

# Emergency Management Agency

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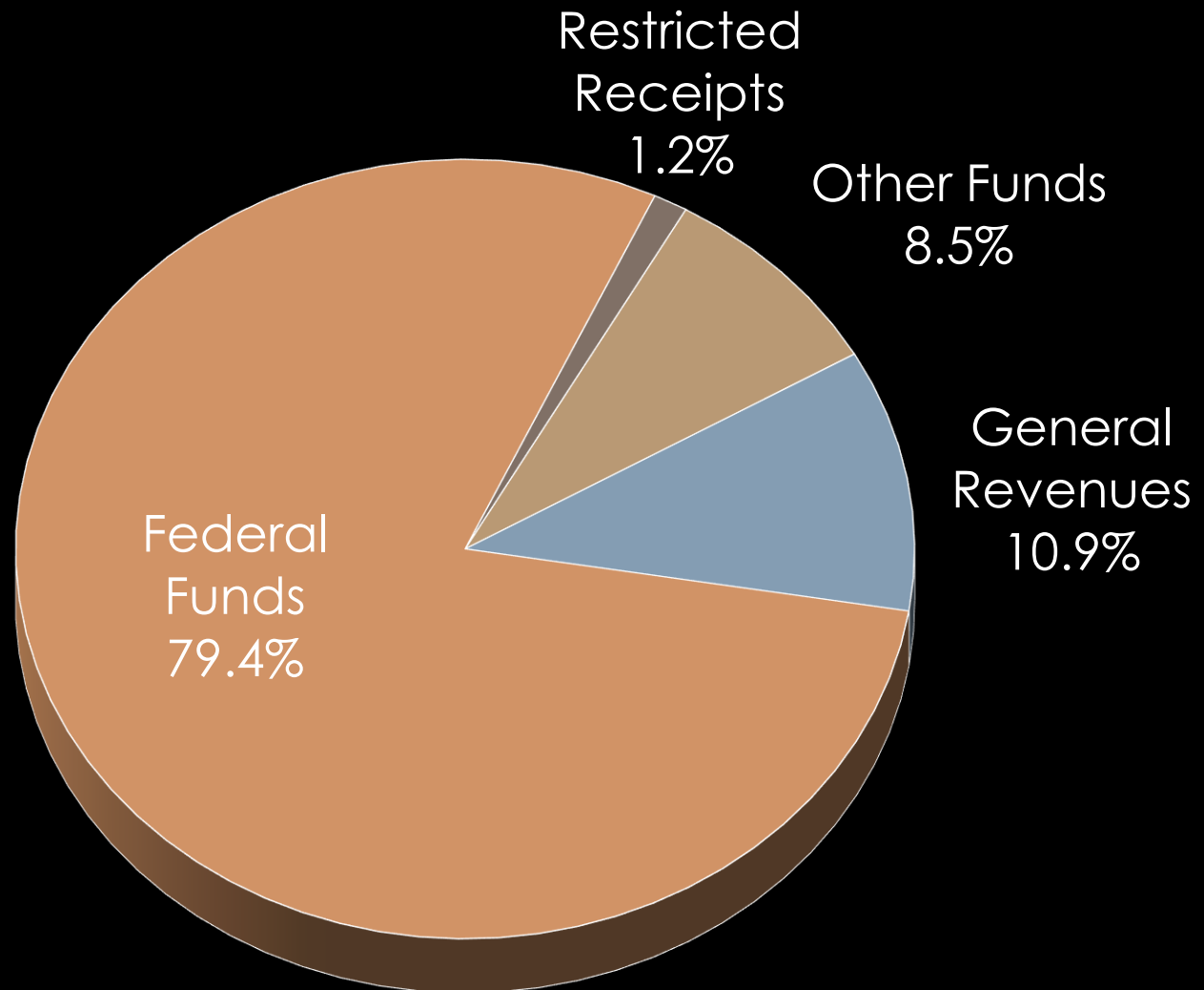
- Maintain a high state of readiness for any disaster or major emergency
- Respond to emergencies & assist in disaster response & recovery operations
- Increase public awareness of natural hazard risks and actions to prevent/minimize loss of life & property

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	FY 2023 Enacted	FY 2023 Gov. Rev.	FY 2024 Governor	Chg. to Enacted
Salaries and Benefits	\$4.6	\$4.6	\$4.8	\$0.2
Contracted Services	3.0	3.2	2.3	(0.7)
Operating	5.1	16.6	14.6	9.5
Assistance and Grants	20.8	20.9	21.8	1.1
Capital	3.8	3.7	6.5	2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37.4</b>	<b>\$48.9</b>	<b>\$50.1</b>	<b>\$12.7</b>

