



San Diego Unity Fund

**Impact Report:
August 2026**





United in a Time of Need

For 50 years, San Diego Foundation has mobilized resources, convened partners and stepped up when San Diego needed it most. Today, our region faces its biggest community challenge since the COVID-19 pandemic.

Federal funding cuts and policy changes have put essential services for our most vulnerable San Diegans at risk while leaving nonprofits with fewer resources to meet growing need.

In response, San Diego Foundation brought together donors, nonprofits, civic leaders and community partners to protect our region's safety net programs. That collective effort became the **San Diego Unity Fund**, a rapid-response lifeline that helped fund nonprofits so they could continue serving families facing homelessness, food insecurity and serious health challenges.

The Unity Fund was part of a broader regional response. We also joined local foundations in **United for San Diego**, committing a collective \$70 million in additional support to nonprofits, and we joined the County of San Diego in the **Partnership to Protect San Diegans**, which brought millions more to the Unity Fund to help San Diegans.

This report shares the impact made possible by a community that continues to come together for San Diego when it matters most. Thank you for helping create a more just, equitable and resilient region for everyone.

With gratitude,



Mark A. Stuart, CFRE
President & CEO
San Diego Foundation

Impact at a Glance

\$32M+
Total raised

\$30M+
Total granted & committed

100+
Nonprofits supported



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Impact Timeline



JULY 2025

Federal funding cuts threaten essential services

Federal policy shifts lead to major reductions in funding for programs assisting food, housing, and healthcare, creating uncertainty for families and those serving them across our region.



SEPTEMBER 2025

San Diego mobilizes

- San Diego Unity Fund launches to rapidly support nonprofits facing funding cuts so they can continue supporting San Diegans in need.
- Prebys Foundation, Price Philanthropies, San Diego Foundation and the Price family commit \$70 million in additional emergency funding through United for San Diego.



OCTOBER 2025

San Diego Unity Fund Grants initiated

Nonprofits begin applying for rapid-response grants to keep critical housing, meal and healthcare programs running.



NOVEMBER 2025

County partnership approved

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors approves innovative partnership with San Diego Foundation to help nonprofits keep essential services running despite federal funding cuts and growing community needs.



DECEMBER 2025

Community giving campaign expands support

California Bank & Trust partners with San Diego Foundation on a year-end giving campaign to help sustain Unity Fund grantmaking and support nonprofits facing continued demand for services.



MARCH 2026

Partnership to Protect San Diegans launches

San Diego Foundation and the County of San Diego officially launch an innovative public-philanthropic partnership to stabilize nonprofit services threatened by federal funding cuts.



SPRING 2026 AND BEYOND

Momentum continues across the region

Additional grants, donor support and community partnerships continue helping nonprofits stabilize essential services and support families navigating ongoing uncertainty.

Regional Response

\$32M+ raised

\$20M

San Diego
Unity Fund

\$8M

Partnership to
Protect San Diegans

\$4M

County of San Diego
contribution to the
San Diego Unity Fund

\$30M+ granted & committed

\$14M

San Diego
Unity Fund

\$16M

Partnership to Protect
San Diegans

100+

nonprofits supported

Food & Nutrition

San Diego Unity Fund grants helped families put food on the table despite federal cuts and stricter eligibility requirements for food safety nets.

For mothers like Stefani Wiley, weekend meal programs helped ensure her daughter had reliable access to nutritious food when school cafeterias were closed.



Read the Wiley family's story
www.sdfoundation.org/wiley



Healthcare Access

San Diego Unity Fund grants helped children and families access healthcare during a time of growing uncertainty. For students like Bryson, vision screenings and follow-up care helped identify vision problems early, giving kids the support they need to learn and succeed in school.



Read Bryson's story
www.sdfoundation.org/bryson



Housing Stability

San Diego Unity Fund grants helped families remain safely housed during a time of rising costs and federal funding cuts and changes. For parents like Tarlease, support arrived just in time before a crisis became homelessness, helping her keep a roof over her children's heads while recovering from a serious illness.



Read Tarlease's story
www.sdfoundation.org/tarlease



Partners Meeting the Moment

Across San Diego County, nonprofit partners are helping families navigate some of life’s most difficult moments.

In addition to the county contracts supported, the San Diego Unity Fund is expected to support more than 100 nonprofit organizations. The partners highlighted below are among those already at work helping families stay housed, access health care and nutritious food, remain independent and receive critical support during times of need.

- Alabaster Jar Project
- Alliant Educational Foundation
- Bayside Community Center
- Bithiah’s Family Services
- Boys & Girls Clubs of East County, Inc.
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest San Diego
- Brighter Bites San Diego
- BrightSide Produce
- California Hands & Voices
- California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.
- Casa De Amparo
- Casa Familiar
- Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego
- Center for Community Solutions
- Chaldean Community Council
- Champions for Health
- Chicano Federation
- City Heights Community Development Corporation

- Coastal Roots Farms
- Community Housing Works
- Community Resource Center
- Crisis House
- CSA San Diego County
- Cura Smiles
- Deaf Community Services of San Diego
- Dreams for Change
- ElderHelp San Diego
- Episcopal Community Services
- Fallbrook Food Pantry
- Fallbrook Senior Citizens Service Club
- Family Health Centers of San Diego
- Father Joe’s Villages (St. Vincent de Paul Village, Inc.)
- Fellowship Center
- Foodshed Cooperative
- Foundation for Women Warriors
- Fraternity House, Inc.

