



# Social Innovation Fund

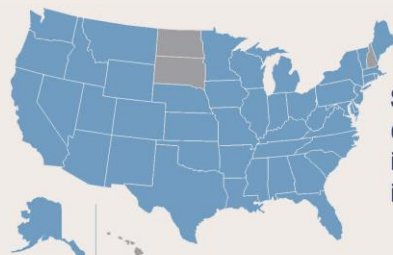
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## Finding What Works, Making It Work for More People

The Social Innovation Fund (SIF), a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), supports the growth of effective programs, and the development of innovative approaches to solve the country's most intractable problems. The SIF directs resources towards efforts in the areas of youth development, economic opportunity, and healthy futures. Since its inception in 2009, the SIF's federal investment of \$340 million has generated \$672 million from non-federal sources resulting in more than \$1 billion invested in growing effective programs.

### Addressing Community Challenges: Where Our Dollars Go



Since 2010, SIF grantees have expanded evidence-based programs to have greater impact through **1,849** local organizations in **46** states and the District of Columbia.



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## Social Innovation Fund Programs



The **SIF Classic** program awards grants to eligible grantmaking institutions or partnerships to select, fund, support, and evaluate community-based nonprofits seeking to grow innovative, evidence-based solutions to challenges facing low-income communities nationwide.

The **SIF Pay for Success (PFS)** program awards grants to eligible nonprofit organizations and state and local governments prepared to engage in PFS projects that advance and evaluate new models of funding high-quality, effective social interventions to produce measurable outcomes for individuals and communities.

The **SIF PFS Administrative Data Pilot (PFS ADP)** program supports the growth of PFS projects by improving their capacity to build and use evidence. PFS ADP recipients assist PFS projects to access high-quality, less expensive data so they can improve the outcomes of interventions they are conducting in communities around the country.

### Focusing on Evidence and Evaluation

SIF grantees are selected through rigorous, open competitions and are required to match their federal grants dollar-for-dollar. With those combined funds, they then take part in all or some of the following activities:

- Host open competitions to select organizations and/or government entities implementing or seeking to implement innovative program models;
- Invest in expanding the capabilities and impact of the organizations and government entities they select;
- Support those organizations through rigorous evaluation of their programs; and
- Share data, lessons learned, and results.

### Social Innovation Fund Works

Grantee	Federal Investment	Project Description
<b>Annie E. Casey Foundation</b> (AECF) <i>SIF Classic</i>	\$4.5 million for 3 years of a five-year grant	AECF is devoted to developing a brighter future for millions of children at risk of poor educational, economic, social and health outcomes. Its' Learn and Earn to Achieve Potential (LEAP) initiative aims to increase educational and employment opportunities for youth and young adults ages 14 to 25 who are in foster care or involved in the juvenile justice system, or who are homeless.
<b>United Way of Central Indiana</b> (UWCI) <i>SIF Classic</i>	\$7 million for 3 years of a five-year grant	UWCI works to improve the quality of life for the residents of Indianapolis and its surrounding communities. This award focuses on strengthening families in Indianapolis by following Aspen Institute's two-generation model. Great Families 2020 addresses key factors that impact family stability – finances, employment, education, health and social capital--through a two-generation program model that serves the whole family unit.
<b>Green &amp; Healthy Homes Initiative</b> (GHHI) <i>SIF Pay for Success</i>	\$1.78 million for a three-year grant	GHHI breaks the link between unhealthy housing and unhealthy families by creating healthy, safe and energy efficient homes. Through this award, GHHI provides developmental support to SIF-supported PFS projects that address the social determinants of health. GHHI's ultimate goal is to foster high-quality evidence-based models that efficiently connect funding to meaningful health, economic, and social outcomes in order to advance health equity for people in low-income communities.
<b>Stanford Center on Poverty &amp; Inequality</b> (CPI), <i>in partnership with Third Sector Capital Partners</i> (Third Sector) <i>SIF Pay for Success Administrative Data Pilot</i>	\$1.5 million for a three-year grant	The CPI team has been carrying out some of the country's most influential analyses of tax, census, and program data. As one of the leading players in the PFS field, Third Sector has extensive experience in innovative public-private financing and currently guides some of the country's most promising PFS projects. Through this SIF grant, CPI and Third Sector are improving the quality of the evidence used to evaluate PFS initiatives, focusing initially on projects addressing economic opportunity in California, Oregon, and Washington.