



**LAW ENFORCEMENT
ASSISTED DIVERSION**
Let Everyone Advance with Dignity

Housing & Human Services Committee

LEAD & CoLEAD 2024

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LEAD, CoLEAD & the Public Safety Ecosystem



**Sustained care coordinated with
first responders**

- Ability to take referrals from all types of first responders to compliment & connect to existing systems;
- Long-term care & coordination with other system players

DIVERSION & REFERRAL PATHWAYS

ARREST DIVERSION

Law enforcement officers have discretion to divert people to LEAD post-arrest in lieu of jail & prosecution. Participation is voluntary; those who decline are processed as usual.



SOCIAL CONTACT REFERRAL

Law enforcement officers can refer people known to commit chronic law violations to LEAD for support without detention. Participation is voluntary.



COMMUNITY REFERRAL

Community referrals are screened & approved if they are from a Focus Impact Area (FIA) & there is strong reason to believe they engage in law violations related to unmet behavioral health needs.





LEAD has offices in Capitol Hill,
Belltown, Aurora, & Rainier Beach

The outreach teams added this
year – Ideal Option & POCAAN –
are based out of North & South
Seattle, respectively.

The LEAD Model Includes...

- Intensive case management
- Information sharing
- Legal system coordination
- Neighborhood case-conferencing
- Project management, ensuring the public impact is mitigated & the program operates with fidelity to the evidence-based model



Evolution of LEAD Framework

LEAD

LEAD originated in Seattle & is now the most widely replicated diversion framework in the country (> 60 jurisdictions)

Washington State LEAD

Washington State has replicated LEAD statewide since 2019 (demonstration projects in Snohomish, Whatcom, Thurston/Mason Counties) & 2021 (**Recovery Navigator Program** based directly on LEAD)

CoLEAD

CoLEAD developed in 2020 to support more rapid stabilization & health care connections

THIRD AVE PROJECT (TAP)

Third Avenue Project (TAP) developed in 2022 to address "hot spot" with WDC street team; LEAD provides sustained case management for high priority individuals as capacity allows

LEAD & CoLEAD are aligned with the SAMHSA Recovery Model

Recovery is...

... highly personal & occurs via many pathways. It may include clinical treatment, medications, faith-based approaches, peer support, family support, self care, or other paths. Recovery is characterized by continual growth & improvement in one's health & wellness & managing setbacks. Because setbacks are a natural part of life, resilience becomes a key component to recovery.



Case Management Perspectives: ETS/REACH, POCAAN & Ideal Option

- Reasons for working in this framework
- Strengths
- Case study





CoLEAD provides housing navigation, AfterCare, & outreach assessment & screening

CoLEAD participants are provided temporary lodging in non-congregate shelter & SRO-style buildings

The number of rooms has reduced from 240 (2021) to 106 (July of 2024)

Multiple funding sources (Seattle has 50 rooms)

