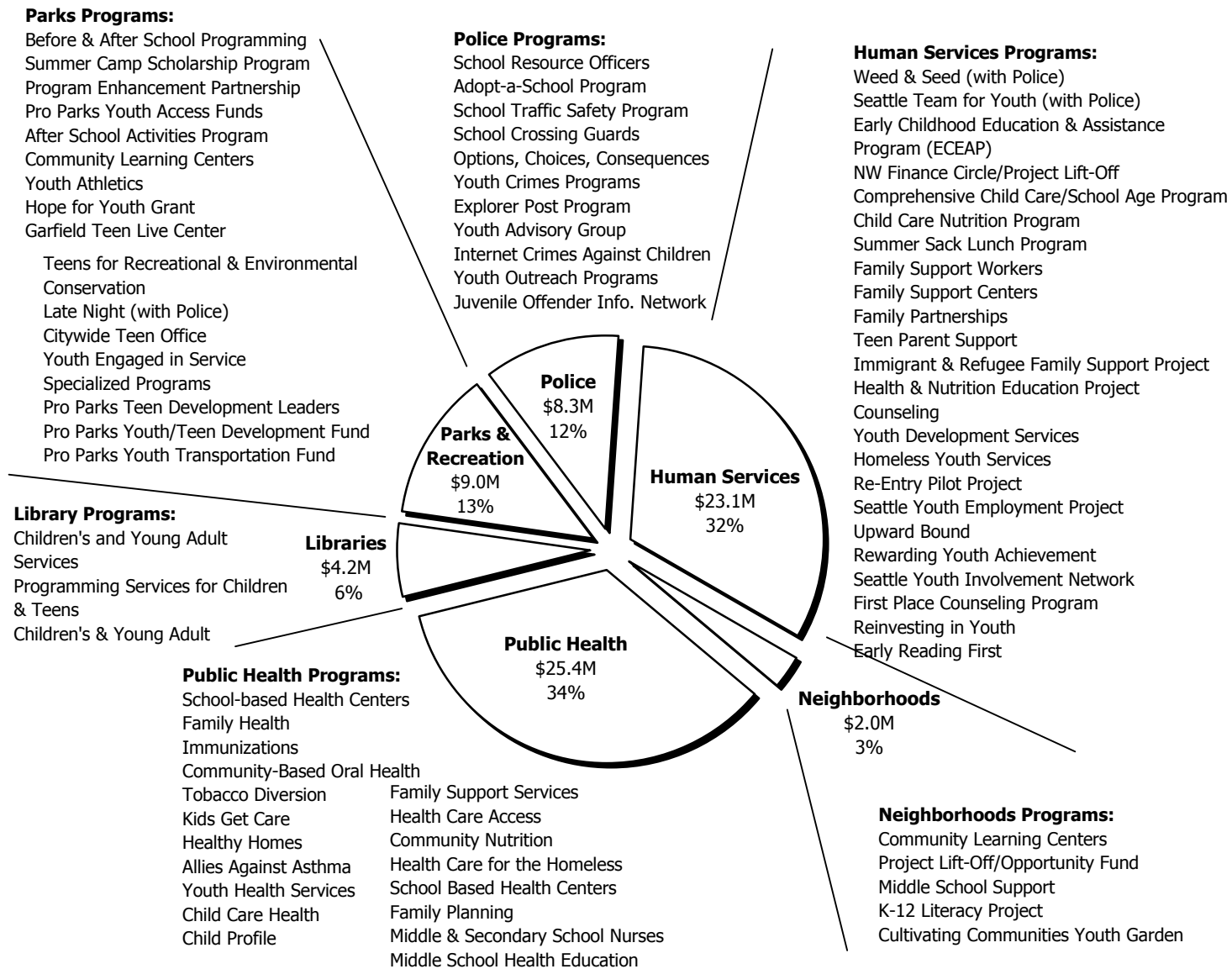


Children's Budget

In 2003, the Office of Policy and Management spearheaded an effort to review city-wide spending on services for children and youth. The City spends \$72 million per year on a variety of programs for children. Uses of funding by various City departments, included in the Children's Budget, are shown in the chart below. Programs supported by these funds are listed next to each department's dollar amount and percentage.

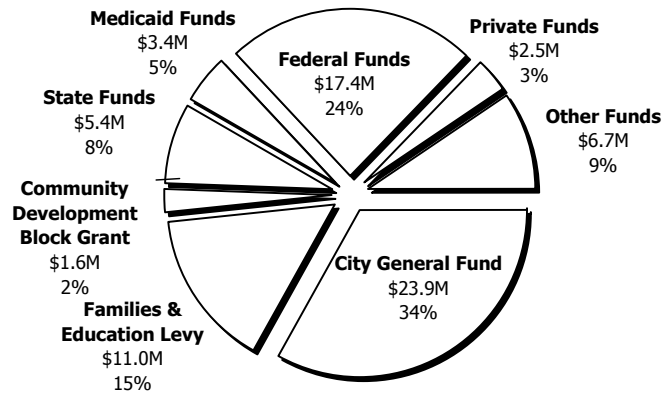
2004 Children's Budget Uses of All Funding by Department: \$72M



Funding for programs and services related to children and youth comes from a variety of sources. The chart on the following page details the funding sources for the Children's Budget.

Children's Budget

2004 Children's Budget Funding from all sources: \$72M



It is the City's intention to align funds with the Mayor's new Children & Youth Strategy goals. By aligning the spending with the city-wide goals, and measuring impact through a variety of community indicators, the City can better track the impact of its investments in children's services.

Through this process, departments are working together to develop priorities for funding and outcomes for children and youth. Department directors from the Human Services Department, Department of Neighborhoods, The Seattle Public Library, Department of Parks and Recreation, the Seattle Police Department, and Public Health – Seattle & King County collaborated along with the Office of Policy and Management and Department of Finance to set four broad goals for children and youth:

1. **Improve Academic Achievement and School Readiness**
2. **Improve the Health Status of Children and Youth**
3. **Provide a Safe, Secure Environment for Children and Youth**
4. **Build Strong Communities and Neighborhoods for Children and Youth**

For the 2004 budget, departments defined core strategies to achieve these four goals and developed one collective budget showing City-funded programs categorized by the goals and core strategies of the Children and Youth Strategy. The chart below shows how 2004 funding addresses the Mayors Children & Youth Strategy goals.

2004 Children's Budget Funding by Mayor's Goals: \$72M

