



**United Way**  
Elgin Middlesex

# Community Fund Investments Portfolio 2026 - 2028

Investing in local solutions so everyone  
in our region has a fair shot at a good life.



# Investing Where It Matters Most

At United Way Elgin Middlesex, we tackle poverty so everyone in our region has a fair shot at a good life.

Through an equity lens, we work to address the root causes of poverty by removing barriers that prevent individuals and families from thriving.

Our Community Fund investments are guided by five Impact Priorities that focus our work, strengthen partnerships, and ensure dollars are invested where they will create the greatest impact.

## Our 2026–2028 Investment Priorities

- **Essential Needs** | 9 programs \$676,000
- **Housing Stability** | 7 programs \$795,500
- **Inclusion & Belonging** | 11 programs \$837,000
- **Mental Health Supports** | 4 programs \$650,000
- **Gender-Based Violence** | 4 programs \$316,500

*Details on our investments are available in our audited financials, available at [unitedwayem.ca](http://unitedwayem.ca)*



These investments support 35 programs delivered by 33 local agencies, strengthening the organizations that walk alongside individuals and families facing poverty. By reducing barriers to access and improving coordination across the system, we are helping ensure supports are available when and where they are needed most.

Every dollar invested represents community trust.

Together, we are creating pathways to stability and opportunity for our neighbours.

## Essential Needs

**Ensuring access to food, income supports, transportation, and basic necessities.**

United Way investments help individuals and families meet immediate needs while building pathways toward long-term stability.

**Investment: \$676,000   Programs Funded: 9**

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<b>Crouch Neighbourhood Resource Centre</b> <i>Neighbourhood Essential Services</i> \$60,000	<b>Northwest London Resource Centre</b> <i>Neighbourhood Essential Services</i> \$80,000
<b>Glen Cairn Community Resource Centre</b> <i>Neighbourhood Essential Services</i> \$60,000	<b>South London Neighbourhood Resource Centre</b> <i>Neighbourhood Essential Services</i> \$100,000
<b>London Food Coalition</b> <i>LFC Momentum!</i> \$60,000	<b>Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre</b> <i>Minomode-Zewin Nundge-Gehwin (Healthy way of eating)</i> \$150,000
<b>LUSO Community Services</b> <i>Neighbourhood Essential Services</i> \$80,000	<b>West Elgin Community Health Centre</b> <i>Gift a Ride Program</i> \$16,000
<b>Meals on Wheels London</b> <i>Meal Subsidies for Low-Income Londoners</i> \$70,000	

## Gender-Based Violence

**Supporting safety, supports and prevention.**

Investments in this priority area provide critical supports for individuals and families experiencing violence while advancing prevention and education efforts.

**Investment: \$316,500   Programs Funded: 4**

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<b>Changing Ways (London) Inc.</b> <i>Being the Change</i> \$95,000	<b>St. Thomas-Elgin Second Stage Housing</b> <i>Children's Program</i> \$60,000
<b>London Abused Women's Centre</b> <i>Survivors to Thrivers Life Stabilization Program</i> \$78,900	<b>Women's Rural Resource Centre of Strathroy and Area</b> <i>Children's Program</i> \$82,600

## Housing Stability

**Preventing homelessness and supporting pathways to safe, stable housing.**

We invest in coordinated supports that reduce housing loss, increase stability, and help individuals move from crisis to security.

**Investment: \$795,000   Programs Funded: 7**

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**CMHA Thames Valley Addiction and Mental Health Services**

*Supportive Housing Program*  
\$100,000

**Inn Out Of The Cold, St. Thomas-Elgin**

*Emergency Shelter Support*  
\$98,000

**John Howard Society of London and District**

*Breaking the Cycle of Post-Incarceration Homelessness*  
\$100,000

**London Cares Homeless Response Services**

*Housing Stability Program*  
\$140,000

**Street Level Women at Risk**

*Housing Stability Program*  
\$117,500

**Unity Project for Relief of Homelessness**

*Housing Stability Program*  
\$140,000

**YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin**

*Supportive Housing Program*  
\$100,000

## Mental Health Supports

**Improving access to counselling, crisis response, and community-based supports.**

We fund programs that promote emotional well-being and early intervention while strengthening the broader mental health system.

**Investment: \$650,000   Programs Funded: 4**

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**Daya Counselling Centre**

*Subsidized Counselling*  
\$200,000

**Family Service Thames Valley**

*Subsidized Counselling*  
\$200,000

**John Howard Society of London and District**

*Counselling Services*  
\$200,000

**WeBridge Community Services**

*The Umoja Project*  
\$50,000

“

Just to know that you have somebody there to support you and have your back ...it means a lot. If I didn't have that, I don't think I would have made it this far on my own.”

— Shayla, participant at London Cares Housing Stability Program

## Inclusion & Belonging

### Strengthening connection, dignity, and community participation.

Many equity-deserving populations face systemic barriers that lead to isolation and exclusion. These investments improve access to services for them.