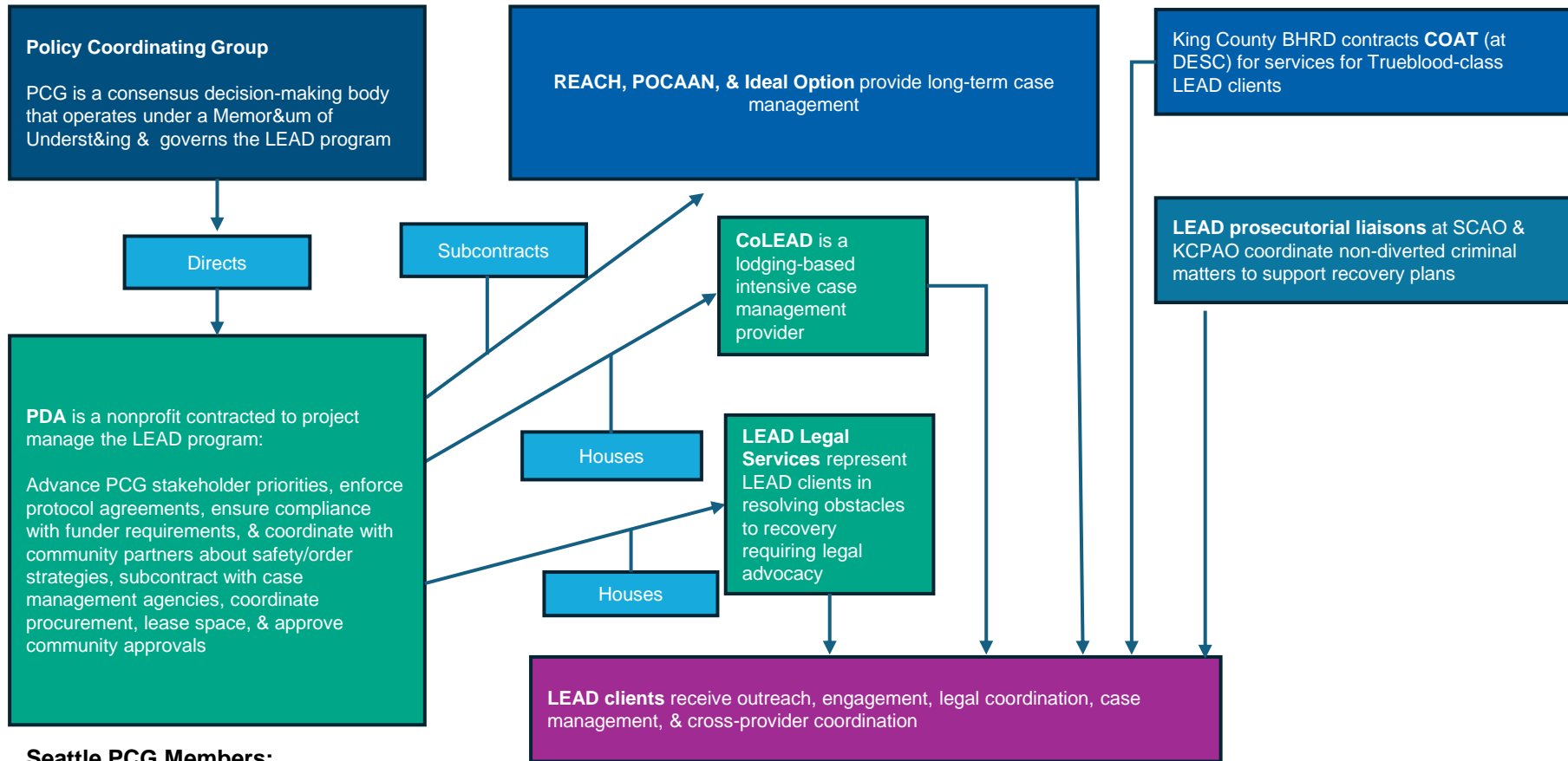
THIS PLACE WAS A HOME.

IT TOOK CARE OF US, PLAYED AS A
FIRST BASE FOR MANY GREAT ADVENTURES
AND FOR MOST OF US, IT WAS THE

FIRST PLACE IN A LONG TIME THAT WE COULD
FEEL WE BELONGED...

THANK YOU, BELLTOWN!

OFF TO THE NEXT ADVENTURE!



Seattle PCG Members:

- **City of Seattle:** Mayor, City Council, City Attorney, SPD
- **King County:** Executive (includes Dept. of Public Defense & BHRD), Council, Prosecutor, Sheriff
- **Community Advocates:** ACLU-WA, PDA

