



OFFICE OF HOMELESSNESS & CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Council Overview

August 27, 2024

Agency Overview

Mission Statement

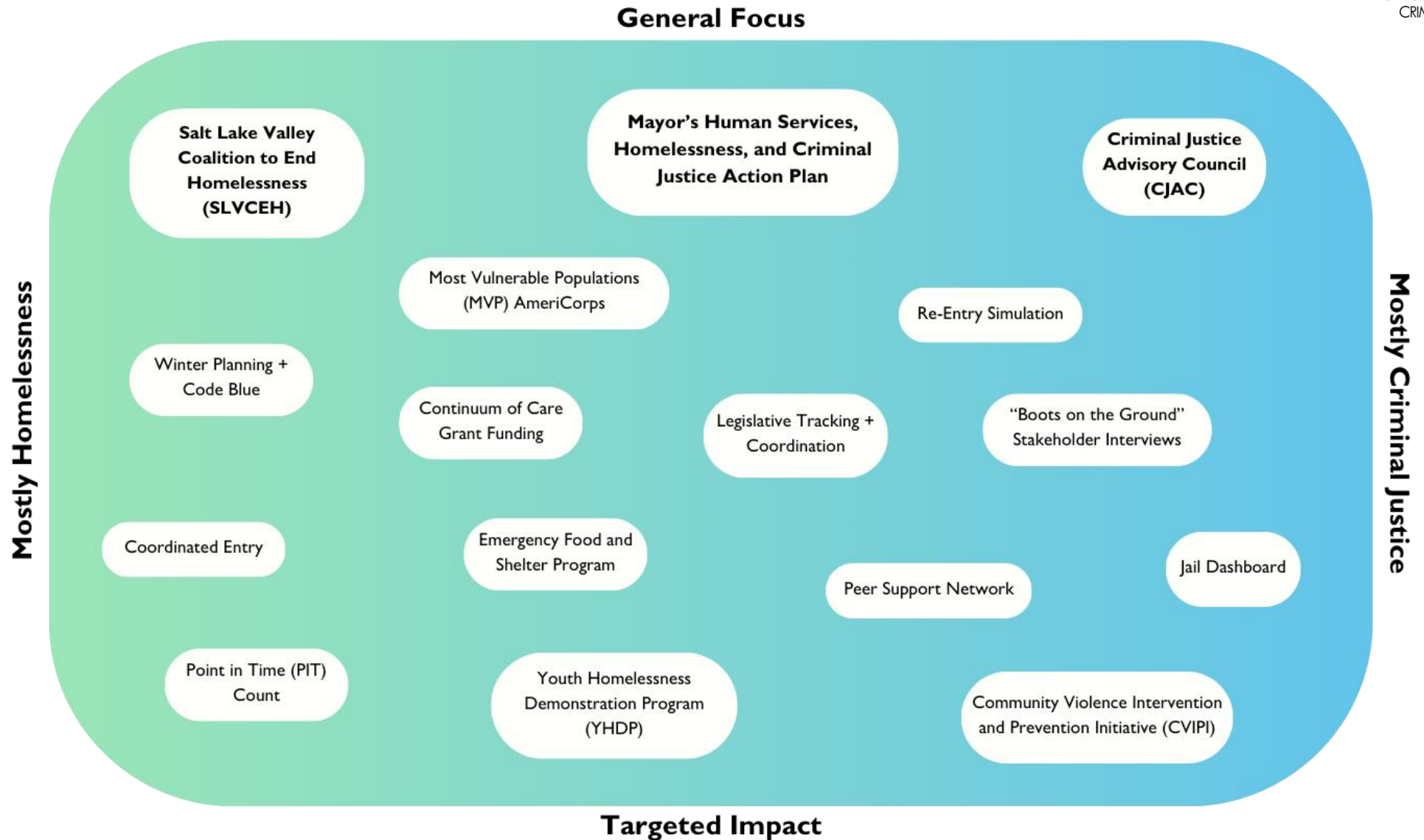
The **Office of Homelessness and Criminal Justice Reform** advances solutions to the County's criminal justice and homelessness challenges by convening county-wide partners and staffing the **Criminal Justice Advisory Council (CJAC)** and the **Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness (SLVCEH)**.

