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**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026
WORKSHOP, 5:30 PM
FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING ROOM
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1. Discussion Topics

- a. Unhoused Services Request for Proposal Update and Funding Discussion
- b. Homeward Bound of the Grand Valley Update
- c. Community Satisfaction Survey 2026
- d. Orchard Mesa Pool Community Satisfaction Survey Results Discussion

2. City Council Communication

An unstructured time for Councilmembers to discuss current matters, share ideas for possible future consideration by Council, and provide information from board & commission participation.

3. Next Workshop Topics

4. Other Business

- a. Request for Interview Teams for Grand Junction Housing Authority and Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals

What is the purpose of a Workshop?

The purpose of the Workshop is to facilitate City Council discussion through analyzing information, studying issues, and clarifying problems. The less formal setting of the Workshop promotes conversation regarding items and topics that may be considered at a future City Council meeting.

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Individuals wishing to provide input about Workshop topics can:

1. Send input by emailing a City Council member ([Council email addresses](#)) or call one or more members of City Council (970-244-1504)
 2. Provide information to the City Manager's Office (johnnym@gjcity.org) for dissemination to the City Council. If your information is submitted prior to 3 p.m. on the date of the Workshop, copies will be provided to Council that evening. Information provided after 3 p.m. will be disseminated the next business day.
 3. Attend a Regular Council Meeting (generally held the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall) and provide comments during "Public Comments."
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Grand Junction City Council

Workshop Session

Item #1.a.

Meeting Date: August 3, 2026

Presented By: Ashley Chambers, Housing Manager, Scott Montgomery, Hollie VanRoosendaal, Cassidy Lujan

Department: Community Development

Submitted By: Ashley Chambers, Housing Manager

Information

SUBJECT:

Unhoused Services Request for Proposal Update and Funding Discussion

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this discussion item is to hear updates from the three organizations Grand Valley Catholic Outreach, Hilltop Family Resource Center, and The Joseph Center outcomes and updates for the 2026 fiscal year. And for a discussion for funding allocations under the City's RFP for Comprehensive Community Solutions for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness, which was issued in May 2025 response to the need for a more sustainable, coordinated system of services. The RFP sought proposals that advance the City's goals by addressing gaps in sheltering, housing stabilization, prevention, and supportive services.

BACKGROUND OR DETAILED INFORMATION:

Grand Valley Catholic Outreach, Hilltop Family Resource Center, and The Joseph Center, the three organizations selected for funding through the City's 2025 Comprehensive Services for the Unhoused Request for Proposals (RFP) process, will provide updates on their first year of funding, share program outcomes, and present funding requests for the second year of the three-year RFP cycle. Council will discuss the funding requests and provide direction to staff as part of the development of the 2027 budget.

Background
In 2025, following the planned closure of the temporary Resource Center operated by Homeward Bound of the Grand Valley, the City of Grand Junction issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to establish a long-term framework for services supporting individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

The RFP was developed in response to the recommendations identified in the 2023 Unhoused Needs Assessment and the 2024 Unhoused Strategy, with the goal of creating a coordinated, sustainable system of prevention, stabilization, shelter, and

pathways to permanent housing. The solicitation emphasized organizational capacity, operational readiness, measurable outcomes, financial stability, collaboration, and alignment with the City's long-term homelessness strategy.

The City received nine proposals requesting approximately \$3.6 million in funding. Proposals were evaluated by a seven-member committee consisting of City staff and subject matter experts representing Housing and Community Development, the City Manager's Office, the Grand Junction Police and Fire Departments, and Intermountain Health. The evaluation process included written proposal review, supplemental information requests, formal presentations, interviews, and budget refinement before final recommendations were presented to City Council.

The RFP was structured as a three-year funding opportunity intended to provide greater program stability and allow organizations to implement long-term service strategies. However, because funding is subject to annual City budget appropriations, City Council approved funding on a one-year basis through the 2026 budget process, with continuation of funding contingent upon annual budget approval, demonstrated program performance, and available financial resources.

Through Ordinance No. 5286, adopted November 19, 2025, City Council approved the first year funding allocations.

For 2027, organizations have made the following requests: Grand Valley Catholic Outreach (GVCO) – \$75,000 To support GVCO's rental assistance and eviction prevention program for households at imminent risk of eviction or homelessness, including survivors of domestic violence. Funds are used exclusively for direct rental payments to landlords under binding agreements that prevent eviction filings. GVCO has demonstrated strong outcomes, assisting nearly 2,000 households between 2022 and mid-2025 with an 88% housing retention rate after six months. From February 24, 2026 to June 30th, 2026, the program has assisted 48 households which represent 108 individuals (including children) and the average assistance per household is approximately \$600. Hilltop Family Resource Center – \$300,000

Funding supports emergency and transitional shelter services, including stabilization of recently expanded capacity and continued partnership with United Way of Mesa County. In 2026, Hilltop requested \$500,000. Due to City budget constraints, partial funding was approved in the amount of \$250,000. For 2027, Hilltop requested \$300,000 for a continuation of services provided and to focus on quality improvement, including increased partner collaboration, expansion of housing navigation and increase outreach efforts. The Joseph Center – \$100,000

Funding supports family shelter and supportive services, including case management and stabilization supports. In 2026, the Joseph Center requested \$200,000. Partial funding was approved in the amount of \$100,000 due to City budget constraints.

Summary of 2027 Requests for Funding

Organization	Funding Requested	Summary of Funding/Project
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Grand Valley Catholic Outreach	\$75,000	Rental Support and Eviction/Homeless Prevention
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Hilltop Family Resource Center	\$300,000	Emergency and Transitional Shelter, Expansion of Housing Navigation and Outreach Activities
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The Joseph Center \$100,000 Family Shelter and Stabilization Services
Total \$475,000

FISCAL IMPACT:

Should the City Council provide direction for approval of funding for these projects, there is \$63,684 that could be assigned through the City's 2026-2027 CDBG allocation, this portion of the award will move forward immediately in alignment with HUD requirements, allowing the project to begin in the current program year. The remaining allocation or other recommended amounts should be considered as part of the annual budget process.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

For Discussion Purposes Only

Attachments

1. GVCO 2026 Program Update
2. GVCO Funding Request to City of GJ July 2026
3. Hilltop City of Grand Junction request letter - signed
4. Hilltop & UWMC City of Grand Junction Unhoused Services Workshop Materials packet

Program Update:

Grand Valley Catholic Outreach YTD **Eviction Prevention Program** – 09/01/25 to 06/30/26

Dear Ashley & Chloe,

Thanks to the generous support of the City of Grand Junction’s Comprehensive Community Solutions for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness, Grand Valley Catholic Outreach has successfully prevented 48 households from joining the ranks of those in our community who are homeless from February 24th to June 30th. Below is a high-level summary of our year-to-date progress and the impact your funding has made in our community.

1. Year-to-Date Program Metrics

From February 24th to June 30th, your monies have directly supported our eviction prevention efforts in the following ways:

Metric

Households Assisted	48 households
Individuals Served (including children)	108 people
Average Assistance per Household	\$600.00

2. Program Highlights & Success Stories

Beyond the numbers, your funding has allowed us to provide holistic support to vulnerable families.