Seattle LEAD 2024 Funding

Total = \$15.310M - \$16.560M

Ongoing Funding:
\$10.56M

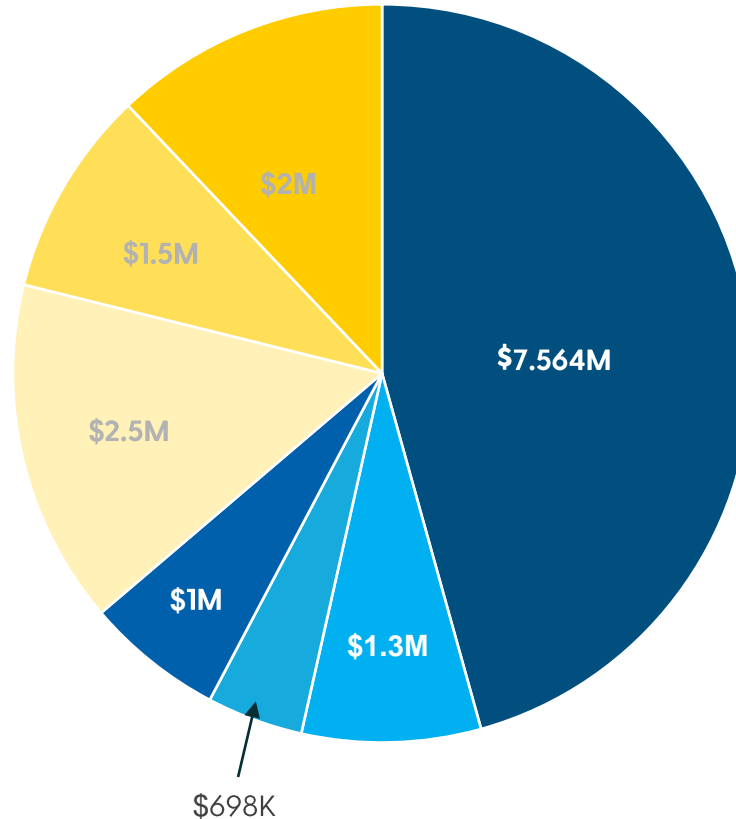
**One-Time
Funding: \$4.7- 6M**

**Projected 2024
Clients: 1392**

**Projected Cost
Per Client:**
~\$10,963 – 11,897

*Does not reflect COLA adjustments

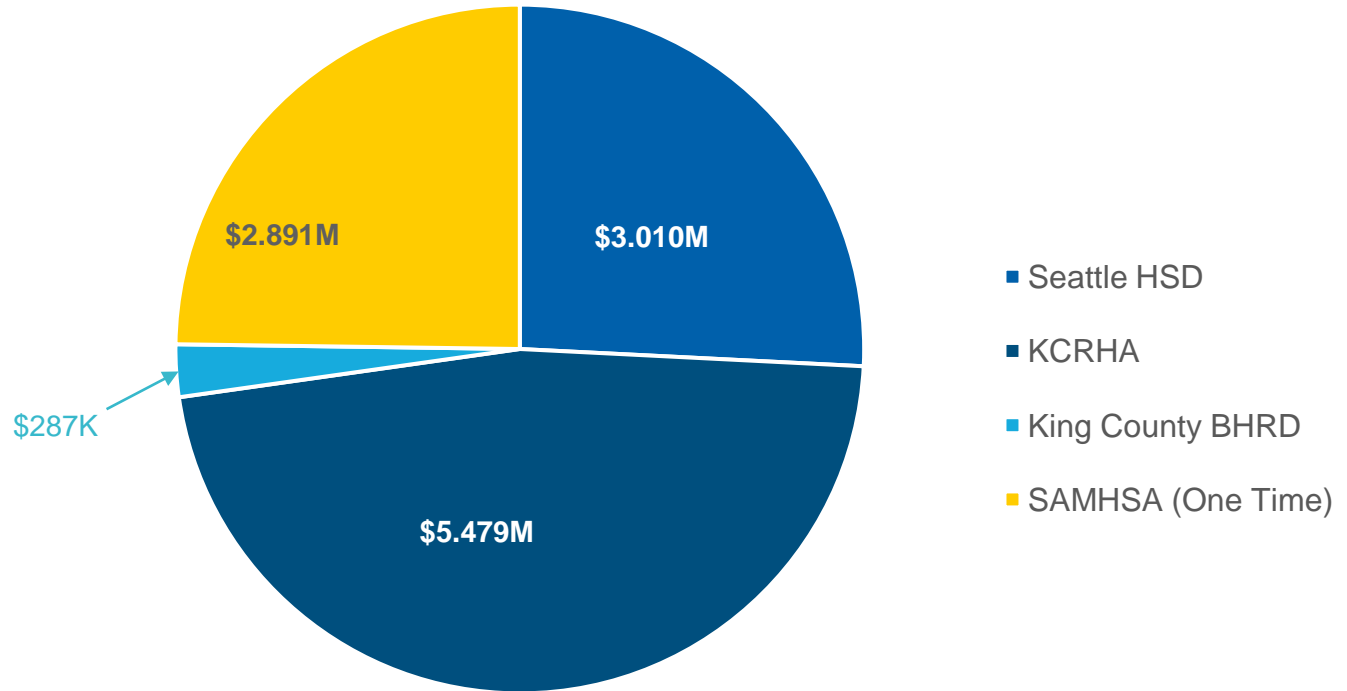
*Numbers rounded to 000s



- Seattle HSD
- King County MIDD
- King County Trueblood
- HCA (estimated)
- State Legislature/CJCT
- SAMHSA
- Seattle HSD (One Time)