The Office conducts systems analysis, supports innovative programming, and advises the Mayor on the criminal justice and homelessness issues and the intersections between these systems.

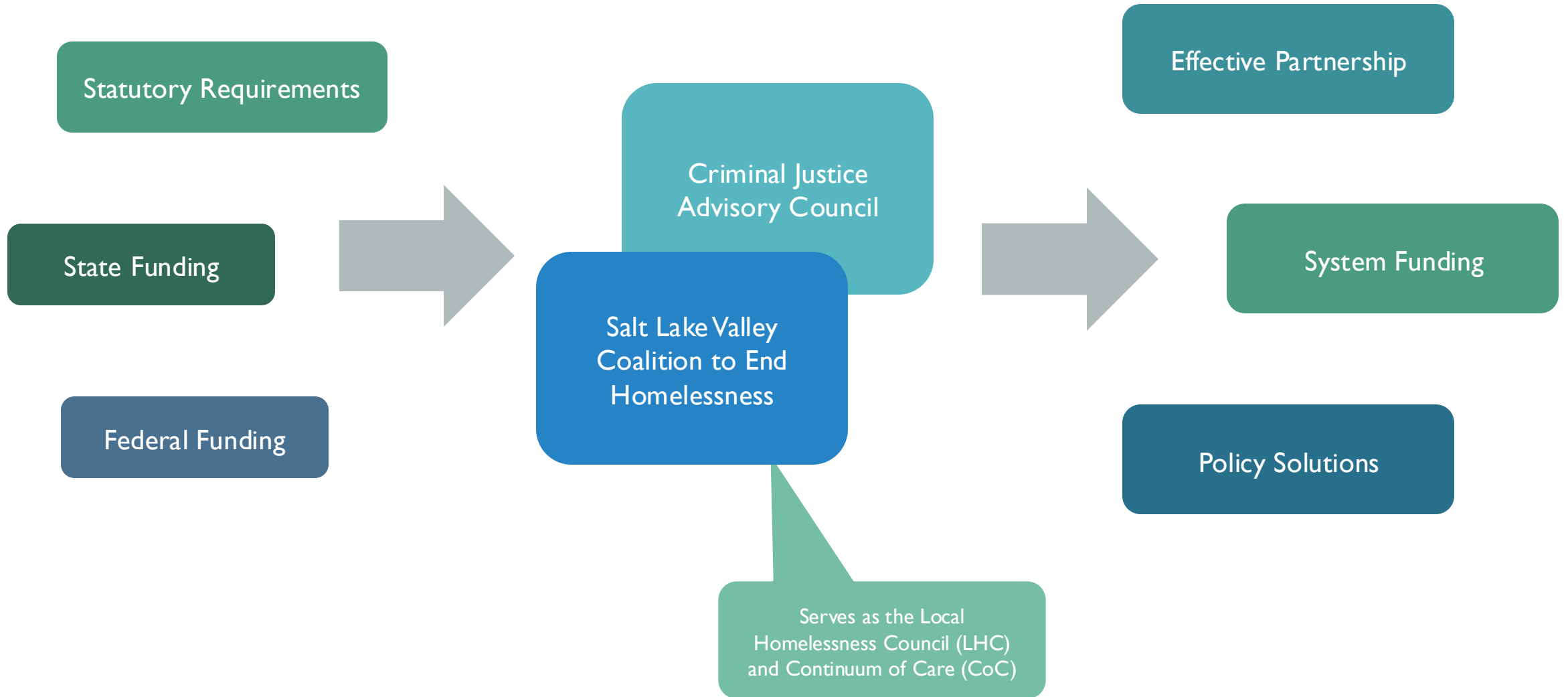
- Annual Budget, FY 2024: \$3,102,662
- 12 employees and 2 interns
- 7 Grant funded programs



