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INTRODUCTION

In local government, leaders annually make decisions about funding for human service programs on a program-by-program, department-by-department basis. Because the local government human service funding streams are complex and go to a host of public agencies, non-profit organizations and private providers, there is no one place where this investment portfolio, representing the entirety of human service investments, can be found. For example, available budget documents do not indicate the total local funds going to prevent substance abuse, decrease the achievement gap, keep children in safe homes, or place families in subsidized housing in a given year. Existing budget documents generally do not include a regional analysis of the amount of additional federal, state and private dollars that local human service departments and agencies receive and often leverage by securing local government contributions as a match.

Given funding limitations and the compelling human service needs evident throughout the community, decision-makers need an accurate portrait of the community's human service investments. This "map" is a necessary tool to understand the extent of non-profit and public investments, match community investments with community needs, and align future investment dollars where they are most needed, most apt to leverage additional funds, and are proven to make the most difference in residents' lives.

This report presents findings of research on the human services investments in the Charlottesville/Albemarle community. It includes:

- A presentation of funds organized by focus areas (categories) and sources of funding;
- A template recording all financial data that can be updated on an annual basis;
- Recommendations for further research and analysis on human services investment data.

In addition to this report, a companion Executive Summary and the template recording financial data are available from the Charlottesville/Albemarle Commission on Children and Families website, www.ccfinfo.org. The financial data template is in Excel format and can be downloaded.

It is hoped that this information will provide elected and appointed local government leaders comprehensive information on human services funding; and, will provide local private donors information to make allocation and investment decisions. The next phase of local human services research will align needs with funding to establish community priorities.

This project is the result of a dynamic collaboration between the University of Virginia and the Charlottesville/Albemarle Commission on Children and Families. Steven Stern, Merrill Bankard Professor of Economics, was the Research Director and provided guidance and rigor for the project. The University's Double Hoo Fund provided stipends to two student research assistants. Economics Department doctoral student, Jose Fernandez, gathered and analyzed financial data. Recent Foreign Affairs Department graduate, Danielle Sewell, co-wrote and formatted the Executive Summary and compiled several appendices. Both students found the project to be an excellent learning experience. The project could not have been completed without the financial and research support of the University.

METHODOLOGY

To develop this portfolio of human services investments, the Charlottesville/Albemarle Commission on Children and Families (CCF) obtained a research grant from a private donor and research assistance from the University of Virginia (UVA). With this assistance, a research team was formed which included a project coordinator, two UVA student research assistants, a UVA faculty advisor, and the Director of CCF. This team was tasked with collecting financial data and analyzing the results in light of documented community needs, developing a template for collecting the data that could be updated easily, and preparing a final report of its findings. An advisory committee of experts in the field of human services was also formed to help advise and guide this research (see Appendix A for a list of research team and advisory committee members).

Information was collected from human services organizations by visiting with the appropriate program directors. Fiscal year (FY) 2004-05 was chosen as the time frame to collect information because of the availability of reliable and audited data for most organizations. Where audited fiscal data was available, this is what was used for analysis. If audited data was not available, budgeted fiscal information was used. In almost all cases, program directors assured us that data on budgeted funds and on audited funds were almost identical.

Only organizations with programs and services which receive at least some funding from government sources were contacted. This rule was adopted to narrow the scope of the project. It was found early in the project that obtaining information on all human services in the community was going to be a large undertaking. Therefore, totally privately funded organizations, programs and services are not included in this report. However, when an organization that receives government funding also receives private funding, information on the private funding is included.

There were several programs that receive government funding that were not included in the report. Human services investments made by University of Virginia and other higher education organizations are not included. This is due to the fact that this information was too large and difficult to obtain and analyze given the scope of this project. In addition, funding for public schools from Kindergarten through Twelfth grade (K-12) is included only in the discussion of total investment by funding source. Analysis of K-12 funding by category and sources of funding can be found in the individual school budgets for Albemarle County and the City of Charlottesville.

Human Services were defined as those services provided to individuals or families experiencing difficulty in meeting their basic human needs for food, shelter, maintenance of income, and health care; for support during personal or family crisis; and for assistance in gaining access to available transportation, education and recreation services. It also includes services to the mentally disabled and persons with mental health or substance abuse problems.

A questionnaire (see Appendix B) was developed to collect the data. Data were collected by agency, by program, and by funding source. The funding sources were: City, County, State, Federal, Private, Other, and Fees. The following is a description of these funding source categories:

- City = City of Charlottesville budgeted general revenue funds.
- County = Albemarle County budgeted general revenue funds.
- State = Funds originating from the State of Virginia.
- Federal = Funds originating from the Federal government. An exception to this is the Medicaid program, which is listed solely in the State funding column in the Mental Health, Mental Disabilities and Substance Abuse category.
- Private = Non-public funds collected by the agency to be used within the Charlottesville/Albemarle community.
- Other = Miscellaneous funds that do not fit into the other categories. These funds include such items as interest income, roll-over funds, etc.
- Fees = Funds received from end-users (beneficiaries) of program services.

Information on State and Federal matching requirements was also collected on each program. It was hoped by collecting this data that the ability of local programs to leverage additional State and Federal dollars could be analyzed. It was discovered, however, that there was little ability of any program discussed in the report to leverage additional State and Federal dollars. Therefore, this information is not included in this report. It was found that there are programs where the State or Federal government mandates that the City or County provide services and match any grant funds received. An analysis of the effects of these mandates on local government budgeting was beyond the scope of this project, but it is recommended that this be studied further.

Once the information was collected, it was placed into an Excel spreadsheet by category, subcategory, organization and program. Separate spreadsheets for funding information and age and clientele information were developed. Spreadsheets with funding data can be found in Appendix D and on the CCF website.

Information on age of beneficiaries was requested for each program but was not always available. The data also were not always available in consistent age brackets which could be aggregated across categories. Because of this, estimates for age distribution were made for some categories. These estimates were made using available state, federal and local age distribution data. The methodology for calculating these age estimates, by category, can be found in Appendix E.

FINDINGS

TOTAL INVESTMENT BY FUNDING SOURCE

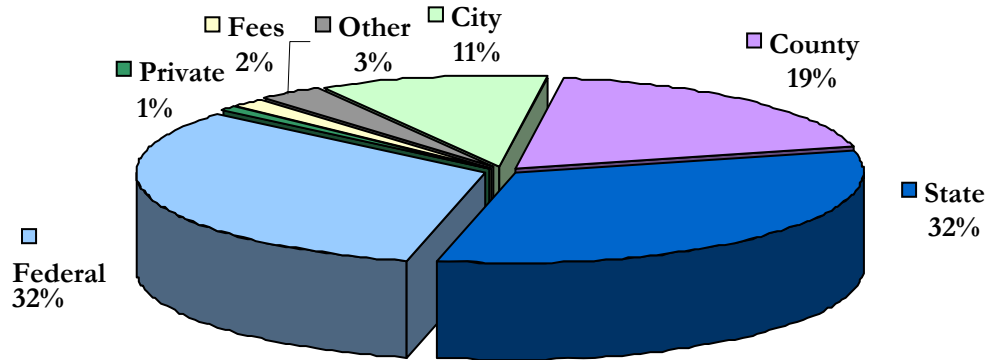
Total investments in human services are displayed in the following two charts. The first chart represents total investments by funding source including funding for local K-12 education and federal Medicare and Medicaid payments for primary health care services. The second chart describes human services investments excluding local K-12 and federal Medicaid and Medicare funding for primary health care services (please note that federal Medicaid and Medicare payments for specialty services provided by Region Ten for mental health and disabilities is included in the chart).

Local K-12 funding is not analyzed in this report and is excluded hereafter. Analysis of these funds can be found in the respective local government's K-12 budget documents. Also, as mentioned in the *Introduction*, human services investments made by University of Virginia and other higher education organizations are not included. This is due to the fact that this information was too large and difficult to obtain and analyze given the scope of this project.