CoLEAD Program Funding 2024

\$11.667M



*Does not reflect COLA adjustments

*Excludes facility costs

*Numbers rounded to 000s

Evaluations

70%

UW CoLEAD evaluation found more than 70% of chronically homeless participants with SUD & legal history moved into permanent housing when CoLEAD has access to housing resources

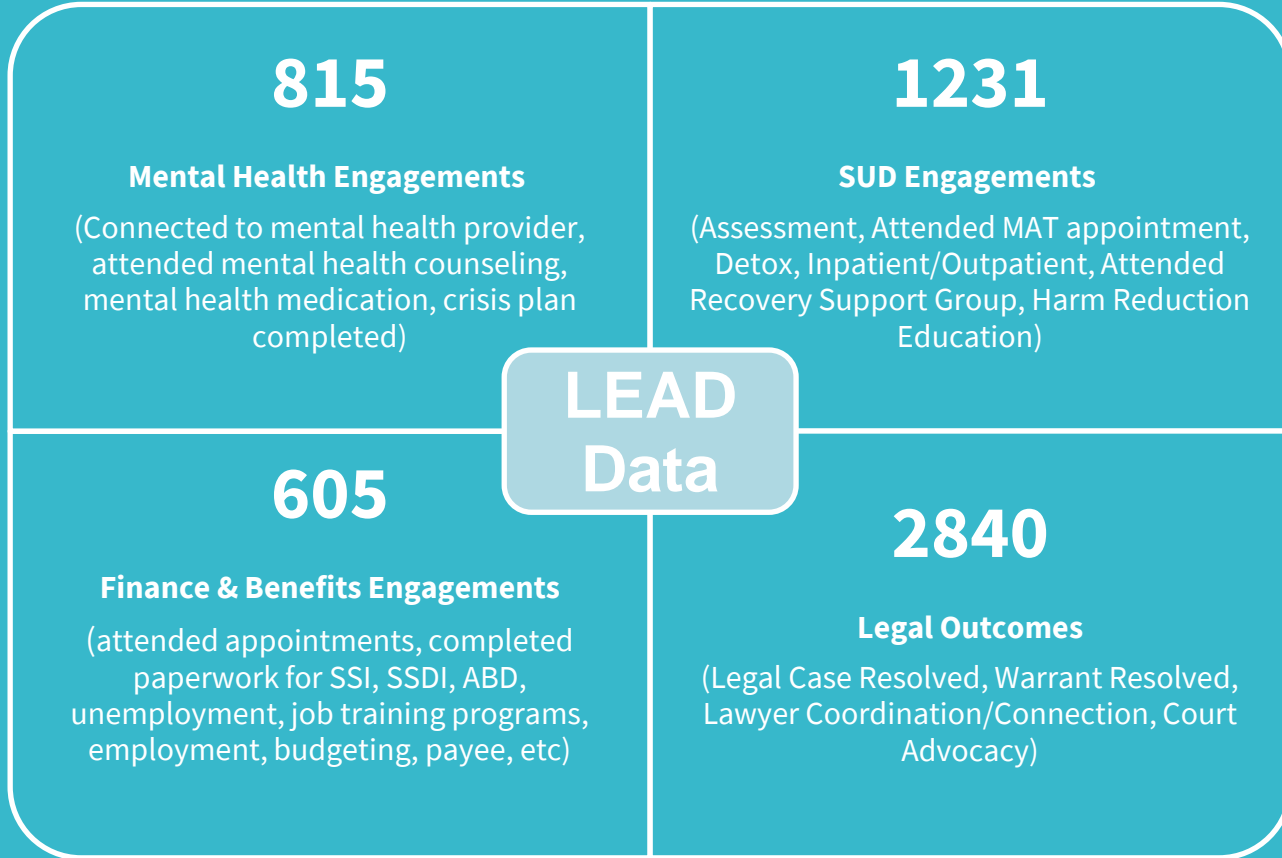
58%

LEAD 2017-2019 peer reviewed evaluations show 58% reduction in recidivism for LEAD clients (all crimes) compared to control group

King County auditor 2022 found LEAD Seattle/King County to lead local diversion programs in commitment to rigorous evaluation & using data to make program adjustments