Key Programs and Initiatives



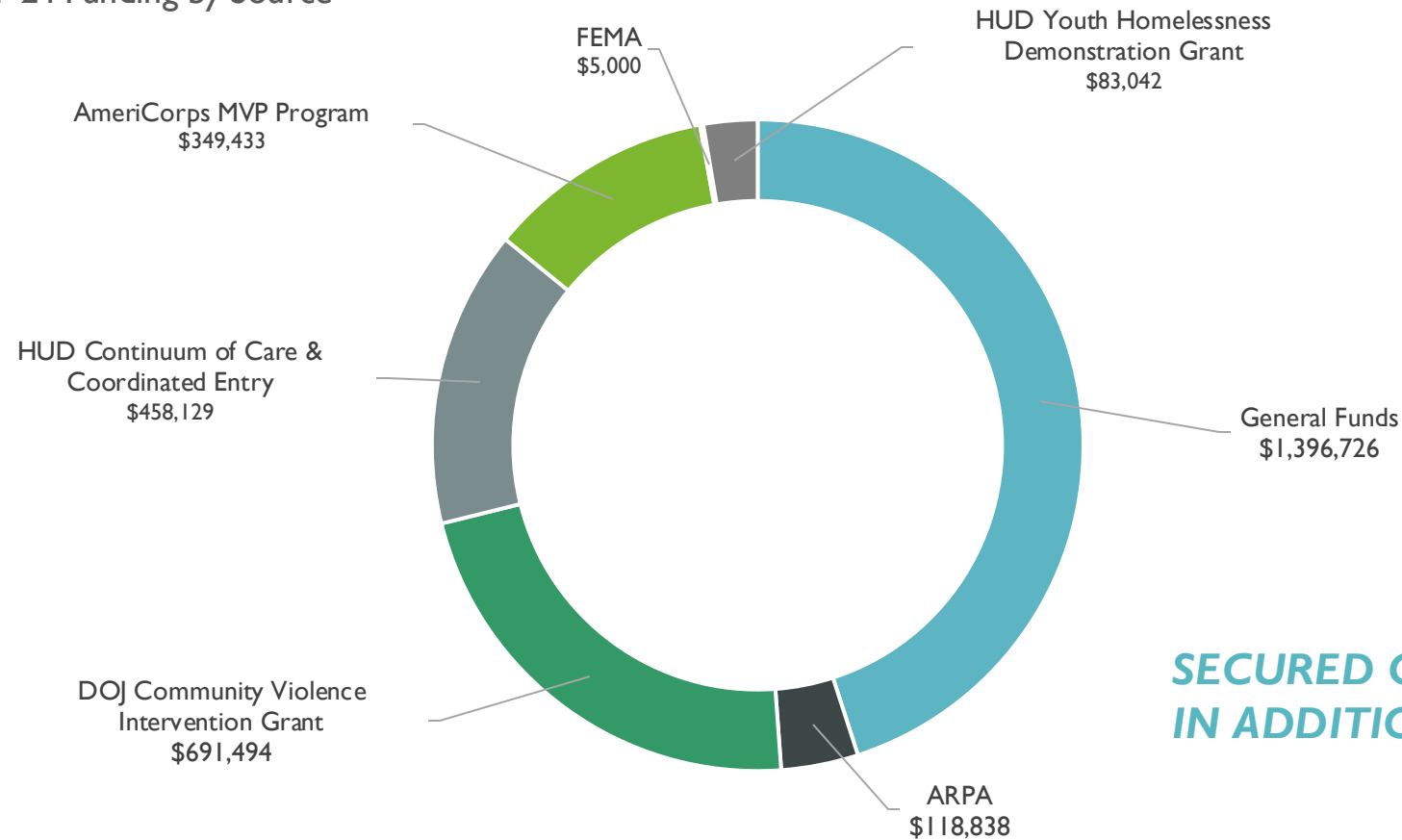
Coordinating Stakeholders and Funding



Funding Revenue Breakdown for 2024

Total Budget: \$3,102,662

OHCJR FY 24 Funding by Source



55% OF TOTAL BUDGET IS GRANT-FUNDED

SECURED OVER \$12 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY FUNDING

Contra Update

Contra requirements have been met for personnel and will be met for operations by the end of the fiscal year.