- **Financial Relief:** We distributed **\$31,873** (42% of the total awarded amount) in emergency eviction prevention assistance in just four months.
- **Financial Crisis Intervention:** 48 households were able to discuss their monthly expenses, incomes, and net incomes with GVCO interviewers.
- **Success Stories:**
 - A 32-year-old man had a lymph node removed and was diagnosed with stage 4 lymphoma. He applied for disability through the SSA’s Compassionate Allowances List (CAL) to speed up the process. He was able to remain housed until he could be approved for CAL.
 - A single woman with two children worked full-time for a medical facility, but her paychecks were being garnished for 2½ months to pay creditors, per her divorce decree. She came in after her landlord presented her with a Notice to

Quit. We were able to keep her housed long enough for her to return to pre-garnishment paycheck levels.

- A 72-year-old woman on a fixed Social Security income got behind on rent after paying almost \$2000 to a medical provider, the patient responsibility after Medicare and Medicaid paid their portions. The assistance from us allowed her to remain housed so as not to exacerbate her existing health conditions.

4. Next Steps

GVCO plans to continue to offer rental assistance to residents of Grand Junction who are at imminent risk of homelessness to prevent our neighbors who are living from paycheck to paycheck from joining the ranks of the homeless.

We are asking for \$75,000 worth of direct service rental assistance for the 2026-27 fiscal year. This money will go right back to landlords in our community. We are not requesting any personnel or operational monies.

We are incredibly grateful for your partnership and commitment to preventing homelessness in our community. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you need any additional documentation.

Sincerely,
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Grand Valley Catholic Outreach

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July 16, 2026

Request to City of Grand Junction Funding Request Comprehensive Community Solutions for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness

Grand Valley Catholic Outreach appreciates the opportunity to apply for a second year of a three-year funding opportunity from the City of Grand Junction. We are very thankful for the \$75,000 we were granted to prevent homelessness for those who were on the brink of eviction due to financial reasons. The funds allowed GVCO to assist those who are homeless or fleeing domestic violence by paying their first month's rent to secure a new rental. We are applying for another \$75,000 to continue our work.

Catholic Outreach's purpose and/or mission

Mission: to proclaim the dignity and worth of each person and respond to human needs, while striving to show the compassion of Christ.

Vision/Purpose: to be a compassionate community leader in providing resources to help meet the most basic of human needs: food, clothing and shelter.

Consistent with City Goals

The proposal to fund rental assistance for eviction prevention directly addresses housing instability, a community identified need. Difficulty in paying rent is a key factor in housing instability. Rental assistance promotes housing stability. This proposal seeks to reduce homelessness by *preventing* it through early intervention.

GVCO has been successfully providing housing and rental assistance since 1988. It is a core program that is representative of our core values. We have consistently delivered effective, compliant, and community-responsive services that support housing stability for vulnerable populations. Our track record is one of programmatic and fiscal accountability. While we are excellent stewards of the resources we receive, we do need more resources to reach the ever-growing needs of individuals with income that does not keep up with rising costs.

Program Summary

Households receiving rental assistance for eviction prevention from GVCO must be at imminent risk of homelessness—meaning they have received a Notice to Quit or a Demand for Compliance or Possession because of unpaid rent.

Households that qualify financially are at or below 80% Area Mean Income. Incomes are verified. If appropriate, an in-house “Financial Literacy” packet that covers basic budgeting skills is used.

To deliver the rental assistance, GVCO draws up contracts between GVCO, the tenants, and the landlords. If an applicant’s landlord accepts, the landlord agrees to accept a lump sum payment from GVCO in exchange for not proceeding with any eviction action, based upon non-payment of rent, until 30 days from the day the contract is written—giving the tenant a month to prepare for the following month’s rent.

Once a contract is returned to GVCO, the organization mails a check to the landlord. GVCO does not pay applicants directly.

Cost Proposal/Budget

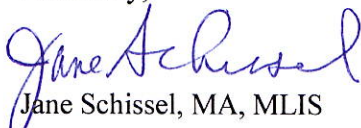
GVCO is requesting \$75,000—the second year of a three-year funding opportunity totaling \$225,000 if fully funded. GVCO understands that funding is dependent on the City’s budget situation. We do seek out additional funding through a variety of sources. The table below reflects only the \$75,000 requested from the City of Grand Junction.

Budget Category	Amount
Salary	\$0.00
Benefits	\$0.00
Supplies & Operating Costs	\$0.00
Travel & Training Expenses	\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00
Direct Services	\$75,000.00
Total	\$75,000.00

GVCO incurs no capital costs for these projects, only operational costs covered by other funding sources. Every dollar received from the City of Grand Junction goes directly to preventing homelessness through rental assistance.

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for funds.

Gratefully,



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Executive Director

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July 21, 2026

City of Grand Junction- Housing Division

Proposal: Hilltop & United Way of Mesa County Housing Collaborative

To whom it may concern,

Hilltop Community Resources, in partnership with United Way of Mesa County (UWMC), is pleased to submit this proposal for continued funding of Comprehensive Community Solutions for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness. The City's current award to this effort, beginning in January 2026, has strengthened our community's coordinated response to homelessness. This important funding has allowed our organizations to build on an already strong partnership and expand access to housing navigation, intensive case management, outreach, coordinated services, and long-term housing stability. We respectfully request continued support to sustain this successful collaboration and its measurable impact.

Hilltop's mission is *to create connections to build a community where everyone belongs*. Addressing homelessness- and the complex factors that contribute to housing instability, including behavioral health, economic hardship, and access to supportive services- remains one of our highest strategic priorities. UWMC continues to provide critical leadership through service coordination, outreach services, and collaborative community planning. Together, we have demonstrated that coordinated, person-centered services create stronger outcomes for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

For more than 75 years, Hilltop has delivered community-based services throughout Western Colorado. Our housing programs span the full continuum of care, including street outreach, homelessness prevention, shelter, emergency safe house, bridge shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and long-term stabilization services. We serve youth, adults, families, survivors of intimate partner violence/sex assault/trafficking, and aging adults with evidence-based, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive care.

Throughout the first months of funding, Hilltop's Housing Navigators and Case Managers have provided intensive case management, housing navigation, and wraparound support designed to reduce the length of time individuals experience homelessness while preventing future episodes of housing instability. By working closely with our own comprehensive programming and resources, as well as healthcare providers, behavioral health providers, workforce partners, and other community organizations, we have strengthened coordinated service delivery and improved access to essential resources.

United Way of Mesa County has continued its role as a trusted convener of services to the unhoused within Grand Junction's housing network. During the first months of funding, the Outreach and Service Coordinator has successfully operated from Hilltop's campus, creating a centralized access point for coordinated housing services while maintaining a mobile outreach presence throughout the community. This model has improved collaboration among service providers, enhanced referral coordination, and increased engagement with individuals who may not otherwise seek services. Appointment-based services, combined with proactive outreach, have created a thoughtful balance between accessibility, client engagement, and community safety.

Hilltop continues to build upon its leadership in housing stability programming. Following the successful transition of youth housing services from Karis in 2024, our Connections program has continued to provide seamless support for youth and young adults through street outreach and drop-in center for ages 13-24, shelter for ages 18-24, bridge sheltering and transitional living, and permanent supportive housing.