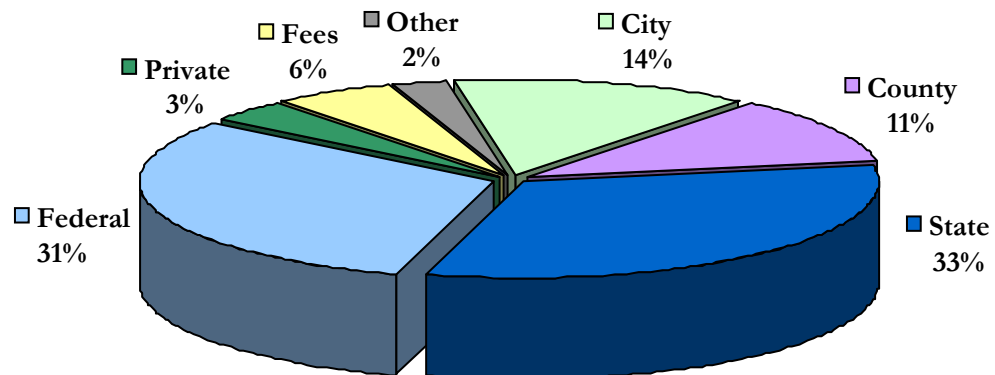
Federal Medicaid and Medicare funding for primary health care services is shown in the discussion of the Health Care category in the following pages. It is excluded in the second chart below because its magnitude makes it difficult to review and analyze other funding sources.

As can be seen from the charts, funds from federal and state sources are 64% of the total investments in the Charlottesville/Albemarle community. Many human services programs are extremely vulnerable to fluctuations in these sources of income. As will be shown in the discussion of investments by category that follows, some programs are greatly dependent on federal and/or state funding.

Human Services Investment Total: \$486,050,228
(Medicare/Medicaid and K-12 Education Funding Included)
By Funding Source

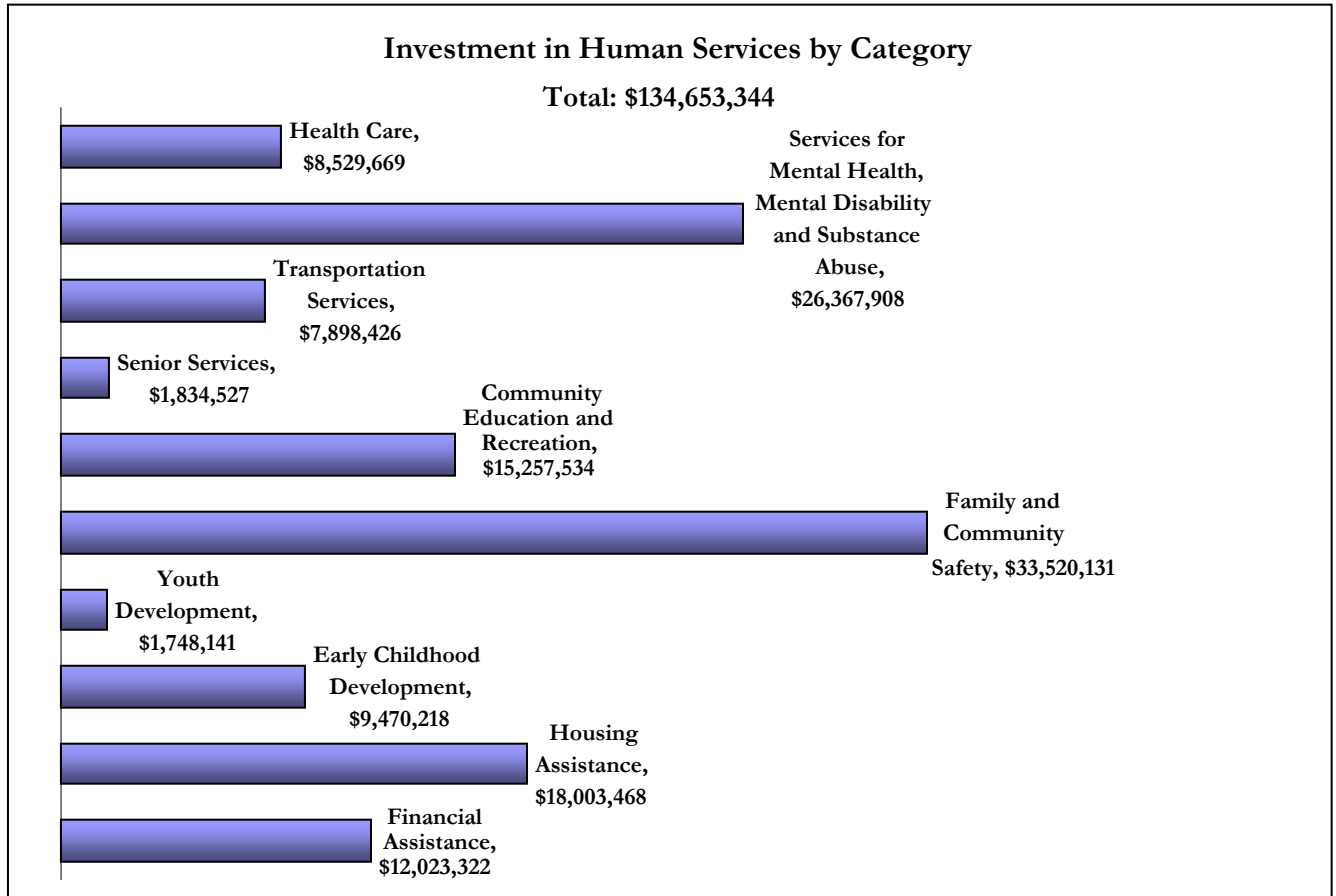


Human Services Investment Total: \$134,653,344
(Medicare/Medicaid and K-12 Education Funding Excluded)
By Funding Source



TOTAL INVESTMENT BY CATEGORY

Investments are described by service category in the chart below. Please note that this data excludes federal Medicare and Medicaid payments for primary health care and K-12 funding. For a complete description of the programs and agencies represented by each category, please consult tables in Appendix F entitled “Description of Programs by Category, Subcategory and Program.”



Family and Community Safety is the largest category of human services expenditures in the community, accounting for 26% of investments. This is due, in part, to the large investment the local governments and the State of Virginia make in youth crisis and intervention services under the Comprehensive Services Act, a state program that provides funding for at-risk youth and families.

The next largest category is for mental health, mental disability and substance abuse, accounting for 20% of investments. Seventy-five (75%) of these funds are state Medicaid payments for services such as psychological counseling and therapy, medical services, and vocational education for those with disabilities. A complete discussion of each category, by subcategory, can be found later in this report.

TOTAL INVESTMENT BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT

In FY 2004-2005, the City of Charlottesville invested \$18.5 million in human services, representing approximately 12% of the City's expenditures. Albemarle County invested \$15.1 million in human services, representing approximately 6% of the County's expenditures. The following table shows the percentage distribution of these investments by category and compares these percentages to the total investment distribution. Please note that this data excludes funds spent by these local governments for K-12 education programs.

What can be seen from this comparison is that the general revenue spending for each local government is sometimes very different than the total distribution of all funds invested. For example, when the overall investment for all programs and categories is analyzed, the Community Education & Recreation category is 11% of the total. However, the Community Education & Recreation category is 33% of the total investment in human services for the City of Charlottesville, and 31% of these investments for Albemarle County.

Another example of differences in local and total investment distributions can be seen in the Family and Community Safety category. Albemarle County expends 36% of its total local funds in the category, while the City of Charlottesville expends 25%. The total expenditure from all funds is 26%. Looking at the actual funding information explains this difference (see data spreadsheets in Appendix D). Albemarle County has higher expenditures in services through the state Community Services Act program than does the City of Charlottesville due to different mandated match rates (45% versus 31%).

A third example is the investment in Mental Health, Mental Disability and Substance Abuse services. The City of Charlottesville invests 7% of its local funds in this category, Albemarle County invests 4%. The total investment from all fund sources is 20%. This is due to the large amount of funds for these services that come from state reimbursement through Medicaid.

A more detailed discussion of all categories is provided in the pages that follow.

