triple P Parent Education	\$50,000
	Vacaville Solano Services Corporation	AfterReach case management for recently housed individuals to sustain their permanent housing	\$50,000
7	Kyle Hyland Foundation for Teen Support	Drop-in teen center for classes and mental health supports	\$50,000
		Grand Total:	\$350,000

The Board approved the awards of funding for these proposals and contract negotiations are currently underway, including clarification of deliverables and outcomes for each specific proposal. These programs are on track to begin July 1.

<u>Deep Programs</u>: The Board of Supervisors designated the bulk of its \$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. Secondly, Solano County should help to increase provider understanding of how to respond to residents with mental health needs; one way is by sharing the System of Care and another way is to train providers on Mental Health First Aid to better connect clients to mental health services.

Mental Health First Aid Training: Solano County has been providing Mental Health First Aid Training in Solano County for the last 2 fiscal years. Earlier this year, NACo and the National Council for Mental Wellbeing announced a new partnership to make Mental Health First Aid Training available to county employees. This new partnership will help enhance the county workforce's mental health and wellbeing, while reducing stigmas associated with mental health and substance use challenges. Since this resource will now be available to county employees at no cost, staff are working with staff with the SolanoConnex program at Touro University

to identify other training opportunities related to mental health that would help our residents know how to respond when confronted with individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.

Mental Health System of Care Mapping: Staff engaged with Touro University's Public Health Department to assist in the mapping of the mental health System of Care and community engagement campaign. Touro University spent the first year of their contract convening multiple stakeholders to provide input on the development of the structure and function of an application to connect community members with the appropriate point of engagement to access care. In November 2021, the application known as SolanoConnex and navigation services was launched providing any resident access to approximately 100 local mental and behavioral health resources. Since its launch, the webapp has been visited nearly 2,000 times.

## Housing

Housing was ranked the second highest need by the community of Solano County. 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.

<u>Low Income Housing Expansion</u>: For FY2020/21, the Board authorized \$200,000 to be allocated to Habitat for Humanity to develop a parcel in Fairfield to place 3 single-family homes on the site for low-income families. Habitat has been successful in utilizing the seed funds from the Community Investment Fund to garner other resources to complete the project. Habitat has begun flood mitigation on the property, as well as their search for partner low income families to purchase the houses.

Further allocations have not been identified. With the availability of funding available at the state and federal level, staff are waiting to identify gaps in funding in order to make the best use of these limited dollars.

#### 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.

<u>Rapid Rehousing</u>: Through a competitive solicitation, Volunteers of America (VOA) was identified to provide rapid rehousing services for individuals who recently became homeless. To date, VOA has assisted 34 clients with obtaining and maintaining permanent housing.

<u>Transitional Housing for Transition Age Youth</u>: Also, through a competitive solicitation, Vacaville Solano Services Corporation (VSSC) was identified to provide transitional housing services for transition-age youth. VSSC renovated a three-bedroom house in Vacaville which opened as a transition age youth shelter in February 2022.

	Agency	Purpose	FY2022/23 Amount
1	Touro University	Mapping the Mental Health System of Care	\$340,000
2	TBD	Mental Health Training	260,000
3	Volunteers of America	Subtotal Mental Health Services: Homeless Rapid Rehousing	600,000
4	Vacaville Solano Services Corporation	Transitional Housing for Transition-Age Youth	250,000
		Subtotal Homeless Services:	500,000
		Housing Affordability:	200,000
		Grand Total:	\$1,300,000

# **Other Non-County Contributions:**

The following table provides a summary of the non-county contributions in the FY2022/23 Recommended Budget which are outside of the Community Investment Fund.

The FY2022/23 Recommended Budget includes the following Contributions to Non-County Agencies.

	The Total Appropriations across all County operating funds is \$1,146,136.						
Dept	Key Desc	FY2021/22 WB Working Budget	FY2021/22 General Fund Share	FY2022/23 Recommended Budget	FY2022/23 General Fund Share	Purpose	
1001	BOS-DISTRICT 1	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	To Be Determined	
1002	BOS-DISTRICT 2	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	To Be Determined	
1003	BOS-DISTRICT 3	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	To Be Determined	
1004	BOS-DISTRICT 4	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	To Be Determined	
1005	BOS-DISTRICT 5	15,000	15,000	10,000	10,000	To Be Determined	
1008	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADMIN	30,000	30,000	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 Air Force Base.	
1101	GENERAL REVENUE	50,000	0	50,000	0	.33 Revenue for the Solano County Fair	
1450	DELTA WATER ACTIVITIES	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	Solano Water Authority Administration - Anticipated contribution for County's share of Solano Water Authority administrative costs per Board of Supervisor Resolution #2005-079.	
1903	GENERAL EXPENDITURES	140,448	140,448	140,448	140,448	Contributions to Solano County Superior Court for a Legal Process Clerk II (\$88,801), a 1/3 FTE Case Manager for the Veterans Court (\$20,541), and partial funding for the Collaborative Courts Manager (\$31,106).	
2539	2021 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM	101,500	0	101,500	0	2021 HSGP -Grant funded purchases	
2539	2020 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM	44,840	0	44,840	0	2020 HSGP -Grant funded purchases	
2539	2019 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM	68,255	0	0	0	2019 HSGP -Grant funded purchases	
2910	LAND USE ADMINISTRATION	145,000	145,000	130,000	130,000	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.	
2910	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERV	200,000	200,000	100,000	100,000	Contribution to City of Vallejo JPA to hire consultants to conduct studies on Lakes Water System. County share of cost is 50%.  Contribution to the Solano County Fair	
2910	INTEGRATED WASTE MGMT PLANNING	4,400	0	4,400	0	Association to the Solaho County Fair Association to provide transportation for the Youth Agricultural Day event related to recycling and composting education.	

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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)	278,204	0	40,000	0	Contribution to Solano County Interagency Hazardous Materials Team (SCIHMT).
6901	CCP PLANNING	93,971	0	125,077	0	Funding for the Superior Court to fund Collaborative Court manager position. General Fund contributes an additional \$31,106 to the position (see 1903 above).
6901	CCP PLANNING	15,603	0	16,965	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 \$20,541 from the General Fund.
7501	SPECIAL COSTS	217,803	217,803	217,803	217,803	CAP Solano JPA - To provide staff and other administrative support to the CAP Solano JPA, the Continuum of Care and the Housing First Solano Board (\$86,975) and to provide funding for a partnership between the cities/County to fund Coordinated Entry staffing and operations (\$130,828).
7580	FAMILY HEALTH ADMINISTRATION	5,000	0	5,000	0	Co-applicant Board members (Family Health Services Division) - Cost of training and travel to attend conferences of co-applicant board members.
7780	CONREP PROGRAM	15,603	0	15,603	0	Contribution to the Superior Court to fund 1/3 of a 0.5FTE Veterans Court Case Manager funded with 1991 Realignment: balance of position funded with County General Fund and 2011 Realignment.
7880	BIOTERRORISM	32,500	0	32,500	0	Various HPP (Hospital Preparedness Program) partners (hospitals, convalescent facilities and other community partners involved in emergency preparedness - Grant funded.