Our team has refined service delivery, strengthened community partnerships, and enhanced best practices that continue to improve outcomes for young people experiencing homelessness.

In addition to expanding youth services, Hilltop has continued to operate its full spectrum of sheltering and housing programs, including Latimer House, which has provided emergency safe housing and advocacy for survivors of intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking for more than 30 years. Through multiple federal, state, and private funding sources, we continue to offer emergency safe house, housing advocacy, and supportive services. Our Housing Navigation program remains a cornerstone of the regional response to homelessness through outreach, coordinated entry, homelessness prevention, and rapid rehousing. Likewise, Pathways Village, where Hilltop offers service provision, continues to demonstrate the effectiveness of permanent supportive housing in reducing chronic homelessness and promoting long-term housing stability for families. It's also important to note that Hilltop is also a landlord offering affordable and voucher leasing options to individuals in low income situations at several properties in our community.

Together, Hilltop and UWMC have established an integrated model that strengthens coordinated referrals, streamlines access to housing and supportive services, and promotes individualized pathways toward housing stability, improved health, employment, and long-term self-sufficiency. Continued funding will allow us to maintain this momentum, preserve critical staffing and partnerships, and continue improving outcomes for individuals and families experiencing homelessness throughout Mesa County.

Thank you for your continued partnership and your commitment to advancing meaningful, collaborative solutions to homelessness in our community. We appreciate your consideration and the opportunity to continue this important work together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Hays".

Will Hays
CEO, Hilltop Community Resources
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City of Grand Junction request letter

Final Audit Report

2026-07-21

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Hilltop Community Resources and United Way of Mesa County Year Two Continuation Proposal to the City of Grand Junction

Building on a Successful First Year

During the first months of the City of Grand Junction funding, beginning in January 2026, Hilltop Community Resources and United Way of Mesa County (UWMC) successfully strengthened the community's coordinated response to homelessness through expanded housing navigation, integrated case management, street outreach, sheltering, and enhanced collaboration among local service providers. The City's investment helped sustain critical sheltering and housing programs during a period of significant transition while improving access to coordinated services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Hilltop and United Way have demonstrated that a collaborative, community-based approach improves access to housing resources, strengthens communication among providers, reduces duplication of services, and creates more effective pathways toward housing stability. The partnership has successfully integrated the United Way of Mesa County Outreach and Service Coordinator with Hilltop's sheltering and housing programs, strengthened outreach efforts, expanded referral networks, and maintained uninterrupted services despite significant reductions in state and federal funding.

With Year One successfully underway, Hilltop Community Resources and UWMC respectfully request continued funding to sustain and strengthen these proven efforts. Year Two funding will preserve the momentum created during the first year while allowing both organizations to continue refining service delivery, expanding outreach and sheltering, strengthening community partnerships, and improving long-term housing outcomes throughout Grand Junction.

Continuing a Proven Community Partnership

The collaboration between Hilltop and UWMC has become an important component of Grand Junction's coordinated response to homelessness.

United Way continues to provide leadership through the Mesa County Collaboration for the Unhoused, the Housing Hotline, and coordination among many community organizations for service provision to the unhoused. Hilltop continues serving as the community's primary provider of housing stability services through its comprehensive continuum of housing programs.

Rather than operating independently, both organizations have created an integrated service model where clients can access coordinated services through a single system of care. This collaboration has improved communication among providers, streamlined referrals, reduced service duplication, and created more efficient pathways to housing stability.

The co-location of the United Way Outreach and Service Coordinator at Hilltop's Main Street office has further strengthened this work by creating a centralized access point while maintaining mobile outreach throughout the community for individuals unable to seek services in an office setting.

Year One Accomplishments

During the first months of funding, Hilltop and United Way successfully:

- Maintained uninterrupted housing services throughout Grand Junction.
- Fully integrated United Way's Outreach and Service Coordinator into Hilltop's housing service network.

- Expanded coordinated outreach through the Housing Hotline and community encampment visits.
- Strengthened partnerships among healthcare providers, behavioral health organizations, housing agencies, employment programs, and community nonprofits.
- Successfully sustained Connections programming following the transition from Karis.
- Continued providing housing navigation, street outreach and drop-in center, rapid rehousing, sheltering, bridge sheltering and transitional housing, emergency safe housing, permanent supportive housing, domestic violence housing services despite significant reductions in federal funding and state funding.
- Improved coordination through HMIS and regular multidisciplinary case coordination meetings.

These accomplishments provide a strong foundation for continued success during Year Two.

Year Two Strategy

The second year of funding is focused on strengthening this collaborative model.

Year Two priorities include:

Sustaining Coordinated Housing Navigation

Continue operation of the United Way Outreach and Service Coordinator while expanding coordination between housing providers, healthcare organizations, behavioral health agencies, workforce partners, and community nonprofits.

Strengthening Community Outreach

Continue proactive outreach through:

- Housing Hotline
- Encampment visits
- Mobile resource navigation and case management
- Water Access Program
- Community education and referral activities
- Scheduled and coordinated services with partner providers
- Dental Clinic
- Bike Clinic

Maintaining the Full Housing Continuum

Continue supporting Hilltop's comprehensive housing system including:

- Connections Youth Services
- Youth & Young Adult Street Outreach
- Drop-In Center
- Shelter
- Bridge Shelter
- Transitional Living
- Permanent Supportive Housing (Laurel House Apartments, 205 Independent Ave, and Pathway's Village Apartments)
- Emergency Safe House for intimate partner violence/sex assault/trafficking
- Intimate Partner Violence/Sex Assault/Trafficking housing supports

Enhancing Service Integration

Continue improving warm handoffs between providers while expanding coordination among medical care, behavioral health, substance use treatment, employment services, public benefits, transportation, parenting support, and other supportive services.

Year Two Implementation Plan

All programs are fully operational and Year Two activities will focus on continuous quality improvement rather than implementation.

Quarter One

- Review Year One outcomes.
- Renew community partnership agreements.
- Establish Year Two performance benchmarks.
- Continue uninterrupted service delivery.

Quarter Two

- Expand outreach activities.
- Evaluate referral processes.
- Strengthen collaboration with partner agencies.
- Review Housing Hotline utilization.

Quarter Three

- Complete mid-year performance review.
- Identify service gaps.
- Implement quality improvement strategies.
- Continue expanding coordinated housing navigation.

Quarter Four

- Evaluate annual outcomes.
- Develop sustainability recommendations.
- Prepare Year Three funding strategy.
- Present community impact report.

Community Collaboration

Community partnerships remain the foundation of this work.

Hilltop and United Way will continue coordinating closely with the full spectrum of Hilltop programming, as well as, City of Grand Junction, Mesa County Collaboration for the Unhoused, Grand Valley Catholic Outreach, The Day Center, Mutual Aid Partners, Grand Junction Housing Authority, Rocky Mountain Health Foundation, Homeward Bound, Mesa County DHS, Mesa County Public Health, Colorado Health Network, Peer 180, Rocky Mountain Health Plans, the VA, Street Dog Coalition, Health Solutions West, The Joseph Center, Center for Independence, American Red Cross, Western CO Community Foundation, and numerous additional partners.

Weekly coordination meetings, HMIS documentation, streamlined referrals, and multidisciplinary case conferences will continue to ensure efficient service delivery.

