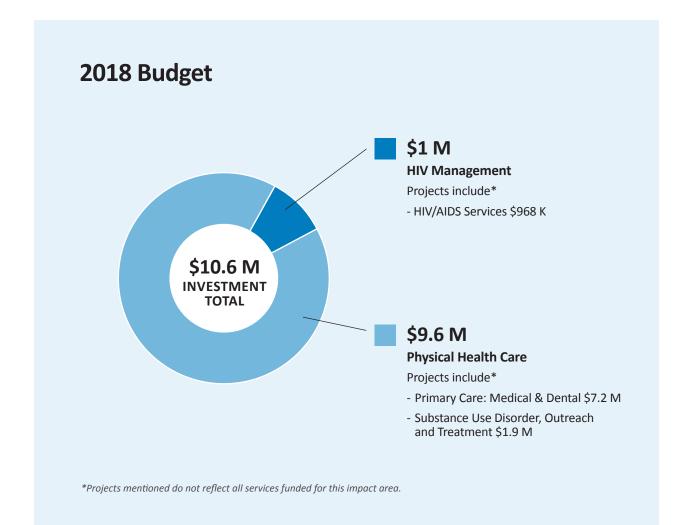
Promoting Public Health



The Human Services Department invested over \$10 million in Public Health in Seattle and King County in 2018 to improve our communities, eliminate health inequities, and maximize the lifespan of all Seattle residents. These investments are intended to ensure all residents have access to preventative care, primary care, specialty care, urgent care, mental health services, and substance use disorder services. The goal of the available programs and services is that all people living in Seattle experience moderate to optimum health conditions.



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Seattle Access and Outreach

Access and Outreach services promote health, self-sufficiency, and well-being by linking low-income residents to health insurance, the Basic Food program, ORCA LIFT, Energy Assistance, and other public-sponsored benefits.

In addition to outreach staff who attend many community events, the program provides services at the Court Resource Center in the King County Jail to ensure that people are directed to needed services upon release.

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Health Insurance 3,164 people were connected to health insurance through Public Health's outreach team and Community Health Access Program hotline

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Dental Services 106,363 dental visits were provided to low-income and vulnerable populations

Medical and Dental Care

The City's investments in Public Health work to ensure all low-income residents in our city, whether they have health insurance or not, have access to primary care and behavioral health services. These investments also work to ensure that kids can get dental check-ups and dental sealant applications conveniently at their schools.

Healthcare for the Homeless

Healthcare for the Homeless Network staff operate clinics embedded in shelter or housing programs as well as the Mobile Medical Van in Seattle, which provides a "clinic on wheels" for people who are experiencing homelessness. The van typically schedules several monthly site visits at congregate settings like meal programs and sanctioned encampment sites, offering flu shots and other basic care to each client.