2023 Seattle LEAD



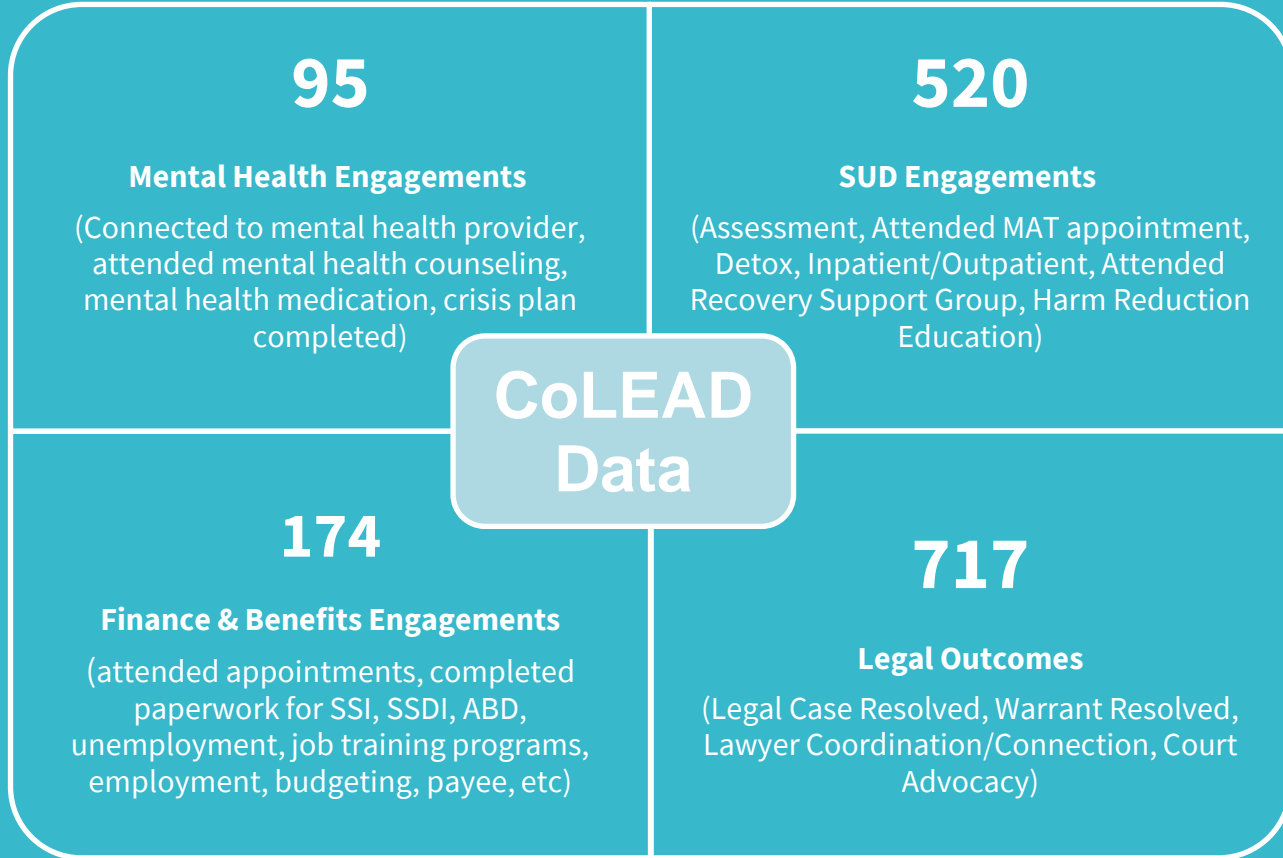
*Duplicated outcomes; one client could have multiple outcomes per category

**N = 870 active participants in 2023





2023 CoLEAD



*Duplicated outcomes; one client could have multiple outcomes per category

**N = 255 active participants in 2023

2024 CoLEAD Housing

Moving Into Housing

- ❖ 88 of 157 participants January-June 2024 moved from CoLEAD lodging into permanent housing
- ❖ 5 additional placements currently in process
- ❖ Actively pursuing housing matches for the remaining individuals

Housing Stabilization after CoLEAD

- ❖ 70 people at high risk of losing permanent housing CoLEAD connected them to *(prior to 2024)* have been stabilized with targeted housing retention support & transfers to more supportive housing after scattered site placements proved inadequate to meet needs
- ❖ Awarded Washington State funds to support stabilization work



**N = 157 temporarily lodged participants in 2024



Resources:

- <https://leadkingcounty.org/research/>
- <https://toolkit.leadbureau.org/>
- <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?Cite=71.24.589>