

Item Title: FY 2026 Community Capital Competitive Process Approval and Appropriate Funds

Specific Action Requested:
That the Board of Commissioners:

1. Appropriates \$4,186,000 from ABC committed Fund Balance to the County CIP Fund for Community Capital Projects;
2. Appropriates \$2,500,000 from Behavioral Health committed Fund Balance to the County CIP Fund for Community Capital Projects;
3. Appropriates \$314,000 in the County CIP Fund in Community Capital Projects element; and
4. Allocates \$7,000,000 in Community Capital CIP in the amounts of:
 - \$200,000 for Advance Community Health,
 - \$154,900 for Artspace,
 - \$750,000 for Christian Community Action (Dorcas),
 - \$76,200 for El Centro Hispano,
 - \$300,000 for Family Promise of the Triangle,
 - \$1,072,200 for Families Together,
 - \$825,000 for Healing Transitions,
 - \$450,000 for Lucy Daniels Center,
 - \$281,300 for Methodist Home for Children,
 - \$750,000 for Southlight Healthcare,
 - \$49,500 for Special Olympics North Carolina,
 - \$550,000 for StepUp Ministry,
 - \$400,000 for TLC (Tammy Lynn Center),
 - \$970,000 for The Caring Place,
 - \$145,900 for Transitions LifeCare, and
 - \$25,000 for WakeEd Partnership.
5. Authorizes the County Manager to enter into funding agreements with the organizations approved for funding and subject to the approval of terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.

Item Summary:

Purpose: The Board of Commissioners authorizes all Community Capital Program funding appropriations.

Background: The Wake County Community Capital Program was established to build partnerships with non-profit organizations and other entities. Wake County has periodically awarded funds through a competitive process to support capital investments that address vital community issues. In June 2025, the Board directed staff to start a competitive process to solicit proposals from organizations. After receiving and reviewing proposals, the evaluation team recommended specific

projects at the November 10 work session. This item seeks the Board of Commissioners' approval to allocate the FY 2026 Community Capital funding to sixteen organizations.

Strategic Plan: This action supports multiple goals outlined in the Strategic Plan. Please see the attached matrix, which aligns each recommended project with the specific goals.

Fiscal Impact: Sixteen recommended projects total \$7,000,000 for the FY 2026 award period. These projects are supported through an appropriation of \$314,000 in general Community Capital projects' actual revenues or prior project savings. The remaining amount is supported through an appropriation of \$4,186,000 from the ABC committed Fund Balance and \$2,500,000 from the Behavioral Health committed Fund Balance.

Additional Information:

The Community Capital Program has been active since FY 2002, funding capital projects that address critical community issues. The program aims to foster collaboration among public, nonprofit, and private sectors in Wake County; meet countywide needs responsibly and effectively; and promote sustainable financial plans for nonprofits that tackle countywide challenges.

Beginning in FY 2024, Wake County aimed to improve access to Community Capital grants for nonprofits with limited resources, such as fewer staff, volunteers, and revenue, by creating a funding pathway for smaller capital projects. This new effort is called the "Impact Fund."

In June 2025, the Board of Commissioners directed staff to begin a process for identifying and recommending projects for Community Capital funding consideration in FY 2026. The Community Capital and Impact Fund track projects were evaluated and chosen through a competitive, analytical process that involved a request for proposals, submissions from applicants, optional presentations, and analysis by an evaluation team consisting of both internal and external stakeholders.

Twenty-four (24) eligible projects were submitted through the FY 2026 Community Capital RFP, requesting a total of \$14,801,672; of this amount, \$389,480 was requested through the Impact Fund track. The Community Capital evaluation team reviewed the projects and recommended sixteen for funding.

On November 10, 2026, staff presented the evaluation team's recommendation for Community Capital funding during the Work Session. The sixteen projects recommended for funding are listed below.

Proposer	Project Description	Recommended Funding	Proposal Type
Advance Community Health	Equipment and Facility Renovation - Replace exam tables, kiosk installations, lighting and fixtures, replace the generator, renovate the elevator, improve HVAC, and upgrade IT infrastructure.	\$200,000	Community Capital
Artspace	Facility Renovations - Roof replacement and repairs, ensuring the continuation of a locally owned visual arts and cultural center.	\$154,900	Impact Fund
Christian Community Action (Dorcas)	Facility Renovations - Expand food pantry, workforce development, and community services spaces, as well as retail space renovations.	\$750,000	Community Capital
El Centro Hispano	Facility Lease - Support the first five years of a 10-year office lease for service continuity.	\$76,200	Community Capital
Family Promise of the Triangle	New Housing - Four (4) townhouse-style duplex units used as bridge housing for families experiencing homelessness.	\$300,000	Community Capital
Families Together	New Housing - Twelve (12) unit non-congregate emergency shelter and integrated supportive services.	\$1,072,200	Community Capital
Healing Transitions	New Housing - Seventeen (17) apartment-style units of recovery-oriented housing for women and children.	\$825,000	Community Capital
Lucy Daniels Center	New Facility - Purpose-built clinic space providing outpatient pediatric mental health treatment.	\$450,000	Community Capital
Methodist Home for Children	Facility Renovation - Replacements of the boiler and seventeen (17) air handler units at the Jordan Child and Family Enrichment Center.	\$281,300	Community Capital
Southlight Healthcare	New Facility - Rapid access center offering walk-in services, clinic care, peer support, and training.	\$750,000	Community Capital

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Proposer	Project Description	Recommended Funding	Proposal Type
Southlight Healthcare	New Facility - Rapid access center offering walk-in services, clinic care, peer support, and training.	\$750,000	Community Capital
Special Olympics North Carolina	New Vehicle - Two 15-passenger vans for transporting individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD) to local and regional events.	\$49,500	Impact Fund
StepUp Ministry	New Facility - Replace the existing facility with new construction to provide services and help individuals rise out of poverty.	\$550,000	Community Capital
TLC (Tammy Lynn Center)	Housing Renovation - Supportive housing at its Resident Village for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD) receiving care.	\$400,000	Community Capital
The Caring Place	New Housing and Facility - Eleven (11) transitional housing units and office space to help families through housing, financial literacy, and family services.	\$970,000	Community Capital
Transitions LifeCare	Equipment - Replace 28 electric hospital beds and mattresses for those receiving palliative care.	\$145,900	Community Capital
WakeEd Partnership	Facility Renovations - Roof replacement, double door installation, and light switch (electrical) configuration.	\$25,000	Impact Fund

Funding Agreement

Once approved, each project will enter into a funding agreement with Wake County that will specify the use of project funds, conditions of funding, reporting requirements, and monitoring procedures for each project. The agreements will also include provisions for an expiration of the grant award if the projects are unable to proceed to construction (for example, the nonprofit organization is unable to raise non-county funds through organization-led capital campaigns), as well as provisions for the repayment of funds if the terms of the agreement are not met or if the project ceases to be used for its stated purposes.

Attachments:

1. Staff Presentation from November 10, 2025 Work Session
2. FY26 Community Capital – Proposal Summary
3. Recommended Project Alignment with Strategic Plan Goals
4. Budget Memo – FY26 General Fund, Human Services
5. Budget Memo – FY26 General Fund, General Government
6. CIP Budget Memo – FY26 County Capital Fund – Community Capital