**Investment: \$837,000   Programs Funded: 11**

**Across Languages Translation and Interpretation Service**  
*Community Interpreter Access Program*  
\$50,000

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Thomas-Elgin**  
*Community Based Mentoring*  
\$40,000

**Community Living London**  
*Volunteer Services*  
\$93,000

**Learning Disabilities Association of London Region**  
*Right path. Right tools. Bright future.*  
\$111,000

**London InterCommunity Health Centre**  
*Women of the World*  
\$70,000

**Muslim Resource Centre for Social Support & Integration Inc.**  
*Culturally Integrative Coordination & Navigation Hub Program*  
\$70,000

**Pathways Employment Help Centre**  
*Advocacy Centre*  
\$180,000

**St. Thomas-Elgin Youth and Employment Services**  
*Ignite Youth Centre*  
\$30,000

**Strathroy Pride**  
*2SLGBTQIA+ Youth Drop-In*  
\$13,500

**WILL Counselling and Training for Employment**  
*WILL Immploy Mentorship Program*  
\$100,000  
*WILL Access Licensure Assistance Program*  
\$79,500



## Investing where it's needed most.

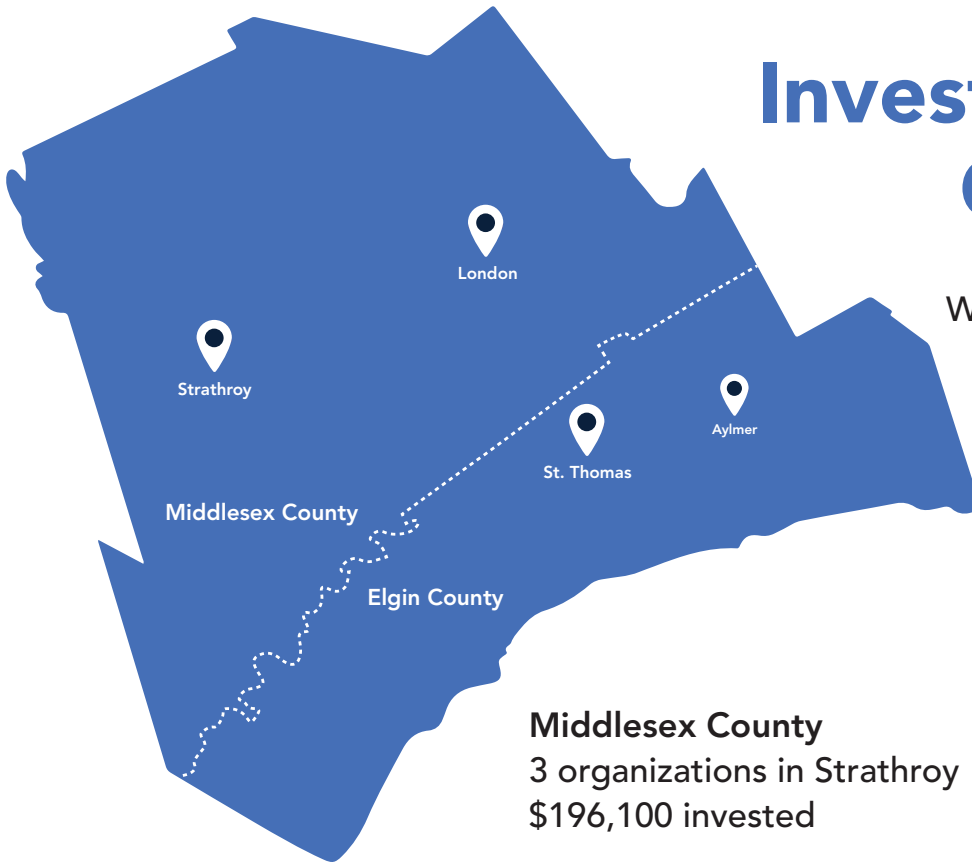
United Way Elgin Middlesex invests our available resources in smart, strategic ways to move the needle for the most vulnerable people in our communities. Our expert volunteers evaluate and make recommendations to fund programs, collaborations and initiatives that create measurable, lasting change.

Our 2026-2028 funding cycle is supporting agencies and projects in these five impact areas.



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# Investing Across Our Region



We invest across our region — in communities of all sizes — to ensure people can access essential services close to home and no community is left behind.

**Middlesex County**  
3 organizations in Strathroy  
\$196,100 invested

**St. Thomas – Elgin County**  
6 organizations  
\$344,000 invested

## Because of you, our community is stronger.

Your generosity does more than fund programs — it fuels innovation, strengthens partnerships, and supports solutions that address the root causes of poverty. Together, we inspire action, influence systems, invest in what works, and respond to emerging needs with agility and purpose.

When neighbours face crisis, help is there. When barriers stand in the way of opportunity, we work together to remove them. And when change is needed, we act — united in the belief that everyone in our region deserves a fair shot at a good life.

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