Evaluation and Continuous Improvement

During the first months of funding, Hilltop and United Way established strong systems for measuring outcomes and monitoring program quality.

During Year Two we will continue using HMIS, internal dashboards, case management systems, and monthly performance reviews to evaluate program effectiveness.

Performance measures will continue to include:

- Individuals served
- Permanent housing placements
- Employment and benefit enrollment
- Participation in supportive services
- Healthcare connections
- Housing stability
- Community partnerships
- Outreach engagement

Performance data will be reviewed monthly and formally evaluated each quarter to guide continuous quality improvement.

Sustainability

The City's first-year investment has strengthened an already collaborative community response while positioning Hilltop and United Way to pursue additional public and private funding opportunities. It has also offered Hilltop opportunity to create and stand up a new sheltering model, bridge sheltering, to transition youth and young adults from shelter into more permanent housing options.

During Year Two, both organizations will continue diversifying revenue through federal grants, state funding, private foundations, corporate partnerships, charitable contributions, and Medicaid reimbursement where appropriate. New funding opportunities are becoming interested in the bridge sheltering model, and a second year of funding for this model from the City will provide appropriate time to truly operationalize this pilot for future sustainability.

Continued City investment provides critical stability while allowing the partnership to leverage additional external funding and sustain essential services for some of Grand Junction's most vulnerable residents.

Conclusion

The first months of this partnership demonstrated that coordinated, community-based solutions can improve access to housing, strengthen service delivery, and better support individuals experiencing homelessness.

Hilltop and UWMC have established a proven collaborative model that is producing meaningful results for the Grand Junction community. Continued funding will preserve this momentum, strengthen community partnerships, enhance service coordination, and ensure that vulnerable individuals and families continue receiving the comprehensive support they need to achieve lasting housing stability.

Year Two funding represents an investment in a successful model that is already improving lives and building a stronger, more coordinated response to homelessness throughout Grand Junction.

City of Grand Junction
Comprehensive Community Solutions for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness 2027 Funding Request
Budget

Agency Name	Hilltop Community Resources	Budget Period	January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027
Program Name	Hilltop & United Way of Mesa County Housing Collaborative		

Expenditure Categories					Amount Requested
PERSONNEL SERVICES					
Position Title / Employee Name	Description of Work	Gross Salary	Fringe	% ACTUAL Time on Contract / Purchase Order	Amount Requested
Hilltop Manager for youth & young adult street outreach and emergency shelter for the unhoused	Daily supervision of navigators, coordinates between street outreach and shelter, works directly with clients and connects them to services. Crucial for triage, budget management, resource navigation, ongoing engagement with hard-to-reach populations, community partnership building, current chair of the Homeless Coalition. Contributes to all proposed outcomes.	\$67,293.00	\$26,917.00	27.628%	\$26,028.34
Hilltop Coordinator for bridge shelter & transitional living (Young Adults, youth aging from foster care, youth exiting Dept of Youth Services on probation/parole)	Coordinate individualized service plans, manage crisis intervention, ensure delivery of wraparound support, builds life skill sets, and offers intensive case management. Contributes to all proposed outcomes.	\$64,379.00	\$25,752.00	45.0%	\$40,558.95
Total Personnel Services		\$131,672.00	\$52,669.00	0.73	\$66,587.29
SUPPLIES & OPERATING					
Item	Description of Item				Amount Requested
Outreach Supplies for Unhoused Services	Water, Basic Needs, Fuel, First Aid Needs, Sleeping supplies, Bus Vouchers, Bike Clinic Supplies. Based on historical costs. Essential for trust building and engaging clients to get them involved in programming. Contributes to all proposed goals, especially employment, supportive services, healthcare access.				\$ 22,000.00
Property Operations Costs for Hilltop	Expenses associated with program properties for Intimate Partner Violence/Sex Assault/Trafficking safe house, bridge sheltering for young adults (provides extended 90 day stay after shelter), Transitional Living programs for youth/young adults offering housing and intensive case management up to 18 months (focus on young adults aging from Foster Care, released on probation/parole from Dept. of Youth Services). Costs include: depreciation, mortgage, utilities, insurance, HOA fees as applicable, housekeeping, maintenance, security cameras and locks, etc). Essential for all goals, especially permanent housing and supportive services.				\$ 130,000.00
Participant Housing Supports	Lease application fees, security deposits for rentals, transportation needs, basic needs for housing move ins, preventative and supportive efforts for housing stability, utilities and safety, etc. The demand for this far exceeds funding available. We run out of these funds within the first two weeks of each month with Hilltop referrals. The average support that keeps people in their homes with these funds is above \$450/person, City of GJ would fund approximately 54 more people each year than we can with our current funding; clients must meet eligibility standards. Essential for client engagement, especially permanent housing goals, supportive services.				\$ 20,500.00
Total Supplies & Operating Expenses					\$ 172,500.00
CONTRACTUAL (payments to third parties or entities)					
Subcontractor/Entity Name	Description of work	Gross Salary	Fringe	time on contract/purch	Amount Requested
United Way Outreach & Services Coordinator	UWMC Outreach & Services Coordinator provides outreach with basic necessities to homeless camps around the community. This includes but is not limited to water, safety and essential needs. The purpose of the outreach is to make contact, build trust and limit the barrier of transportation. By building a relationship with population, they will trust the outreach team and will participate in moving to the next step which is shelter, health care access, and behavioral health access. This effort is done in collaboration with other providers including the Neighbor 2 Neighbor team. The Service Coordinator portion is continuing the services initially provided at the Resource Center by appointment.	\$54,080.00	\$1,200.00	100.00%	\$ 33,640.00
Total Contractual					\$33,640.00
SUB-TOTAL BEFORE INDIRECT					\$272,727.29
INDIRECT					
Item	Description of Rate / Item				Amount Requested
Negotiated Indirect cost rate:	Hilltop is asking for a 10% indirect rate. Our NICRA is currently 24.2%, which we are not requesting in full with these funds. Essential for reporting, compliance, financial monitoring, marketing, and more. Details available upon request.				\$27,272.73
Total Indirect					\$27,272.73
TOTAL REQUEST					\$ 300,000

Total Request to City of Grand Junction	\$ 300,000.00
Total Annual Program Operating Budget	\$12,600,000.00
Request as a % of Program Budget, if Awarded	2.38%

Early Outcomes Report Hilltop Community Resources

Reporting Period: 1/2026 – 7/16/2026

Latimer House Outcomes

Latimer House provides emergency shelter, advocacy, safety planning, and supportive services for survivors of domestic violence and their children. During the reporting period, the program served 126 individuals, including 35 adults and 19 children in residential services and 32 adults and 40 children through non-residential services.

Housing Outcomes

Latimer House assisted survivors in achieving safe housing whenever possible. During the reporting period, 11 adults and 10 children transitioned from the safehouse into permanent housing. While permanent housing remains a key goal, many participants require additional stabilization before securing long-term housing. As a result, the majority of program exits were to other safe and supportive environments, including transitional housing and shelter programs such as Pathways, Homeward Bound, Oxford House, Haven House, and Southwest Safehouse in Durango.