COMPARISON OF INVESTMENT IN HUMAN SERVICE CATEGORIES			
	Percentage of Investment		
Category	City of Charlottesville (General Revenue Funds)	Albemarle County (General Revenue Funds)	Total (All Funds)
Health Care	2%	3%	6%
Mental Health, Mental Disability & Substance Abuse	7%	4%	20%
Transportation	8%	5%	6%
Senior Services	2%	2%	1%
Community Education & Recreation	33%	31%	11%
Family & Community Safety	25%	36%	26%
Youth Development	2%	1%	1%
Early Childhood Development	9%	7%	7%
Housing Assistance	8%	9%	13%
Financial Assistance	4%	2%	9%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%

INVESTMENTS BY CATEGORY, SUBCATEGORY AND PROGRAM

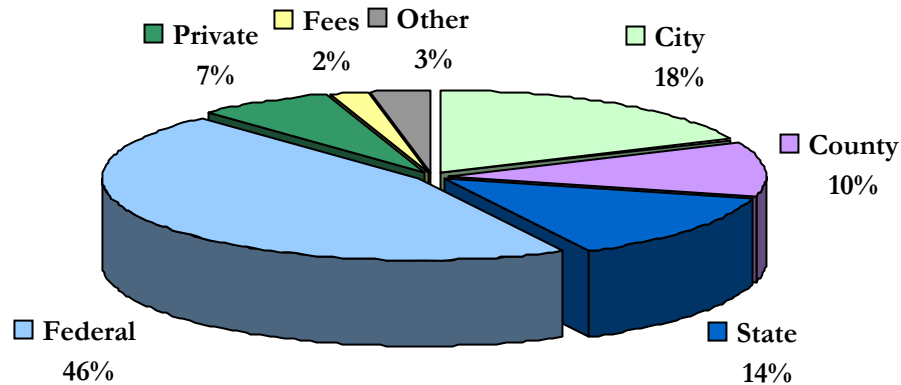
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Services in the Early Childhood Development category support children and parents of children who are 5 years old or younger. Services include the provision of affordable child care and assisting parents in finding dependable caretakers; home visits by child care professionals to provide counseling to parents in child healthcare and development, and to provide assistance to parents of children with disabilities; and educational programs that foster development of academic, mental and emotional skills in early childhood. The total FY 2004-2005 investment in Early Childhood Development for the Charlottesville/Albemarle community was \$9,470,218.

Investment in Early Childhood Development

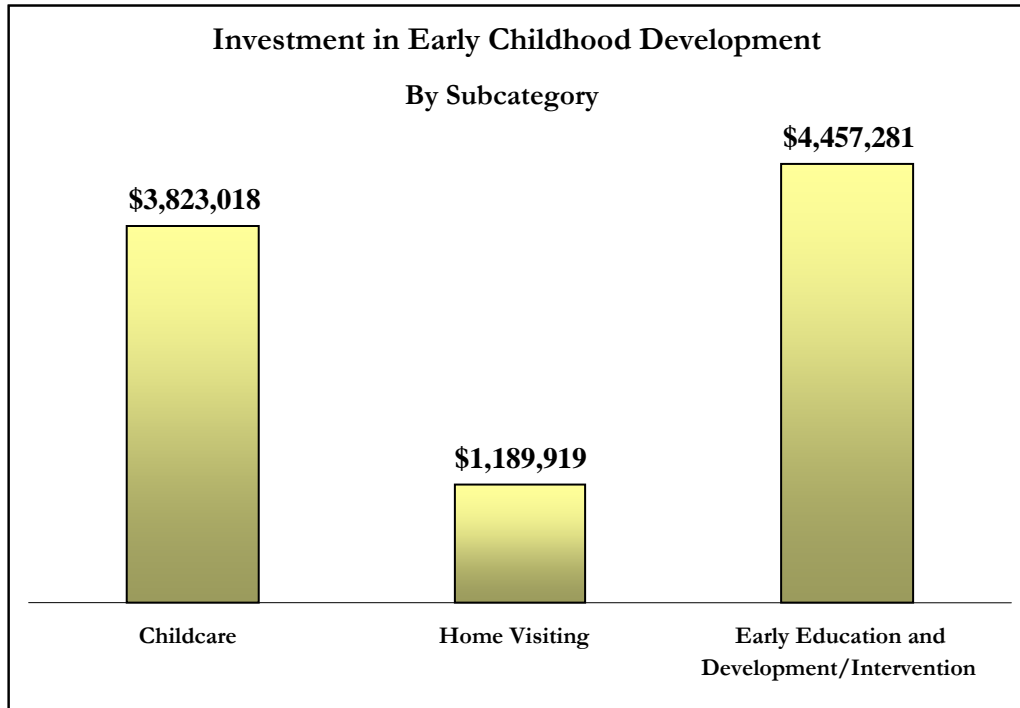
Total: \$9,470,218

By Funding Source



Information was grouped by subcategory. The programs with similar functions were grouped together. For the Early Childhood Development category, the subcategories developed were: Childcare; Home Visiting; and Early Education, Development and Intervention. A description of the specific programs in each subcategory by agency administering the program is provided in Appendix F.

Investment by subcategory is shown below. The majority of investments are made by the federal government for various childcare programs and the Head Start program.



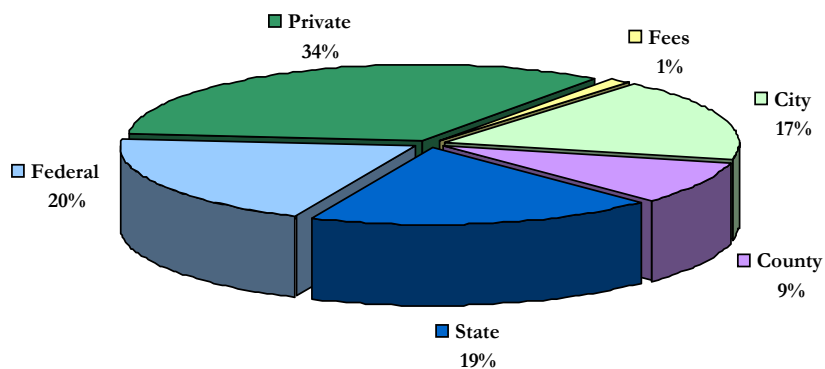
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Funding in the Youth Development category is for programs that provide supplemental and extra-curricular activities that are not provided by local government public school systems. These programs include music education, computer education, after-school tutoring programs, and programs for work skills development and community service. Thirty-four percent (34%) of funds for these programs come from non-profit, community based organizations. These services are intended to promote youth resiliency, encourage responsible citizenship and prevent negative and risky behaviors. The total FY 2004-2005 investment in the Youth Development category for the Charlottesville/Albemarle community was \$1,748,141.

Investment in Youth Development Services

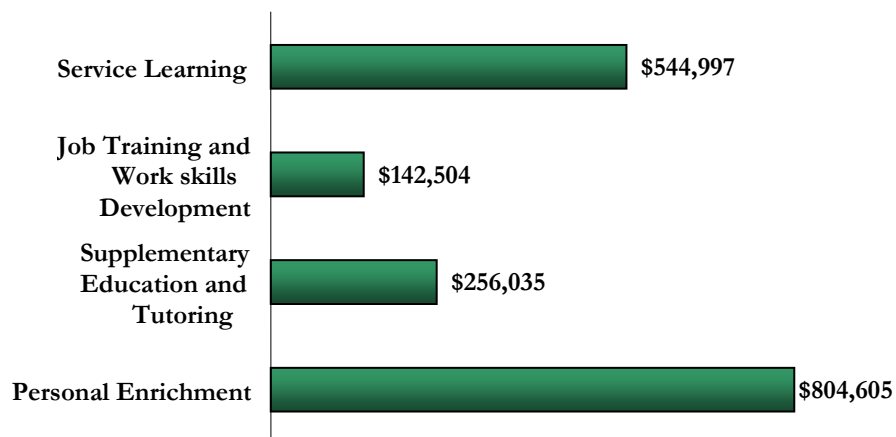
Total: \$1,748,141

By Funding Source



Investment by subcategory is shown below. The Personal Enrichment subcategory, the largest investment category, is funded primarily through private donations.

Investment in Youth Development Services By Subcategory



Actual age information was available for this category from agencies providing services. This information shows that:

- Nine percent (9%) of beneficiaries are children age 6-10.
- Sixty-one percent (61%) of beneficiaries are adolescents age 10-18.
- Thirty percent (30%) of beneficiaries are young adults over age 18.