\$ in millions

# FY 2024 Sources of Funds



# Staffing

## *Full-Time Equivalent Positions*

<b>Full-Time Positions</b>	<b>FTEs</b>	<b>Chg. To Enacted</b>
Enacted Authorized	35.0	-
FY 2023 Gov. Rev.	35.0	-
FY 2024 Request	39.0	4.0
FY 2024 Governor Original*	35.0	-
FY 2024 Funded FTE	34.3	(0.7)
Filled as of March 11	32.0	(3.0)
FY 2022 Average Filled	28.9	(6.1)

\* Gov. requested amendment to increase to 37.0

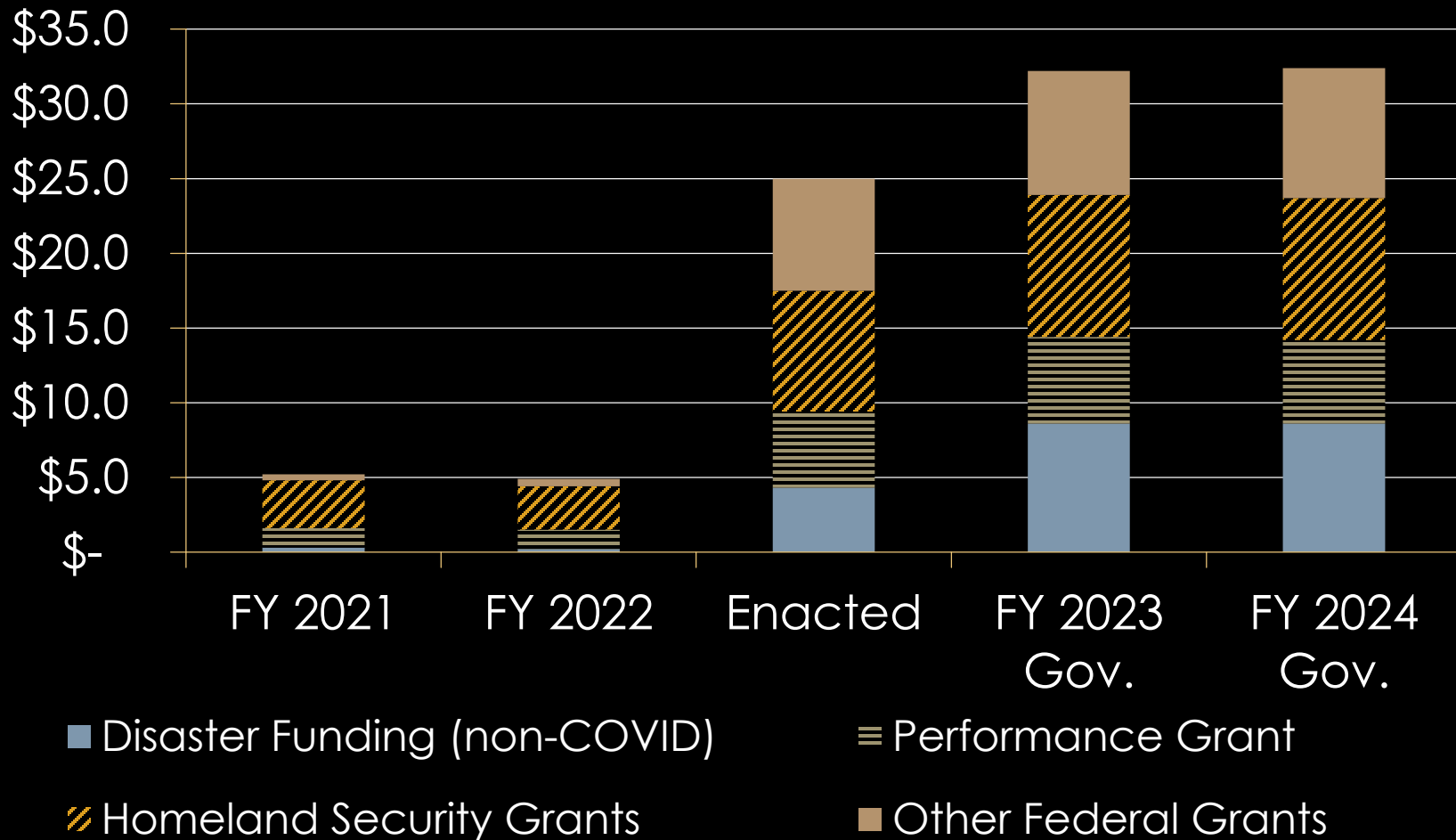
# FY 2023 Revised/FY 2024 Requests – New Positions

