



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Human Services Department

Subject: Proposed 2025-26 Budget for CORE Investments

Meeting Date: June 3, 2025

Formal Title: Approve the Proposed 2025-26 Budget for Collective of Results and Evidence-Based (CORE) Investments, including any supplemental materials, and take related actions, as outlined in the referenced budget documents, and as recommended by the County Executive Officer

Recommended Action

Approve the Proposed 2025-26 Budget for Collective of Results and Evidence-Based (CORE) Investments, including any supplemental materials, as provided in the referenced budget documents:

- [Proposed Budget](#)
- Presentation

Executive Summary

The Proposed 2025-26 Budget for CORE Investments supports 43 contract awards to 35 vendors as part of the new three-year funding cycle with total expenditures of \$5,958,945, offset by \$1,080,000 in revenues and \$4,878,945 in General Fund contribution.

Discussion

The mission of CORE Investments is to achieve equitable health and well-being in Santa Cruz County, using a collective impact, results-based approach that is responsive to community needs. CORE operational objectives are shown in the Proposed 2025-26 Budget document and 2025-27 Operational Plan. Both are available online at: www.SCCVision.us.

CORE Investments represents a shared commitment to promote the health and well-being necessary for county residents to thrive through the management of Board of Supervisors dedicated funding to support programs working to improve equitable outcomes for residents.

Budgeted funding will support 35 agencies representing 43 programs for a new three-year period spanning Fiscal Years 2025-26 to 2027-28. The 2025-26 budget reflects Board-approved CORE funding for Year One and includes funding from the City of Santa Cruz of \$1,080,000.

Over the next fiscal year, the department will explore alternative ways to provide collective impact capacity building trainings and events, including working with the County Executive Office's Community of Practice.

Financial Impact

The CORE Investments Proposed Budget includes \$5,958,945 in expenditures offset by \$1,080,000 in revenues and \$4,878,945 in General Fund contribution. This reflects a total expenditure decrease of \$33,512 or 0.6% from the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Adopted Budget.

Strategic Initiatives

Equity Framework - Community Voices & Partnership

Operational Plan - Comprehensive Health & Safety, Sustainable Environment

Climate Action - Natural & Working Lands

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Recommended By:

Carlos J. Palacios, County Executive Officer

Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.