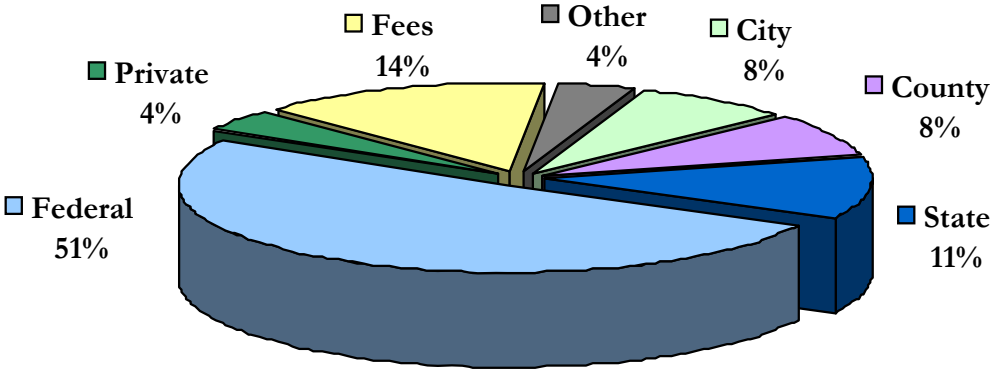
HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Programs in the Housing Assistance category provide support to individuals and families to obtain shelter. These programs include loans for the purchase and upkeep of a primary residence, rental assistance, education and counseling, and advocacy for fair housing practices. This category also includes funds spent for providing emergency and transitional housing for homeless persons. The total FY 2004-2005 investment in Housing Assistance for the Charlottesville/Albemarle community was \$18,003,468.

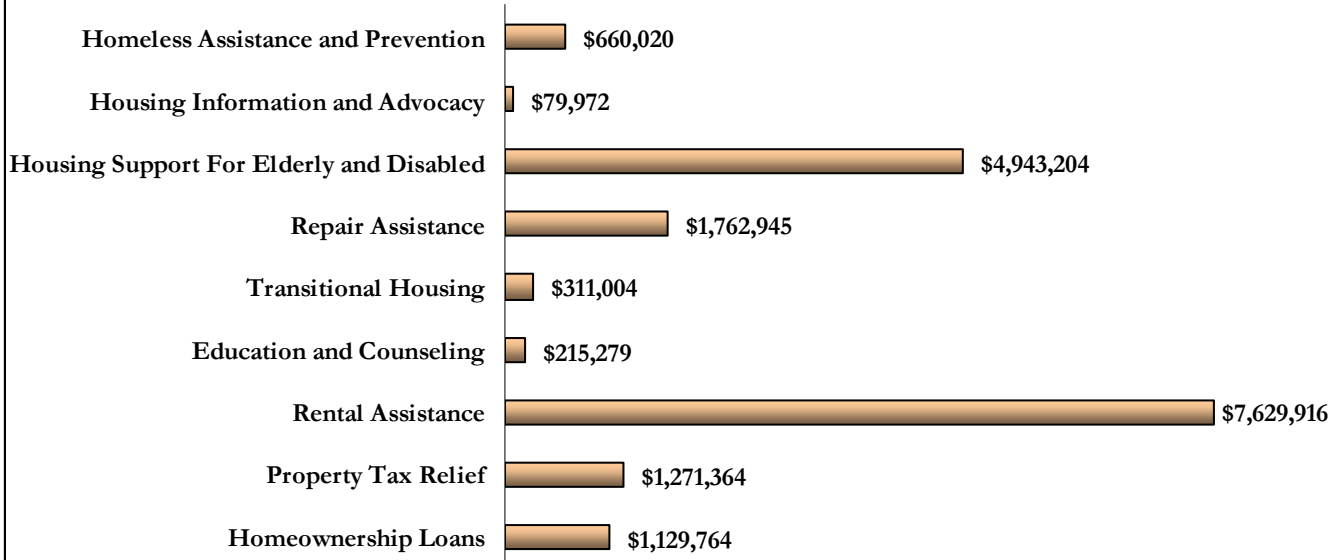
Investment in Housing Assistance

By Funding Source

Total: \$18,003,468

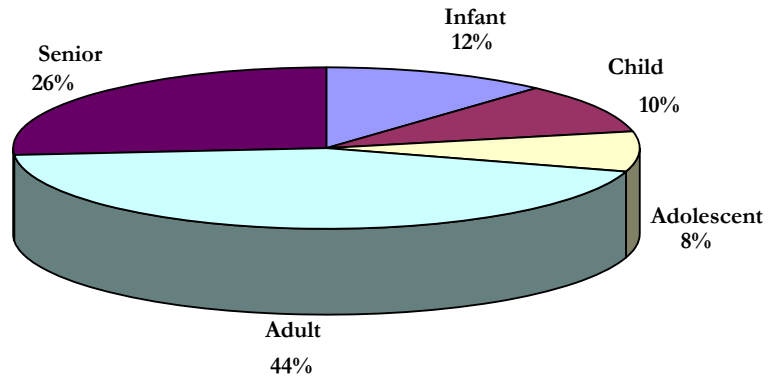


Investment in Housing Assistance By Subcategory



The distribution of funding by age group was estimated using local, state and federal information on housing beneficiaries (See Appendix E for estimation methodology). As can be seen from the chart, most investments are made for adults and seniors.

Distribution of Housing Assistance Investments By Age Group



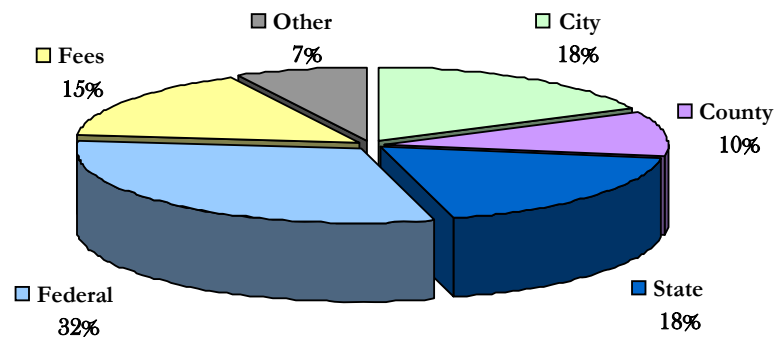
TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

The Transportation Assistance category includes public transportation services such as regular bus services, on-demand bus services, carpool programs, and vehicle donation programs. This category also includes services which primarily benefit elderly and handicapped persons. The total FY 2004-2005 investment in the Transportation Assistance category for the Charlottesville/Albemarle community was \$7,898,426.

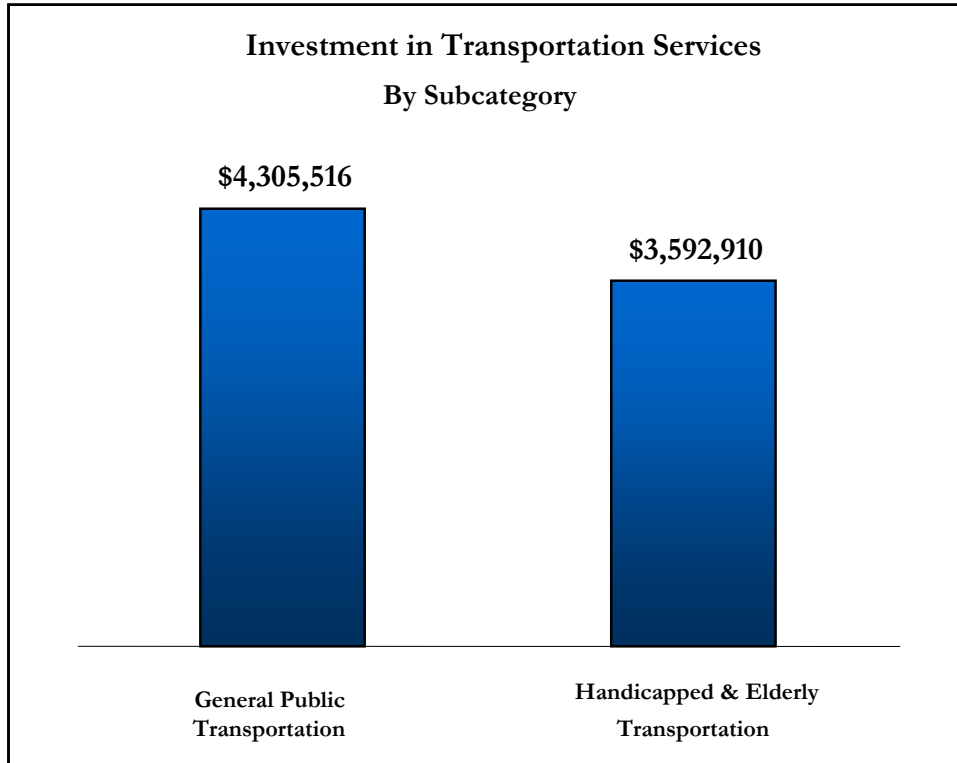
Investment in Transportation Services

Total: \$7,898,426

By Funding Source



Two subcategories were developed for the Transportation Assistance category. The first, General Public Transportation, includes Charlottesville Transit Services bus service and the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission's Rideshare program. The Handicapped and Elderly Transportation subcategory shows the funding for JAUNT, which provides demand-responsive transportation services specifically targeted to the older or disabled persons who cannot use regular bus services.