Benefits and Economic Stability

Although the program's primary data system (CAFE) does not currently track employment, workforce training, or public benefit enrollment, supplemental data collected through the Domestic Violence Program TANF FLEX project demonstrates the program's effectiveness in connecting participants to essential resources. Between January 1 and March 5, 2026, 16 participants successfully enrolled in or accessed critical public benefits, including SNAP, Medicaid, WIC, TANF, and LEAP, helping increase household stability and reduce barriers to safety.

Engagement in Supportive Services

Supportive services are a cornerstone of the Latimer House model. All adult participants engaged in advocacy and supportive services, including individualized case management, safety planning, crisis intervention, and referrals tailored to their unique circumstances. These services help survivors address immediate safety concerns while building long-term stability and independence.

Connection to Community Resources

Every adult participant was connected to community resources based on their individual needs. Referrals included housing assistance, legal advocacy, behavioral health services, healthcare, financial assistance, childcare resources, transportation, and other community-based supports designed to promote safety, recovery, and long-term self-sufficiency.

Connections Program Outcomes

The Connections Program provides housing navigation, street outreach, shelter, bridge housing, and intensive case management to individuals and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The program anticipates serving 700 unduplicated participants during the first year,

with enrollment projected to increase by 15% annually. Between January 1 and July 13, 2026, the program served 103 unduplicated individuals.

Housing Outcomes

The program's goal is for 50% of participants exiting services to obtain permanent housing. During the reporting period, 21 of the 62 participants who exited the program (34%) transitioned to permanent housing. An additional 13 participants exited to transitional or temporary housing situations, including staying temporarily with friends or family, transitional living programs, or other residential settings that provide increased stability while permanent housing is pursued.

Only five participants exited back into homelessness. The remaining 22 exits were recorded as unknown because an exit interview was not completed or follow-up information could not be obtained. These outcomes demonstrate meaningful housing progress despite the significant barriers faced by the population served.

Benefits, Healthcare Access, and Employment

The program works to improve financial stability by connecting participants to employment opportunities, workforce development, and public benefits. During the reporting period:

- 43% of participants reported receiving SNAP benefits.
- 80% reported having health insurance through Medicaid or private insurance.
- Employment outcomes among shelter participants varied monthly, ranging from 20% to 75% employed at exit, reflecting the diverse needs and circumstances of participants.
- Medicaid enrollment remained consistently high across all program components, with shelter participants maintaining monthly enrollment rates between 80% and 100%, while street outreach participants maintained rates between 70% and 93%.
- All participants enrolled in the Bridge Housing program were actively seeking employment, and every participant maintained health insurance coverage.

These outcomes demonstrate the program's success in connecting participants to healthcare coverage while supporting progress toward employment and economic self-sufficiency.

Engagement in Supportive Services

Participant engagement in supportive services exceeded expectations. Program goals called for 90% participation in case management and supportive services; however, 100% of Shelter and Bridge participants actively engaged in case management, as participation is a required component of those programs.

Street Outreach staff also maintained consistent engagement with participants experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Between January and June, outreach teams served between 67 and 99 individuals each month, while 29 to 43 participants per month actively received housing navigation and case management services designed to connect them with housing, healthcare, behavioral health treatment, and other community resources.

Connection to Community Resources

Connections consistently linked participants with healthcare and essential support services. During the reporting period:

- 80% of participants reported having healthcare coverage through Medicaid or private insurance.
- 43% were enrolled in SNAP.
- 19% received referrals to public health services, nutrition assistance, counseling, or behavioral health services.

These coordinated connections help address the underlying factors contributing to housing instability and support participants as they work toward long-term housing stability and improved overall well-being.

Early Outcomes Report United Way of Mesa County

Reporting Period: 1/2026 – 7/16/2026

Prepared By: Philip Masters, Outreach and Service Coordinator

TOTAL UNIQUE CLIENTS	BASIC NECESSITIES	HOTLINE	HEALTHCARE CONNECTIONS
315	116	104	47
Unduplicated	Water and supplies	Log-based count	14.9% of total

Summary

- The Outreach and Service Coordinator served 315 unique Clients during the reporting period, counted without duplication.
- Water and basic necessities distribution reached 116 unique Clients, based on HMIS data.
- Hotline support reached 104 unique Clients, based on logs.
- Bike clinics served 25 unique Clients, based on HMIS and logs.
- Right Response Training included 24 unique Clients or participants, based on RR Attendance Rosters.
- Sheltering connection is listed as N/A due to a lack of shelter options during the reporting period.
- Healthcare connections were the highest reported outcome category, with 47 unique Clients connected to medical, mental health, or nutrition services, representing 14.9% of total unique Clients

Required Outcome Categories

Required Category	Unique Clients	Percentage of Total Unique Clients	Data Source
Clients who transitioned to permanent housing from shelter, street outreach, or transitional programs	5	1.6%	HMIS
Clients who gained employment, enrolled in workforce training, or successfully accessed public benefits such as Medicaid, SNAP, TANF, or comparable benefits	13	4.1%	HMIS
Clients who participated in case management services, behavioral health services, or life skills services	28	8.9%	HMIS
Clients who connected to healthcare, including medical, mental health, or nutrition services	47	14.9%	HMIS

Outcome Summary

HOUSING	EMPLOYMENT/BENEFITS	CASE M/BH/LIFE SKILLS	HEALTHCARE
5	13	28	47
1.6%	4.1%	8.9%	14.9%

Hilltop Housing



Permanent Supported Housing

- Pathways Village Apartments
Service provision only
- Laurel House Apartments (34 Units)
- 205 Independent Ave (5 Units)



Affordable Housing

- Capital Terrace Apartments (24 Units)
- 4Plex (4 Units)
- Homes on N. 14th Street (5 Houses)

Emergency & Crisis Sheltering



- Young Adult Shelter (11 Rooms)
- Latimer Safe House (28 Beds)
- Bridge Shelter (5 Rooms)
- Wellington Home (3 Rooms)



Temporary & Transitional Housing

- Transitional Living Programs (15 Rooms)
- Rapid Re-housing
Montrose & Delta
Leasing from local landlords

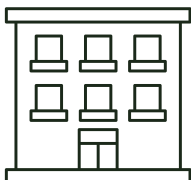


Prevention & Engagement

- Homelessness prevention
- Street outreach
- Drop-in Center (Youth & Young Adults)
- Coordinated Entry Oversight
(Montrose & Delta)