Personnel	Operations	<u>Total</u>
\$51,407	\$11,093	<u>\$62,500</u>

Contra Assigned for 2024



Successes

Criminal Justice Advisory Council

- **Re-Entry Simulation** immersed over 140 stakeholders in the challenges of re-integration
- **Jail Dashboard** redesigned to improve user experience and expand data access
- **Online Expungement Toolkit** empowers community members to overcome barriers
- **Civil Commitment Discussion** identified new opportunities to educate policymakers
- **Peer Support Network** convened 32 organizations to share information and elevate workforce standards



I have tried to navigate this system coming out of homelessness and addiction and failed many times because it was very overwhelming. The simulation did a great job showing that.

-Simulation Volunteer

Successes

Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness

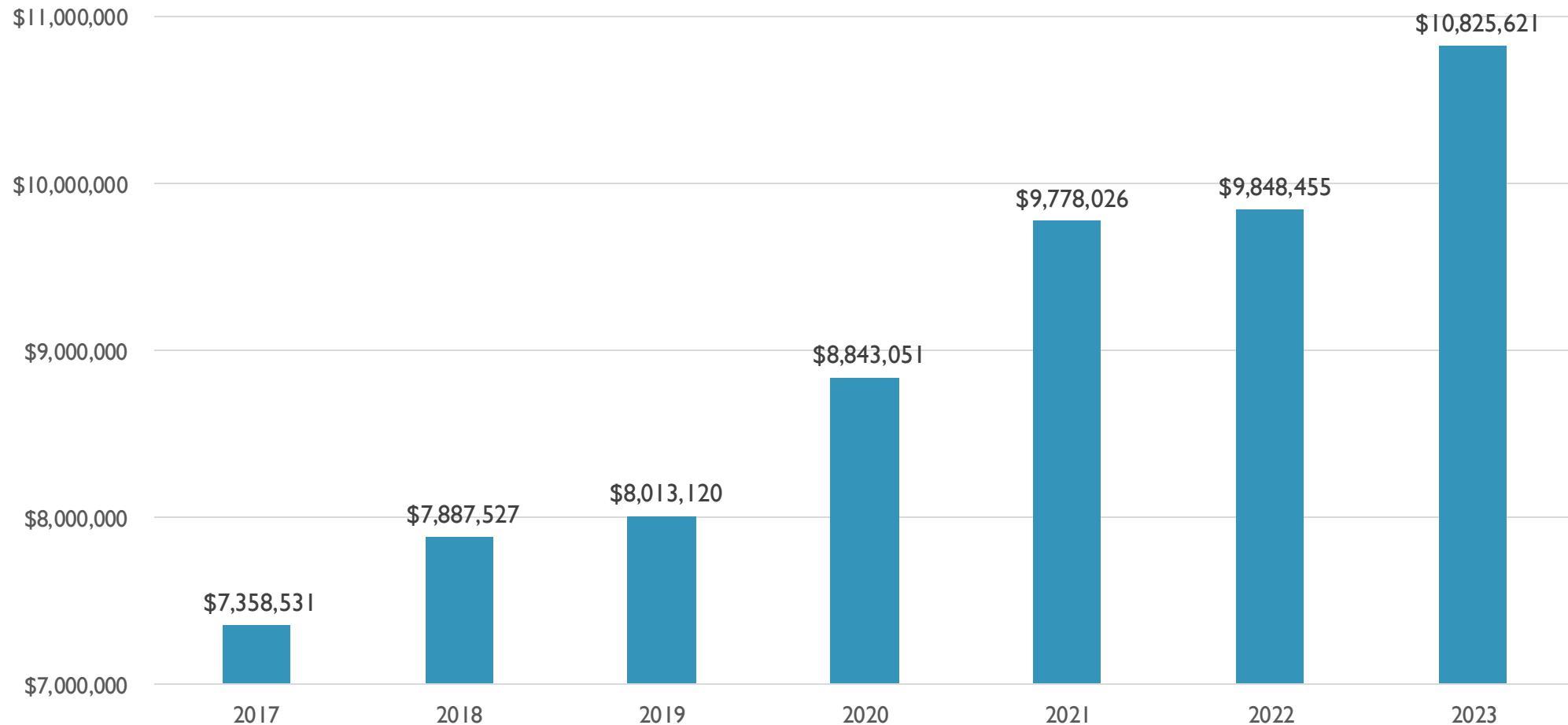
- Collaborate with **18 Partner Organizations** and **600 Members**
- **\$10.8 million** in Continuum of Care funding, including 892 permanent supportive housing beds
- **\$2.7 million** Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) grant
- Coordinated **Winter Response Plan** for 3 consecutive years
- Operated **Code Blue Facility** for 22 nights to shelter 576 people
- Coordinated annual **Point in Time (PIT) Count** with 350 volunteers
- Matched 175 households with housing opportunities through **Coordinated Entry**.