Age distribution information was available from the Charlottesville Transit Authority and JAUNT. This information showed that:

- 11% of riders were children and youth, ages 0-17.
- 72% of riders were adults, ages 18-64.
- 17% of riders were persons over age 65 years of age.

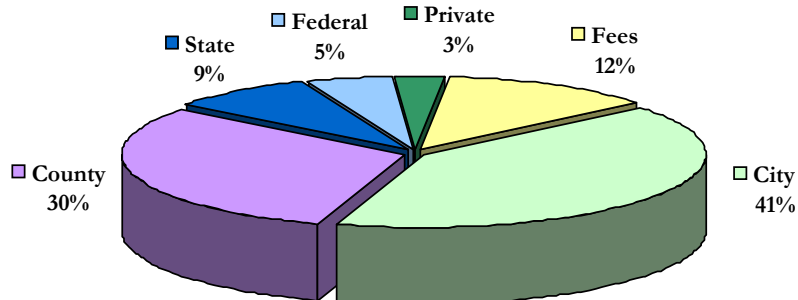
COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND RECREATION

Services in the Community Education and Recreation category do not target a specific population or need, but instead work to improve the general well-being of the community and its members as a whole. Investments are used for the maintenance and supervision of local government parks, recreational classes and sports activities, operation of local libraries, the administration of volunteer programs, and educational programs for families. The total FY 2004-2005 investment in the Community Education and Recreation category was \$15,257,535.

Investment in Community Education and Recreation

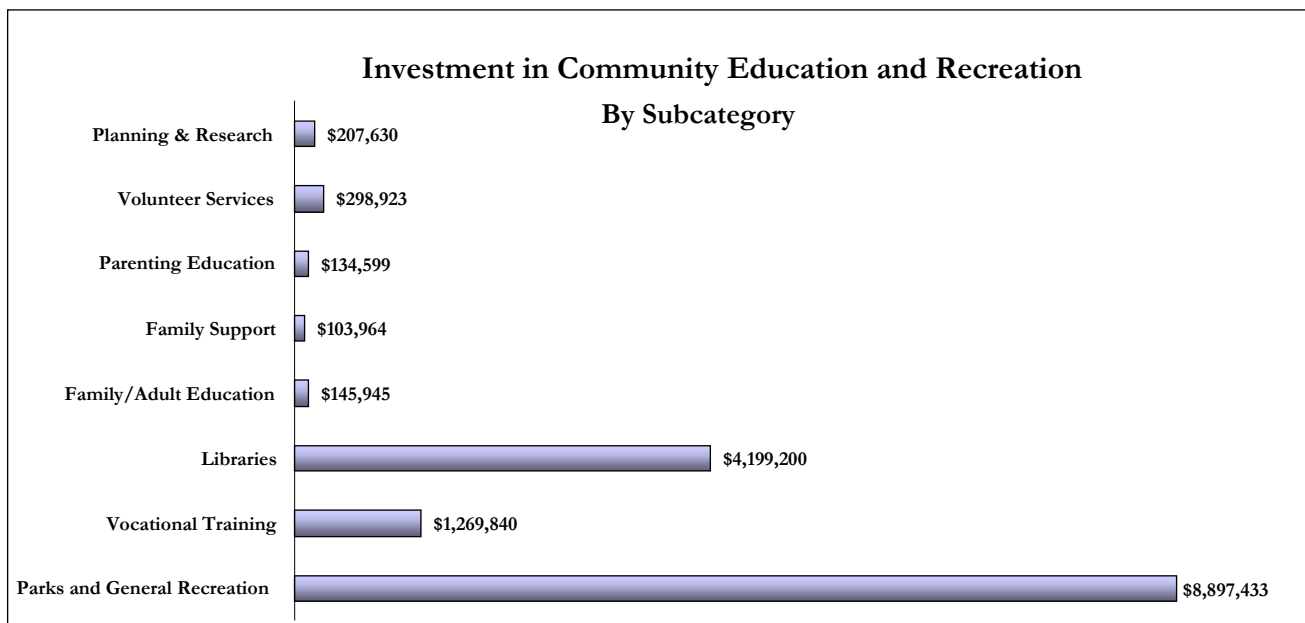
Total: \$15,257,535

By Funding Source



The largest investment in the Community Education and Recreation category is for maintenance and supervision of local public parks and related activities. Seventy-nine percent (79%) of investments for parks are from local government general revenue funds. The Charlottesville Golf Course programs, which are paid for totally by user fees, account for 12% of the total investment in the Parks and General Recreation subcategory.

The second largest subcategory is Libraries. This subcategory is also heavily funded by local government general revenue moneys which account for 83% of investments. State funding accounts for 12% of Library funding, with private donations and fees providing the remaining revenues.



Reliable and accurate information on the break-out of beneficiaries by age group could not be provided by the City of Charlottesville or Albemarle County for this category. In addition, data to make reasonable estimates could not be found by researching available academic and government sources. Therefore, an estimate of age distribution is not provided. Better data on age distributions of beneficiaries would be valuable in determining who uses these services. Such information could be used to target specific programs and funds to individuals who benefit most from these investments.

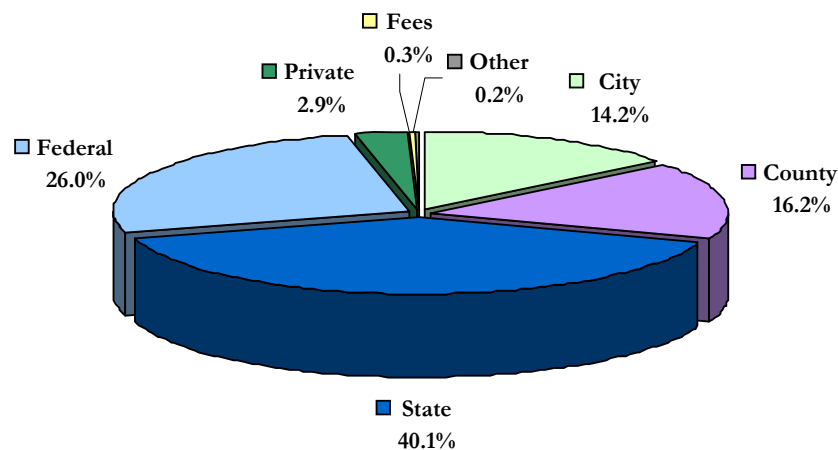
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Programs which address domestic violence, juvenile delinquency and child abuse are included in the Family and Community Safety category. These services serve a wide range of residents, from those who have been victims of abuse to those who require legal assistance and rehabilitation. Thirty-eight (38%) of these funds are under the auspices of the Comprehensive Services Act, a state program that provides funding for at-risk youth and families.