Unity Church Property

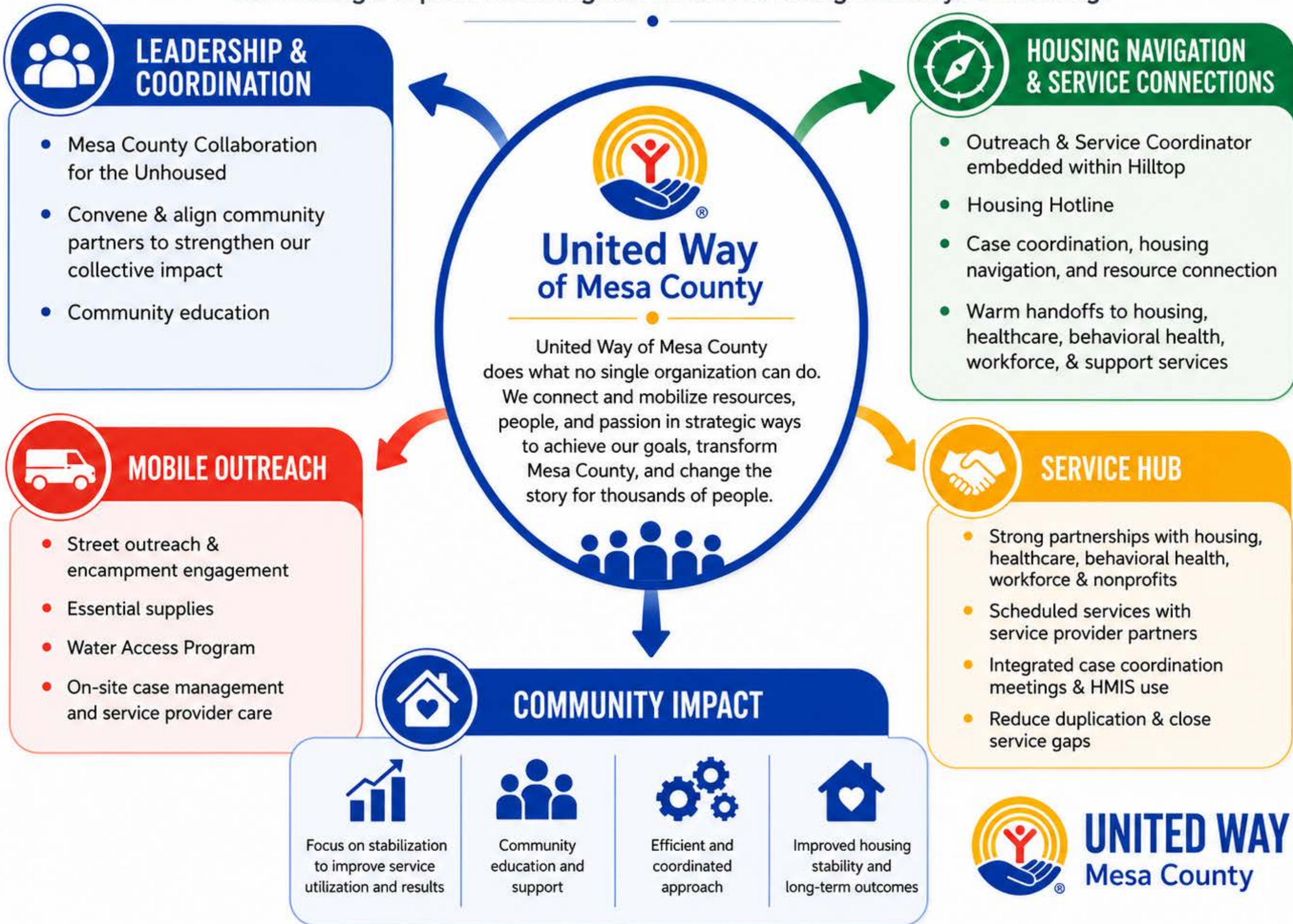
Requires development to start by March 2027



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Connecting People. Mobilizing Resources. Creating Pathways to Housing.





Grand Junction City Council

Workshop Session

Item #1.b.

Meeting Date: August 3, 2026
Presented By: Brittany Bear, Board Chair, Chris Masters, COO
Department: City Manager's Office
Submitted By: Tamra Allen, Community Development Director

Information

SUBJECT:

Homeward Bound of the Grand Valley Update

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Homeward Bound of the Grand Valley will be providing an update on their operations since the closure of the North Avenue shelter. The presentation will include data collected during the past four months related to their new service model, provide comparisons to similar-sized operations in Denver and Salt Lake, and they will be addressing some common misconceptions regarding the unhoused population. They will also be speaking about their funding sources and how they work with other community partners to reduce duplication of services in Mesa County.

BACKGROUND OR DETAILED INFORMATION:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

NA

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Discussion only.

Attachments

1. HBGV Operational Update for GJ City Council 8.3.2026



HOMEBWARDBOUND

O F T H E G R A N D V A L L E Y

**HomewardBound of the Grand
Valley Operational Update,
Grand Junction City Council
Workshop 08/03/2026**



Thank you for your financial support - \$185,000



- Your 2025/26 allocation allowed us to keep the North Avenue Shelter open until the end of February.
- Your funding helped us smoothly transition our operation to our 29 Road shelter.
- Your support also gave HBGV the breathing room to implement a new operating model, improve operational efficiencies, and re-engage donors and foundation.

The Largest Shelter Between Denver and Salt Lake City

More Sustainable

- Budget reduced from \$2.6M to \$1.7M (\$141,700 per month)
- 18.5 employees - lowest count in years
- \$50 per bed per night
- Serving over 2600 meals/month at a cost of \$1.40/meal
- Clients help clean the building and assist in the kitchen to help reduce operating costs

Our New Model

- 112 Beds
 - 50 - families
 - 30 - women
 - 20 - men
 - 12 respite beds to accommodate discharges from local hospitals
- Work Plans with case managers are required and updated regularly
- Targeted length of stay is 90 days with possible extensions
- Employment and housing assistance provided to move clients along



Our goal is to maximize shelter bed utilization

The success of our new operating model at 29 Road

- Total bed nights since March-June - 8,416 with occupancy ranging from 60-90
- Over the last 4 months, our case managers have completed work plans for 95% of the clients - a first for HBGV!
- From March through June, our case managers completed over 225 applications or referrals for housing. It takes 5-7 applications per client.
- **HBGV has successfully placed 57 clients into housing since March.**
 - **12 families**
 - **5 individuals**
- We have engaged 54 volunteers over the past 4 months.

Our housing placement rate is the highest in the organization's history

HBGV Funding Successes:

- Donations received May and June 2026 were more than double those received during the same period in 2025
- Receiving grants from 20 foundations
- Weekly donor tours have been well attended and re-engaged our individual donors.
- Positive support from service club presentations

HBGV Funding Challenges:



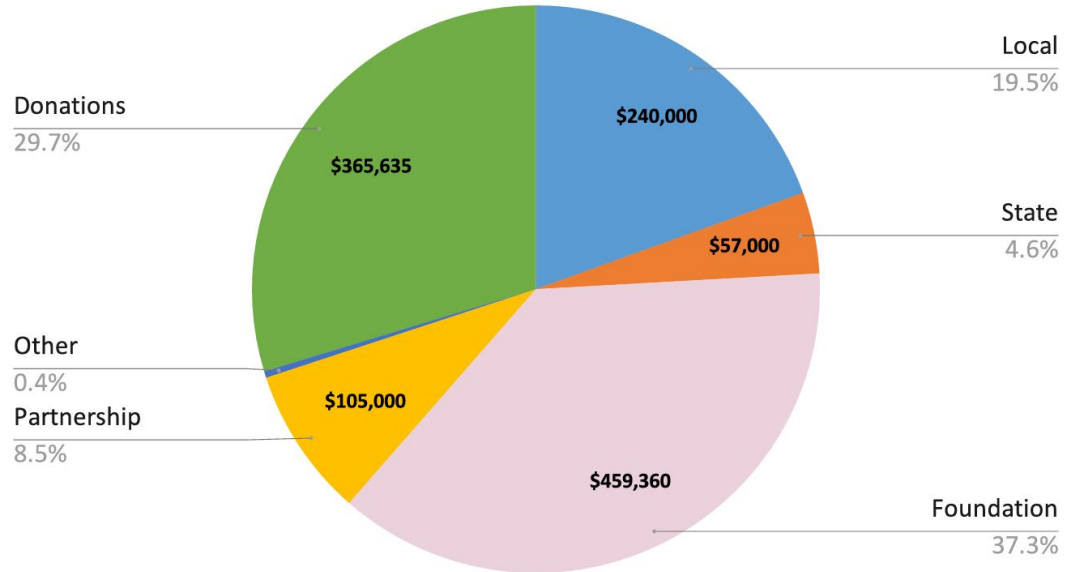
- Federal pass through dollars awarded by the state - THR grant - will end this month and will eliminate partial funding for staff
- Foundation grants are becoming more competitive
- State and VALE funding continue to become more competitive with smaller awards.

