San Diego Foundation

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

The QR codes in this report connect you to stories of impact online. Just use your phone's camera to scan the code, tap the link, and go.

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.

"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

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.

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

$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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