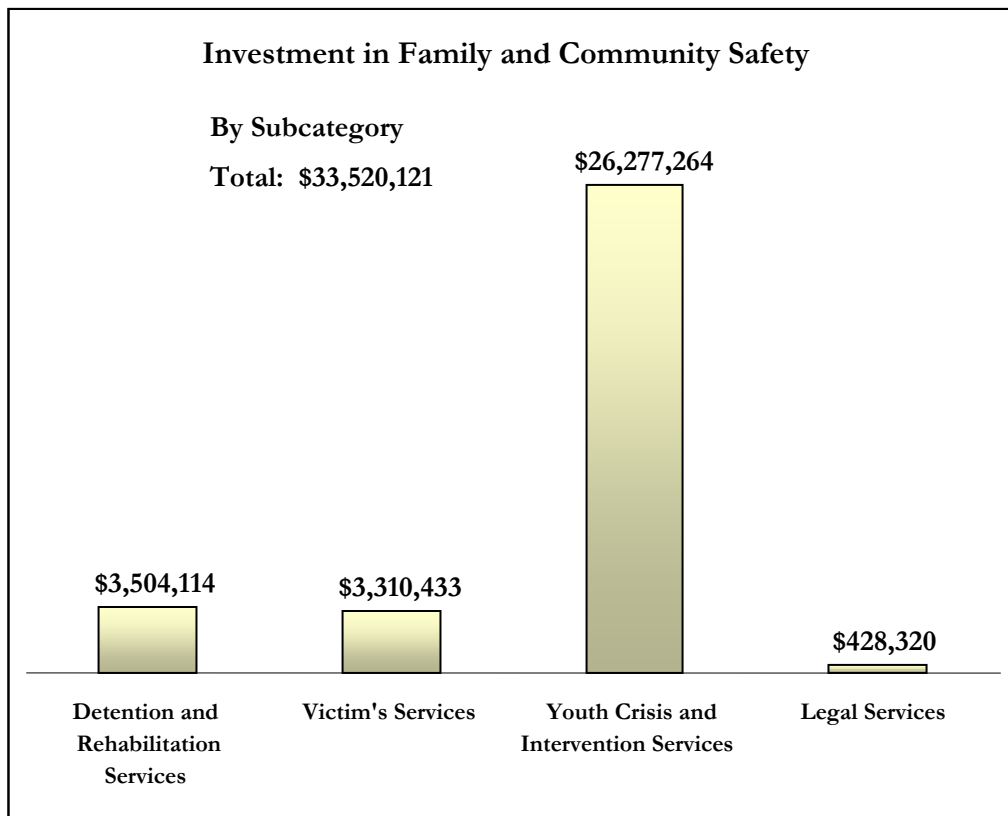
Investment in Family and Community Safety

Total: \$33,520,131

By Funding Source



As can be seen in the following chart the majority of investments in this category go to youth crisis and intervention services. This subcategory is also where the majority of state Comprehensive Services Act moneys are spent. This subcategory includes foster care programs, teen pregnancy prevention programs and runaway emergency services. Juvenile detention and rehabilitation services are listed in the Detention and Rehabilitation subcategory. Services for victims of abuse and adult and child protective services are listed in the Victim's Services subcategory.

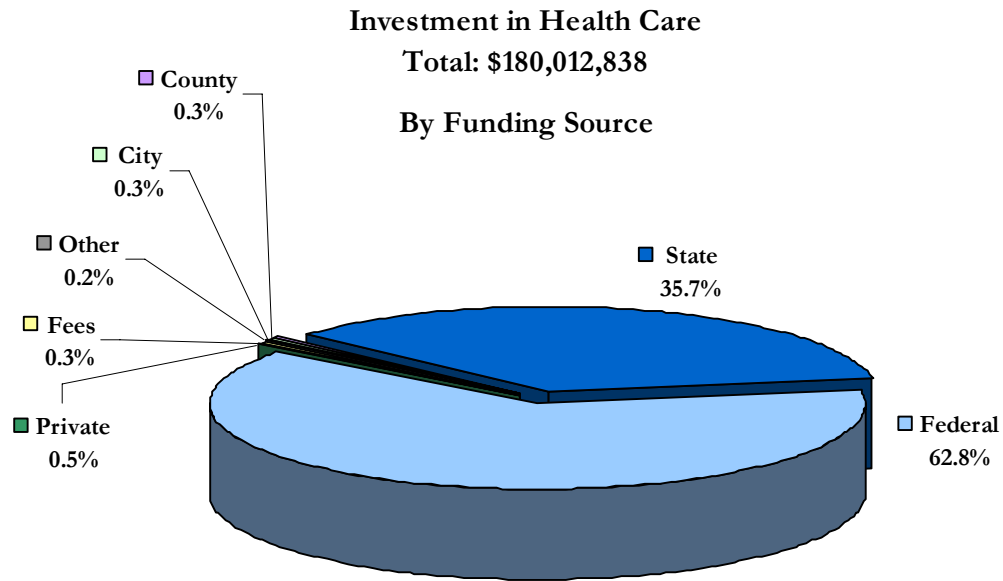


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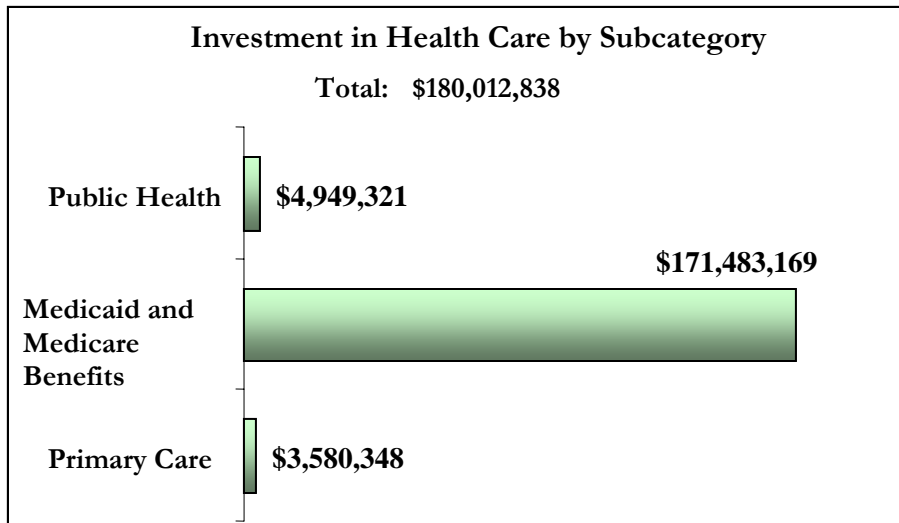
HEALTH CARE

Funding for health care is a significant portion of total investments in human services, primarily because of federal Medicare and Medicaid payments for primary health care services. Other investments in this category include those for public health services such as communicable disease prevention and control, childhood immunization, maternal and child health, and AIDS/HIV prevention and education. Other programs in this category include primary health and dental care services for low-income persons not eligible for Medicaid or Medicare.

Please note that funds reported below do not include private insurance payments or out-of-pocket expenses not covered by private insurance. This information is governed by federal privacy laws and could not be obtained. In addition, deductibles and co-payments for Medicare are not reported.

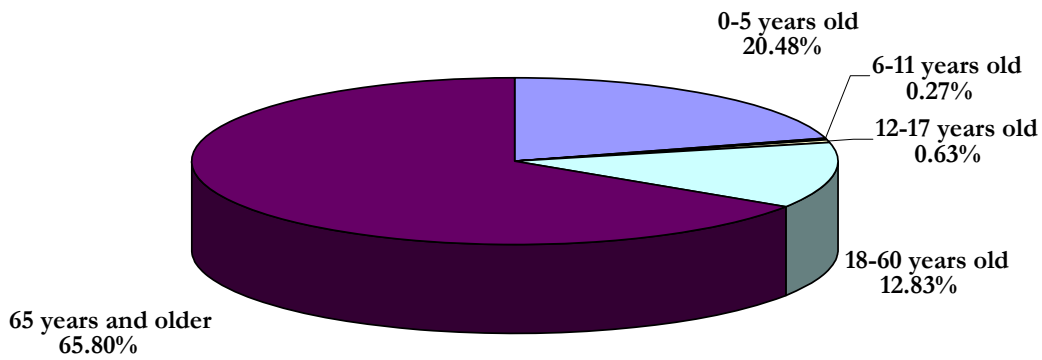


Over ninety-eight (98%) of the investments in health care come from federal Medicare and Medicaid payments for primary health care needs. But significant investments are made to provide services through the Thomas Jefferson Health District and the Charlottesville Free Clinic.

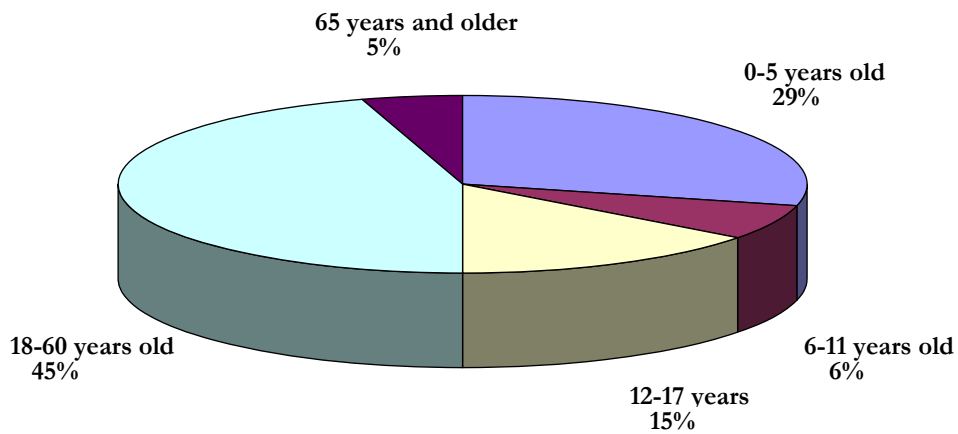


Funding by age is presented for Health Care in two charts—one including Medicare and Medicaid and one excluding these federal programs. It is clear that the majority of health care expenditures go to adults and seniors when Medicare and Medicaid are included. However, when these funding sources are excluded, it can be seen that the proportion of spending on infants and children is larger.