Private dollars fund 76% of our budget



- Foundations provide 37.8% of operating funds
- Individual donations - 30%
- Partnership with Intermountain Health and Cardinal Capital - 8.6%
- State and Local tax dollars - 24%
 - City of GJ - \$185,000
 - Mesa County - \$30,000
 - VALE - \$25,000
 - State \$57,000
- Other shelters in the Denver and Salt Lake have a higher percentage of tax-dollar support - 50-70%

HBGV FY27 Projected Funding Sources



HBGV's requests for Financial Support:

Location	Current Amount	2026/2027	2027/2028
City of Grand Junction	\$185,000	\$225,000 (same as 2024/2025 amount)	\$260,000
Fruita	\$0	\$10,000	\$13,000
Palisade	\$0	\$5,000	\$7,000
DeBeque	\$0	\$2,500	\$3,000
Mesa County	\$30,000	\$40,000	\$57,000
VALE - (Competitive grant that has not increased in the past two years)	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Total Local Tax Dollars	\$240,000 (14% of operations)	\$307,500 (18% of operations)	\$365,000 (21.5% of operations)

HBGV would like to see all local governments combine their support to provide 20% of the operational funds for the shelter, phased in over the next two years.

This level of support would be combined with HBGV's effort to raise the remaining 80% of the budget from other sources and keep operational expenses at current levels.

How does HBGV mitigate community costs?

Which is more expensive to the community?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$50 dollars per person per day at the shelter | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EMS/ambulance response to an unhoused individual on the street• Police encounters with an unhoused individuals camping on private property• Homeless individuals spending additional time in local hospitals because of risks if discharged to the street or to a camp |
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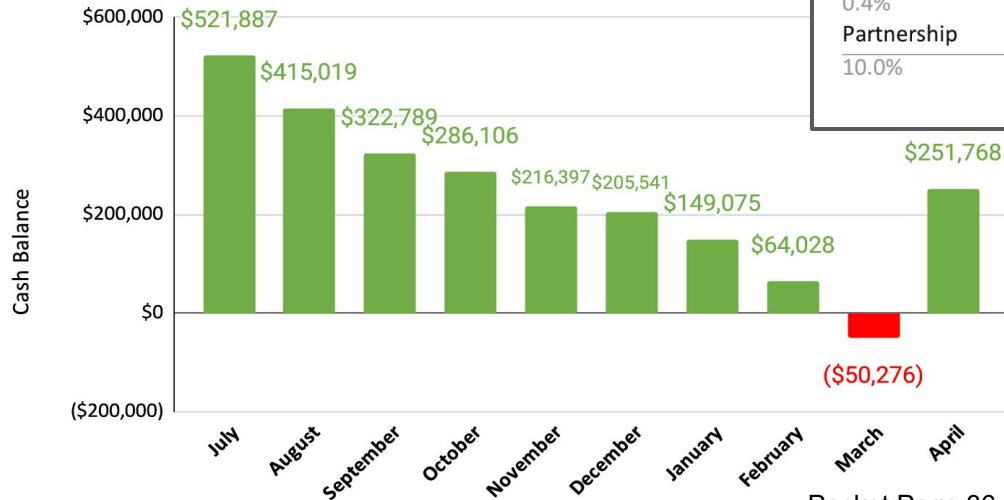


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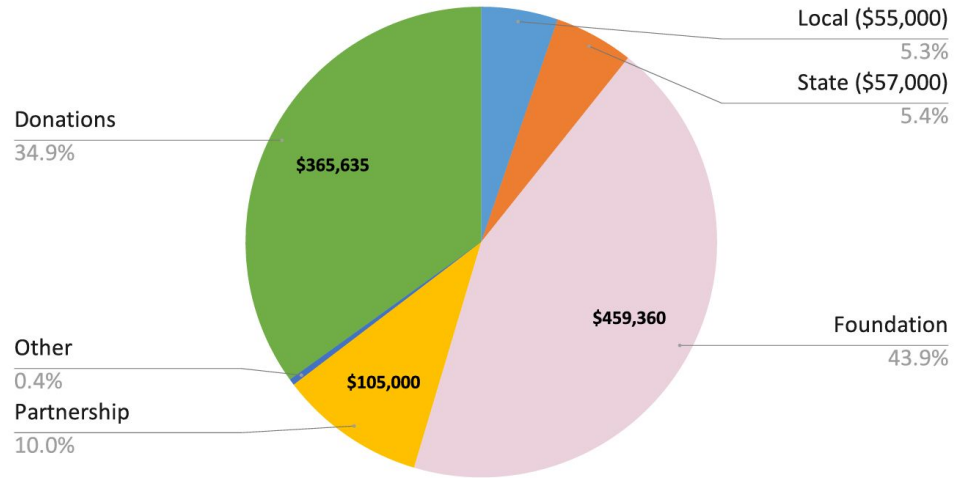
Without City funding local tax dollar support drops to less than 10%

Projected Cash Balance by Month (without City Funding)



HBGV FY27 Projected Funding Sources

Without City of GJ Funding



Without City funding HBGV would risk negative cash flow and be at risk of having to close temporarily

Shelter Comparison

<u>Location</u>	<u>beds</u>	<u>2026 budget</u>	<u>FTE's</u>	<u>FTE/bed</u>	<u>cost/bed/night</u>
Homeward Bound's 29 Road Shelter	112	\$1,700,000	19	0.17	\$46-51
Denver Rescue Mission 48th	515	\$9,482,938	107	0.208	\$50
Catholic Charities 48th Ave	275	\$4,525,040	60.85	0.221	\$51
Catholic charities Smith Road	82	\$2,875,780	38.7	0.472	\$96
VOA Sinton Sanctuary	25	\$601,829	7	0.28	\$66

What is the plan for the North Avenue Shelter?