“The Unity Fund at San Diego Foundation comes at a critical time, helping us protect the well-being and future of our children as we navigate ongoing shifts in federal and state funding.”

Lisette Islas
CEO, Lifeline Community Services

- Fred Finch Youth Center
- Global Communities
- Health Advocacy Mutual Inclusivity (H.A.M.I)
- Health Center Partners of Southern California
- Home Start, Inc.
- HomeAid San Diego (Sheltercare Providers of San Diego Inc.)
- Hope through Housing Foundation
- Horn of Africa Community in North America
- Indian Health Council
- Interfaith Community Services
- Interfaith Shelter Network of San Diego
- International Rescue Committee in San Diego
- IWC Community Care
- Jewish Family Service of San Diego
- JIREH Providers
- Karen Organization of San Diego
- Kind Hearts San Diego
- Kitchens for Good
- Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc.
- License to Freedom
- Majdal Arab Community Center of San Diego
- Mama’s Kitchen
- MANA de San Diego
- McAlister Institute for Treatment and Education
- Meals on Wheels San Diego County
- Mental Health Systems, Inc.
- Monarch School Project
- Neighborhood House Association
- New Alternatives, Inc.
- New LVL
- North County LGBTQ Resource Center
- North County Lifeline Community Services
- Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center
- Operation HOPE-North County
- Operation Samahan, Inc.
- Palomar Family Counseling Service
- Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans
- Partnerships for a Better San Diego
- Point Loma Nazarene University - Health Promotion Center
- ProduceGood
- Project New Village
- Promises 2 Kids

- Rady Children’s Hospital and Health Center
- Rise & Thrive Program INC.
- Rite of Passage Adolescent Treatment Centers and Schools
- Safe Harbor Coronado
- San Diego County Medical Society Foundation
- San Diego County Office of Education
- San Diego Habitat for Humanity
- San Diego Hunger Coalition
- San Diego LGBT Community Center
- San Diego Rescue Mission
- San Diego Second Chance Program
- San Diego Youth Services
- SAY San Diego
- SBCS
- SDHC Building Opportunities, Inc.
- Sharia’s Closet
- Sherman Heights Community Center
- Shoreline Community Services
- Slavic Refugee and Immigrant Services
- Somali Family Service of San Diego
- Southern Indian Health Council
- Survivors of Torture, International
- Think Dignity
- Thrive Lemon Grove
- Trans Family Support Services
- TrueCare
- UC San Diego
- UC San Diego Foundation Student-Run Free Clinic Project
- UCSD Center for Community Health
- UCSD Shiley Eye Center
- Union of Pan Asian Communities
- United Women of East Africa Support Team
- Urban League San Diego
- Urban Street Angels
- Vista Community Clinic
- Vista Hill Foundation
- Voices of Our City Choir
- Walden Family Services
- Women’s Resource Center
- YMCA of San Diego County

Gratitude to Our Donors

When federal cuts threatened critical services families relied on, San Diego responded.

Donors, nonprofit partners, foundations, businesses and civic leaders came together to help keep essential programs running and protect the region’s safety net. We are grateful to every person and organization who stepped forward to support their neighbors during this critical moment.

“This funding helps ensure more San Diegans can remain housed and hopeful.”

Al Abdallah
President & CEO, Urban League of San Diego County

\$100,000+

- BQuest Foundation
- Eugene M. and Joan F. Foster Family Charitable Fund
- Peacemakers Fund
- Patricia & Leland Wood

\$50,000+

- Dede & Michael Alpert
- Linda F. Hervey
- Jill G. Hall Charitable Fund

\$25,000+

- Google Inc. at Fidelity Charitable
- Hervey Family Fund
- Prebys Foundation
- Sorkin Family Foundation at Fidelity Charitable

\$10,000+

- Bethel Family Charitable Fund
- The California Endowment on Behalf of Louie Nguyen
- The Colwell Family Fund
- Diane & Knox Bell Charitable Fund at DAFgiving360
- The Granada Fund at DAFgiving360
- Rokenbok Fund
- Willis & Jane Fletcher Family Fund II

\$5,000+

- Richard F. Blick
- Susan & Robert Fode
- K.J. Koljonen
- Judith M. Krumholz
- Ellen Quigley
- R. V. and Linda Thomas Family Fund
- Wesley Fund



“We believe food is medicine, and the food people eat directly impacts their health.”

Lexi Eisle
Director of Nutrition Services and Registered Dietitian, Mama’s Kitchen

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