Health by Age Group Including Medicare and Medicaid



Health by Age Group Excluding Medicare or Medicaid



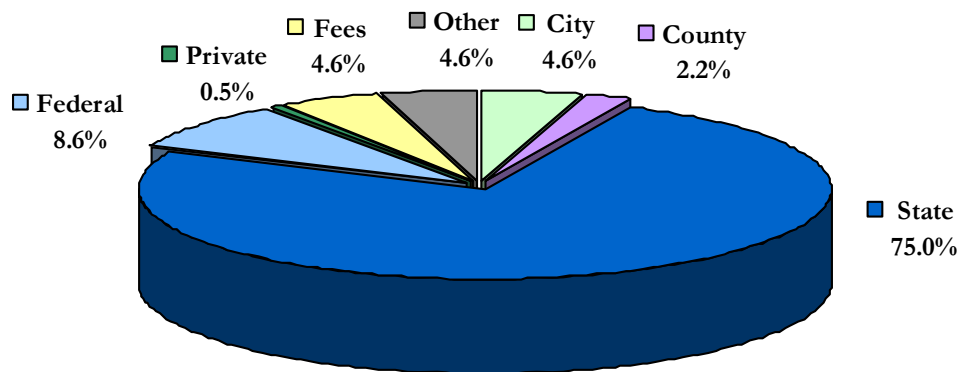
MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL RETARDATION AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

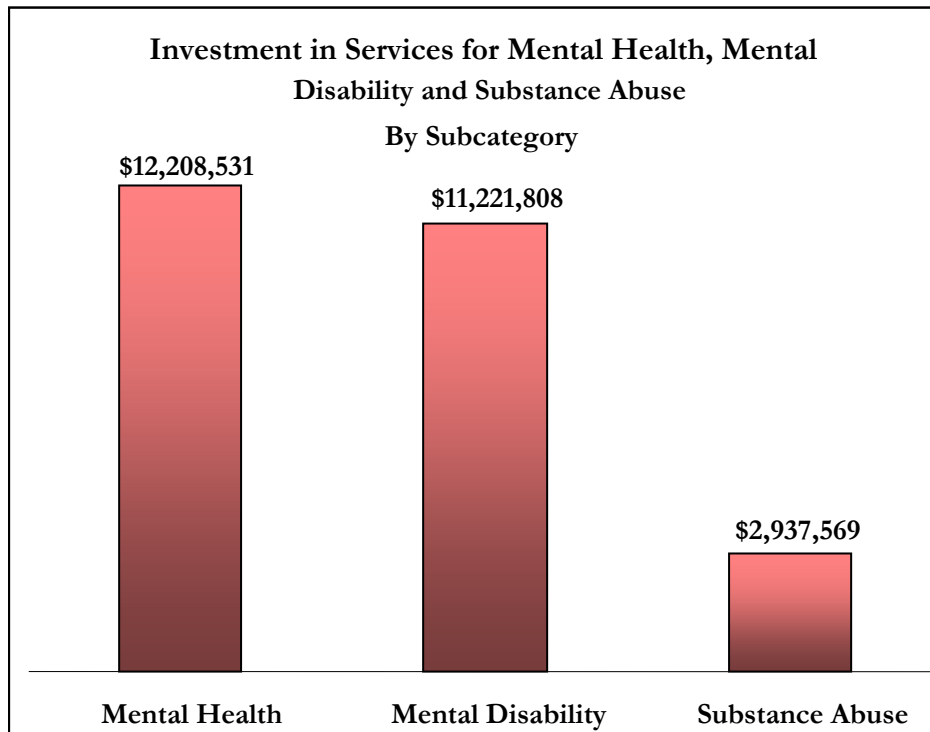
Funding in the Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse category comes primarily from State reimbursement for services through Medicaid. Services provided include psychological counseling and therapy, medical services and vocational education for those with disabilities. The majority of these services are provided by Region Ten Community Services Board, which accounts for 85% of services. The total investment in this category is \$26,367,908. These reported investments do not include private insurance payments.

**Investment in Services for Mental Health,
Mental Disability and Substance Abuse**

Total: \$26,367,908

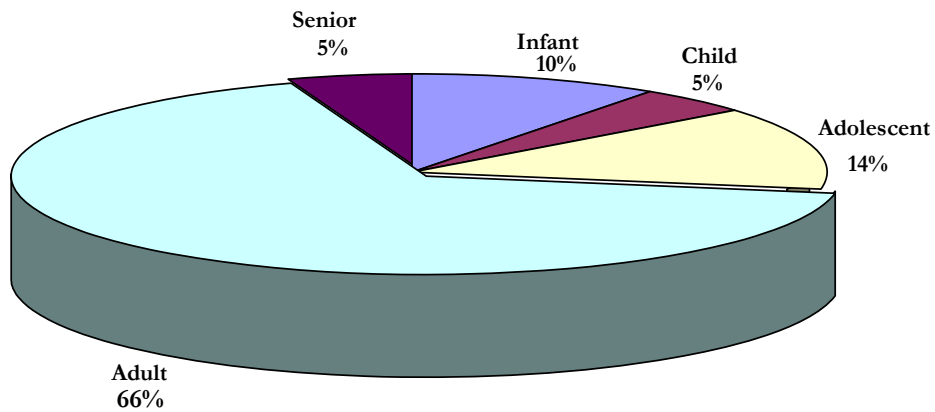
By Funding Source





Actual data of the distribution of beneficiaries by age group was available from the agencies that provide services. As can be seen from the following chart, the majority of the funds benefit adults. In analyzing investments by age group, it is important to understand that the reported information is the distribution of beneficiary expenditures, not the distribution of the number of beneficiaries. This fact is important in this category because the cost of treatment for an adult is greater than the cost of treatment for an infant or child. This may be one reason why the expenditures are greater for adults.

Mental Health, Mental Disability, and Substance Abuse
Investments by Age Group



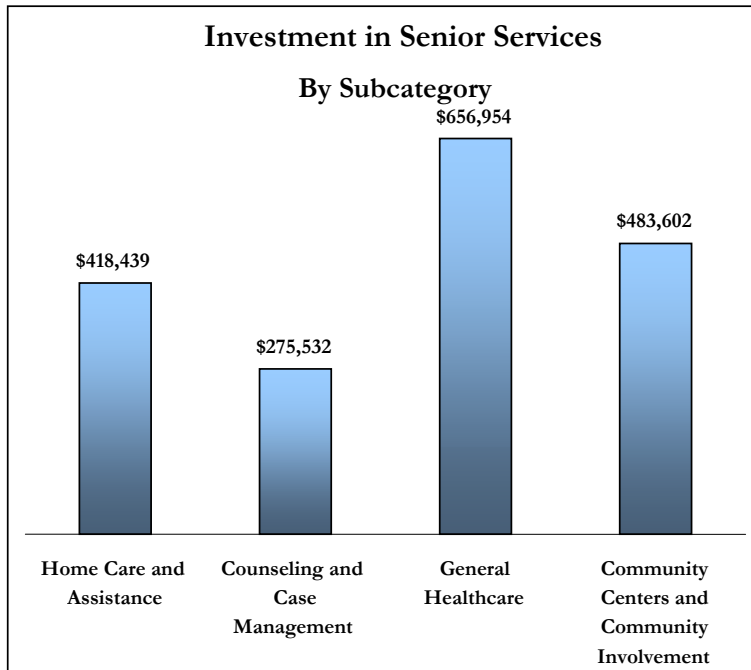
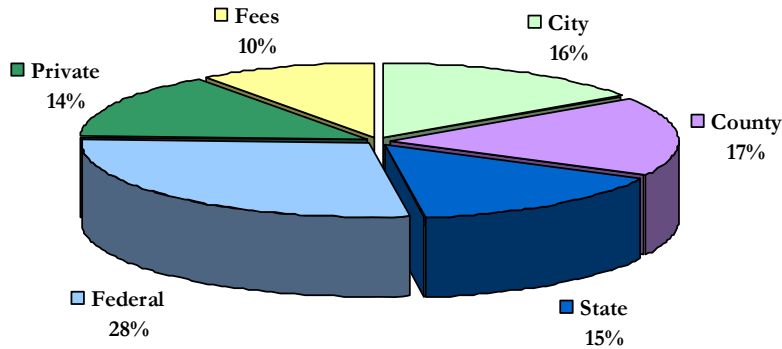
SENIOR SERVICES

Programs in the Senior Services category are targeted to persons over age 60. The services include support of community centers, development and administration of community involvement programs, provision of health care through adult day care centers, funding for home safety and repair, and home-based companion services. The funding information below summarizes local programs only geared towards the elderly. Housing assistance for elderly and disabled residents is discussed in the Housing Assistance category. Federal primary health care funding through Medicare is included in the Health Care category. Financial assistance to some elderly is shown in the Financial Assistance category.