We have engaged a realtor and plan to sell the building

- Comparable market analysis estimates the value between \$800k-\$1.1M
- Proceed would retire the line of credit (\$453k).
- CO Div of Housing maintains a 30 year convenient restriction that needs to be resolved prior to sale
- 9 pet shelters remain on the property
 - Effort to sell to Sunshine Community did not advance
 - HBGV is willing to work with non-profit/City to redeploy shelters and the shower trailer

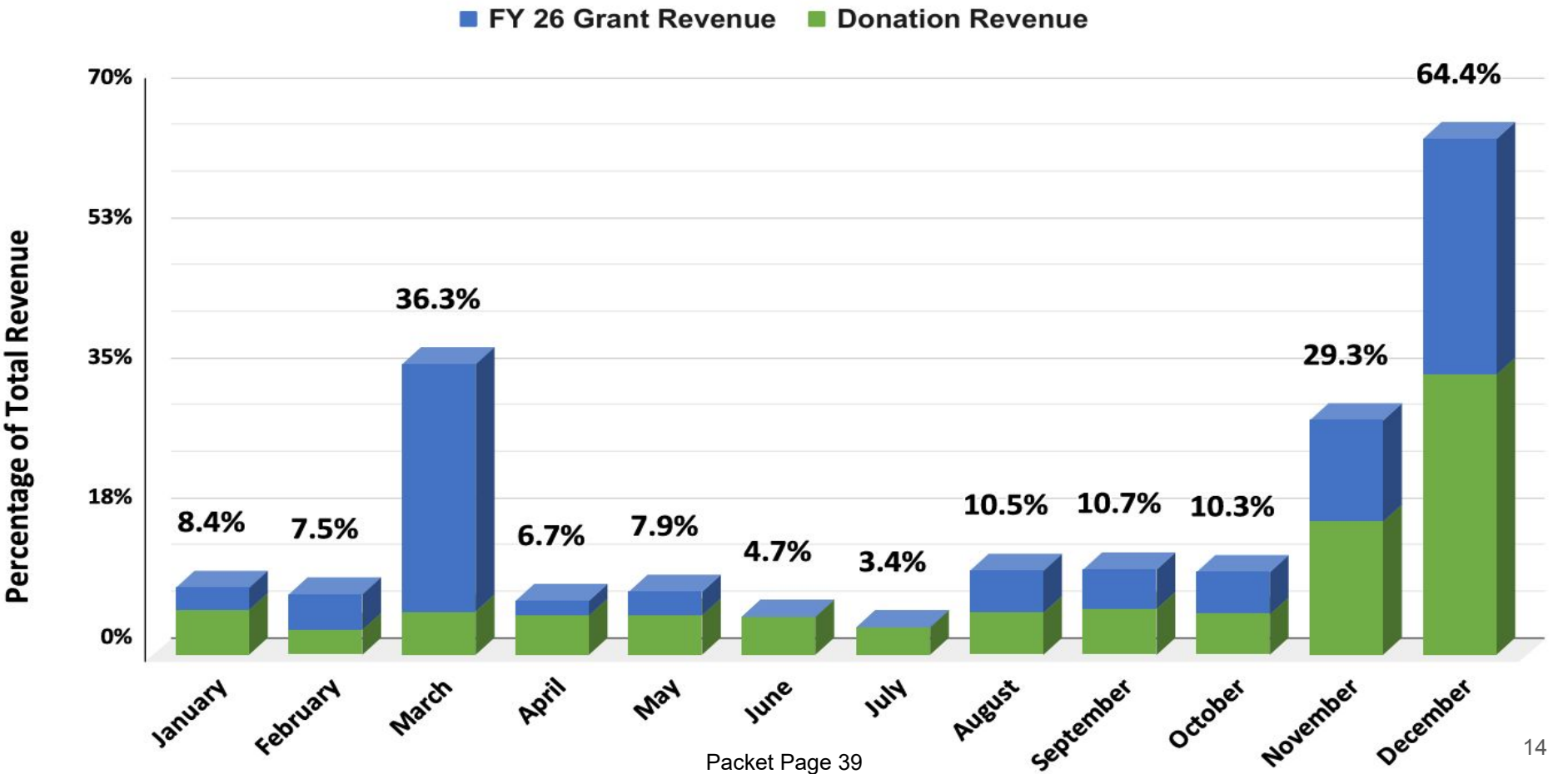


It's not about more beds - it is about funding the beds we have.

- Serving DV perpetrators, sex offenders and active drug users requires well trained staff - NOT volunteers.
- Until funding improves the focus should be maximizing the beds/staff we have

The community should ask “where” is the best place for additional shelter beds before adding more beds.

Cash Flow by Month





Grand Junction City Council

Workshop Session

Item #1.c.

Meeting Date: August 3, 2026
Presented By: Kelsey Coleman, Ken Sherbenou, and RRC Associates
Department: City Manager's Office
Submitted By: Kelsey Coleman

Information

SUBJECT:

Community Satisfaction Survey 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

City Council will review the results of the 2026 Community Satisfaction Survey, including findings from the statistically valid survey of randomly selected households and additional community feedback received through the public open-link survey. Together, these results provide insight into community priorities, satisfaction with City services, and perspectives on future investments and areas of focus.

The statistically valid survey offers a representative snapshot of resident opinions, while the open-link survey provides additional community perspective on topics of interest. The findings will help Council better understand where residents believe the City is performing well, where improvements are needed, and which services and investments are most important as the City plans for the future. The survey results will inform future policy discussions, strategic planning, and budget priorities.

BACKGROUND OR DETAILED INFORMATION:

The City of Grand Junction conducts a community satisfaction survey every two years using a professional survey consultant. This approach ensures consistent methodology, reliable data collection, and accurate trend analysis over time. RRC Associates, a Colorado-based firm, administered the survey in 2018, 2022, 2024, and again in 2026.

The 2026 survey was mailed to a randomized sample of residents within Grand Junction city limits. The survey was designed to gather input from a representative cross-section of residents. Participants completed the survey either by mail or electronically using a unique access code assigned to each respondent.

In addition to the statistically valid survey, the City offered a public open-link survey to provide another opportunity for community members to share their feedback. Responses from both efforts help inform Council's understanding of community priorities, perspectives, and areas of interest.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

SUGGESTED ACTION:

For discussion only.

Attachments

None



Grand Junction City Council

Workshop Session

Item #1.d.

Meeting Date: August 3, 2026
Presented By: Kelsey Coleman
Department: City Manager's Office
Submitted By:

Information

SUBJECT:

Orchard Mesa Pool Community Satisfaction Survey Results Discussion

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This item is to discuss the results of the Community Satisfaction Survey pertaining to the Orchard Mesa Pool questions.

BACKGROUND OR DETAILED INFORMATION:

The Community Satisfaction Survey contained additional questions specifically about the Orchard Mesa Pool. This item is to discuss the results of those questions and to discuss next steps.

FISCAL IMPACT:

SUGGESTED ACTION:

For discussion only.

Attachments

None



Memo

To: Mayor Lutz and Councilmembers

From: Mike Bennett, City Manager
Selestina Sandoval, City Clerk

Date: August 3, 2026

Subject: Volunteer Board Vacancies

Staff is requesting that City Council members discuss who will serve on interview committees for the following vacancies:

Volunteer Board or Commission	Vacancies (E = Eligible to Reapply)	Application Deadline
Grand Junction Housing Authority Laurel Lutz	1. Ivan Geer (exp. 10/31/2026) 2. Porcia Silverberg (E) (exp. 02/28/2026) 3. Pamela Blythe (E) (exp. 02/28/2026)	October 31, 2026 Interviews to be held in August
Planning Commission Zoning Board of Appeals	1. Merritt Sixbey (Resigned) (Exp. 10/31/2029) 2. Robert Quintero (E) (Exp. 10/31/2026) 3. Sandra Weckerly (E) (Exp. 10/31/2026)	October 31, 2026 Interviews to be held in September