- 4.0 additional positions requested
  - FY 2024 - \$485,801 from general revenues
    - Governor did not add in original recommendation
  - Two positions to work within its warehouse
  - Fiscal Management Officer position
    - Assist with reporting requirements
    - Explore additional federal grant opportunities
      - Governor requested amendment to add FTE & federal funds
  - Communications Technician
    - Work on maintenance on RISON System
      - Governor requested amendment to add FTE & federal funds

# Salaries and Benefits

- Governor's budget funds enacted staff
- FY 2023 revised - \$4.6 million
  - \$0.1 million less than enacted
    - Additional turnover savings
- FY 2024 - \$4.9 million
  - \$0.2 million more than enacted
    - Nearly all from federal funds

# Federal Grants



# Disaster Funding

- Governor revised/FY 2024 - \$8.6 million
  - Reimbursements to local and state agencies
  - FEMA funds distributed for disaster reimbursements and hazard mitigation
    - Blizzards and floods
  - \$4.3 million more than enacted
    - Based on updated award information
    - Includes unspent funding from previous years

# Disaster Funding - COVID-19

- RIEMA is the state entity responsible for processing FEMA reimbursements for COVID-19 related expenses
  - Processed hundreds of millions of reimbursements for state and municipalities
  - Planned and paid expenses related to the pandemic
  - Other state agencies also have eligible costs pass through the Agency
  - Reimbursements expected to continue in future years

# Emergency Management Performance Grants

- Governor revised/FY 2024 - \$5.8 million
  - Primarily passed through to local emergency management agencies
    - Provide support for emergency operations to ensure continuity of government in major disasters
  - \$0.6 million more than enacted
    - Based on updated award information

# Emergency Management Performance Grants - COVID

- Federal COVID relief legislation include two additional EMPG grants for a total of \$1.9 million
  - CARES Act - \$0.9 million
  - ARPA - \$0.9 million
- Require 50 percent state match
  - Governor includes \$0.9 million from general revenues to match ARPA grant in both years
  - Consistent with enacted budget

# Homeland Security Grants

- Governor revised/FY 2024 - \$9.5 million
  - Homeland security related upgrades throughout the state
  - Build up capabilities at state & local levels
  - Implement goals and objectives from state homeland security strategies & initiatives
  - \$1.4 million more than enacted
    - Based on updated award information

# FEMA Hazard Mitigation Funds

- Governor includes \$8.0 million in FY 2024 from FEMA Hazard Mitigation funds for local EMAs
  - \$0.7 million more than enacted
  - Eligible projects must
    - Increase resilience and public safety, reduce injuries and loss of life, reduce damage to property, critical services, facilities and infrastructure from climate change
  - Localities must apply to receive reimbursement

# Other Federal Grants

- Warwick Emergency Operations Center
  - \$240,000 grant for a new pass-through grant for Warwick for upgrades to the city's EOC
  - Entire grant will go to the city
  - Funding included in both years to ensure availability of funds
- FY 2024 - \$2.3 million for all other grants
  - Non-profit security Grants
  - Pre-disaster mitigation Grants

# RISCON

- Rhode Island Statewide Communications Network (RISCON)
  - Established in General Laws in 2009
  - System formerly operated by State Police; transferred to EMA in FY 2010
  - Provides secure radio communications to
    - 16,000+ users
    - DPS, DOT, DEM, DOH, EMA, RIPTA
    - 87 Fire Departments
    - 39 Police Departments + State Police
    - 9 Hospitals

# RISCON- Capital Projects

- Tower Replacement - \$0.5 million
  - Replace system tower that connects northern part of state to network
- 700 MHz project - \$2.8 million
  - RIPTA used to use a 700 MHz system
    - Decommissioned system as parts no longer made
  - Project integrates that system into RISCON 800 MHz system to expand system capacity
    - Funding would include purchasing and replacing the necessary parts

# RISCON- Capital Projects

- Warehouse - \$250,000
  - Feasibility study on finding a new warehouse for system equipment
- Maintenance and Repairs - \$23.9 million
  - Annual contract cost for system
  - Adds funding for FY 2026 through FY 2028
- System Upgrades - \$2.7 million
  - Various upgrades to system
    - Hardware/software upgrades, generators, cables
  - Delays funding through post- FY 2028

# Other Capital Projects

- Emergency Management Building - \$0.3 million
  - Feasibility study of headquarters & warehouse for use as State Emergency Operations Center
    - Evaluate adequacy of current facilities
    - Determine feasibility of renovating existing facilities or identify a more suitable location
- SEOC Upgrades - \$0.5 million
  - Purchase new equipment and renovations
  - New equipment is largely movable
  - Feasibility study will inform project scope

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