Investment in Senior Services

Total: \$1,834,527

By Funding Source



The majority (82%) of the services in this category are provided by the Jefferson Area Board for Aging (JABA). General Healthcare, the largest subcategory, includes services provided through the adult daycare program and the primary care health services program.

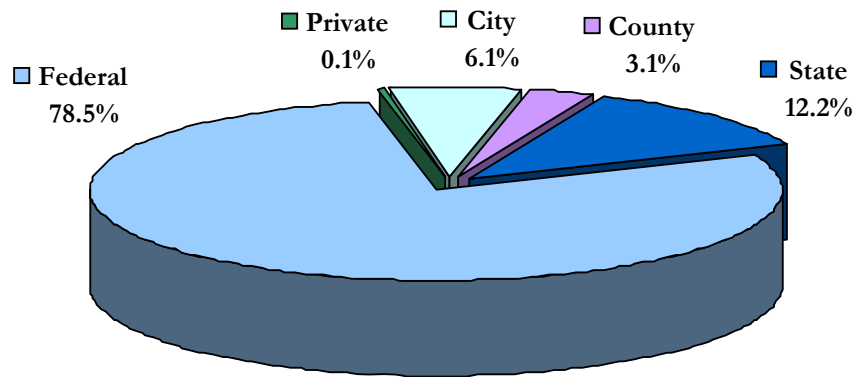
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Financial Assistance category includes programs that help low-income residents in time of financial emergency and to pay for primary necessities such as food or household energy. This category also includes funds provided for refugee assistance and government assistance in the case of social security fraud.

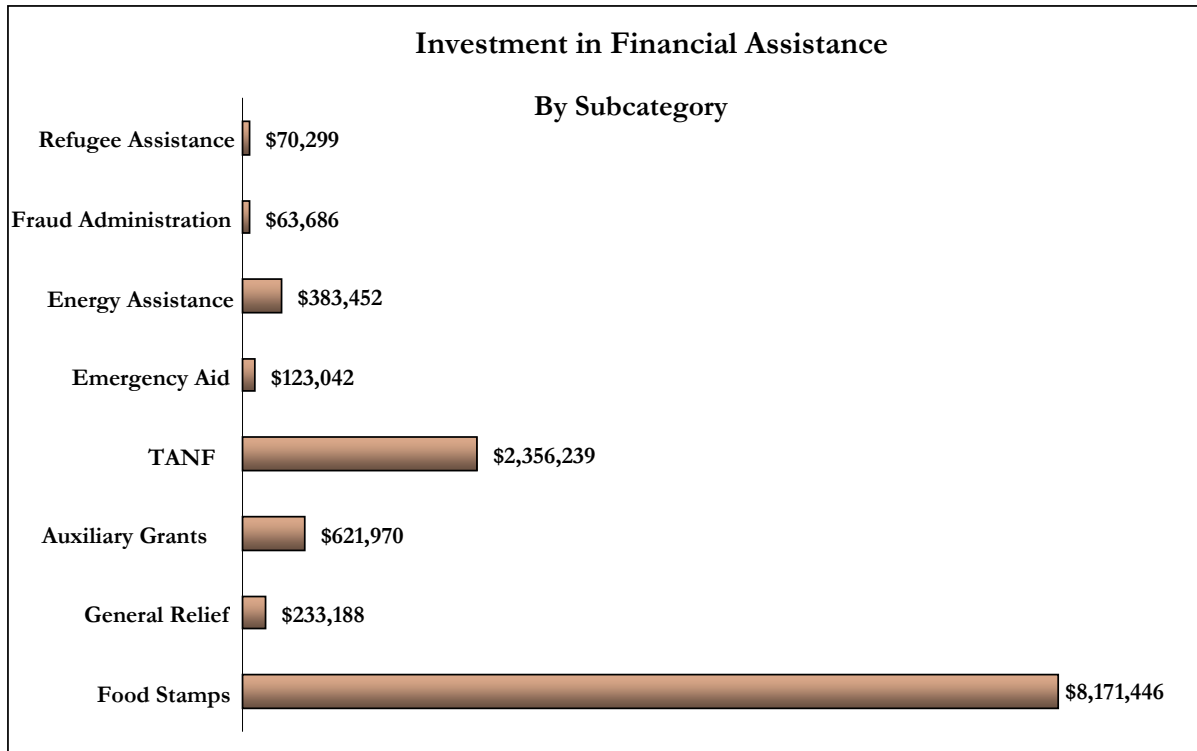
Investment in Financial Assistance

Total: \$12,023,322

By Funding Source

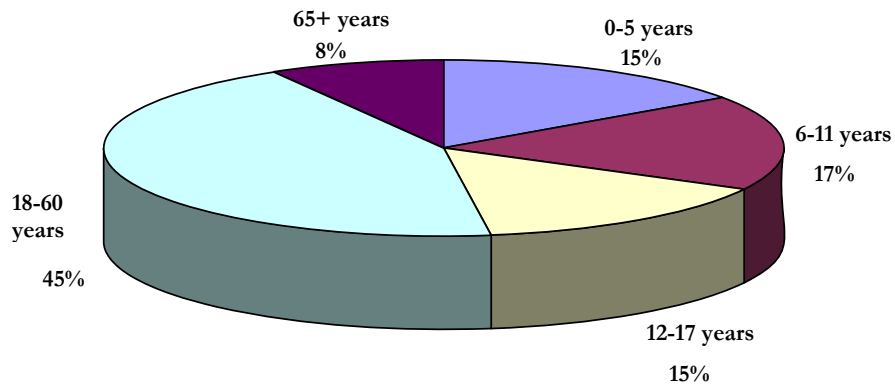


Sixty-eight (68%) of the funds in this category are for the federal Food Stamps program. Twenty (20%) is for the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.



Forty-five percent (45%) of financial assistance investments are for adults 18-60 years of age. Forty-seven percent (47%) of these investments are for children aged 0-18 years. This distribution is primarily due to the distribution of beneficiaries for the federal Food Stamps program.

Financial Assistance Investments by Age Group



RECOMMENDED FUTURE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

It is recommended that this report be the first phase of an ongoing research agenda into human services investment in the Charlottesville/Albemarle community and be updated on a regular basis. The following are suggested topics for further inquiry:

- The relationship between human services expenditures and needs. It would be important that this research distinguish between need and effectiveness of programs (both average effectiveness and marginal effectiveness). Such information would help inform future funding decisions, allowing investments to be targeted to areas of greatest need.
- Analysis of human services investments including community programs that do not receive government funding, that is, programs only funded by private sources. While it would be difficult to identify all private programs and obtain information from them, such research would give a more complete picture of human services investments in Charlottesville/Albemarle.
- A comparison of human services expenditures in the Charlottesville/Albemarle community to other similar communities across the country. This research could identify important key programs and compare their costs. This might help determine if funds were being spent as effectively as possible.
- An analysis of the vulnerability of programs to variations in federal and state funding. This would help inform funding decisions in the event the state or federal government ceased to fund certain programs that were needed by the community.
- An analysis of funding trends for specific key programs. This would help inform funding decisions in the event that there is a change in funding from a particular source or a change in the cost of or need for a program.
- An analysis of fiscal mandates on local governments for human services programs from the federal and state government and how this affects funding decisions at the local level.
- An analysis of subsidization of human service programs for outlying counties by the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County.
- An analysis of the vulnerability of programs to variations in public demand for services and the ability of the community to fund them.