



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



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

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

Changing Ways (London) Inc. <i>Being the Change</i> \$95,000	St. Thomas-Elgin Second Stage Housing <i>Children's Program</i> \$60,000
London Abused Women's Centre <i>Survivors to Thrivers Life Stabilization Program</i> \$78,900	Women's Rural Resource Centre of Strathroy and Area <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: \$795,500 Programs Funded: 7

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

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.

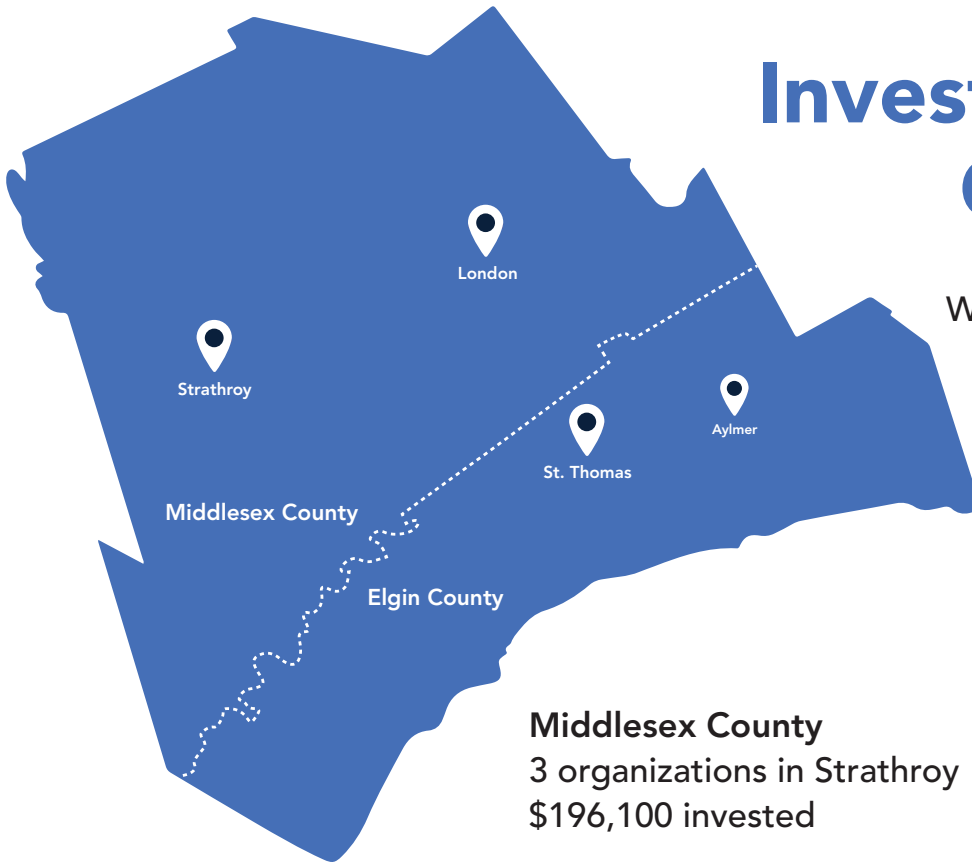
United Way Elgin Middlesex invests our available resources in smart, strategic ways to move the needle for the most vulnerable people in our communities. Our expert volunteers evaluate and make recommendations to fund programs, collaborations and initiatives that create measurable, lasting change.

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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