Successes

Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness

HUD CoC Award Secured by Salt Lake County for Housing and Support



Successes

Funding Results

One-time

- \$6M provided for **Medically Vulnerable People** Interim Housing
 - 264 individuals served from January to July 2024
- \$2M provided for **54 tiny homes**: 30 units anticipated to come on-line before the end of year

Ongoing

- \$400,000 awarded through an RFA to effectively connect individuals to shelters and services
 - Ensure accountability through community conversations and impact evaluation



Successes

Data & Coordination

- 93% of people in long-term housing projects **maintained** their housing or **obtained** permanent housing outside the project.
- Unsheltered homelessness in Salt Lake County **decreased** for the first time in several years, according to [2024 PIT count](#)
- Obtained **data sharing agreement** between jail and homeless management information system (HMIS)
- 2024 Legislative Report
 - 207 bills tracked
 - 46 bills summarized
 - \$125.8M in homelessness, criminal justice, and behavioral health funding



Successes

Most Vulnerable Populations (MVP) AmeriCorps

- 10 partner organizations
- 27 active members
- **Community Impact**
 - 128 individuals received housing services
 - 51 individuals transitioned into safe, healthy affordable housing
 - 877 individuals served through supportive case management and employment education

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“AMERICORPS PRESENTS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO COMBINE MY POLICY BACKGROUND WITH MY DESIRE TO DIRECTLY ASSIST THOSE IN NEED.”

MEET TINA
SUPERVISOR

“I DECIDED TO COLLABORATE WITH AMERICORPS BECAUSE IT PROVIDES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND OUR STAFF WHEN BUDGET IS LIMITED.”

AmeriCorps

NAMI Utah
National Alliance on Mental Illness

AmeriCorps

Successes

Youth Violence Prevention

- **Community Violence Intervention Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) Federal Grant Program**
 - \$3 million federal grant awarded to Magna to build a coalition and implement evidence-based interventions with at-risk youth.
 - Engaged 143 community partners
- **Targeted Youth Programming**
 - Invested in after-school mentorship
 - Developed community-based programming for justice-involved youth
 - Spearheaded youth court and early diversion



System Challenges

- Insufficient affordable, supportive housing for an estimated 1,000 unsheltered individuals in the county.
- Shortage of trained behavioral health professionals and housing for those with mental health and substance use disorders.
- Need for targeted enforcement against the surge of fentanyl use.
- Overburdened jail system serving as a default for individuals with behavioral health issues.
- Lack of robust coordination among systems and need for integrated data.

“I think we have an opportunity to move from being reactive, and from creating, discontent, and suffering, to being responsive and compassionate and caring as a community.”

-Rev. Lora Young

Future Focus

- **Strengthen** relationships and build on successes of CJAC and SLVCEH
- **Expand** meaningful housing solutions
- **Coordinate** emergency shelter and other system planning
- **Inform** policy conversations with data, community perspectives, and best practices
- **Enhance** public safety
- **Build** community and internal team capacity
- **Support** the Mayor's Human Services, Homelessness, and Criminal Justice Action Plan



THANK YOU

More resources available at:

<https://www.saltlakecounty.gov/ohcjr/>

<https://endutahomelessness.org/salt-lake-valley/>

