

Virginia Department of Health

Presentation to West Virginia

October 28, 2015

Outline

- **VDH Structure**
- **VDH Communication Methods**
- **VDH Overview & Budget Highlights**

**The mission of VDH is to protect
and promote the health of ALL
people in Virginia**

Vision:

**Virginia Will Become The
Healthiest State In The Nation**

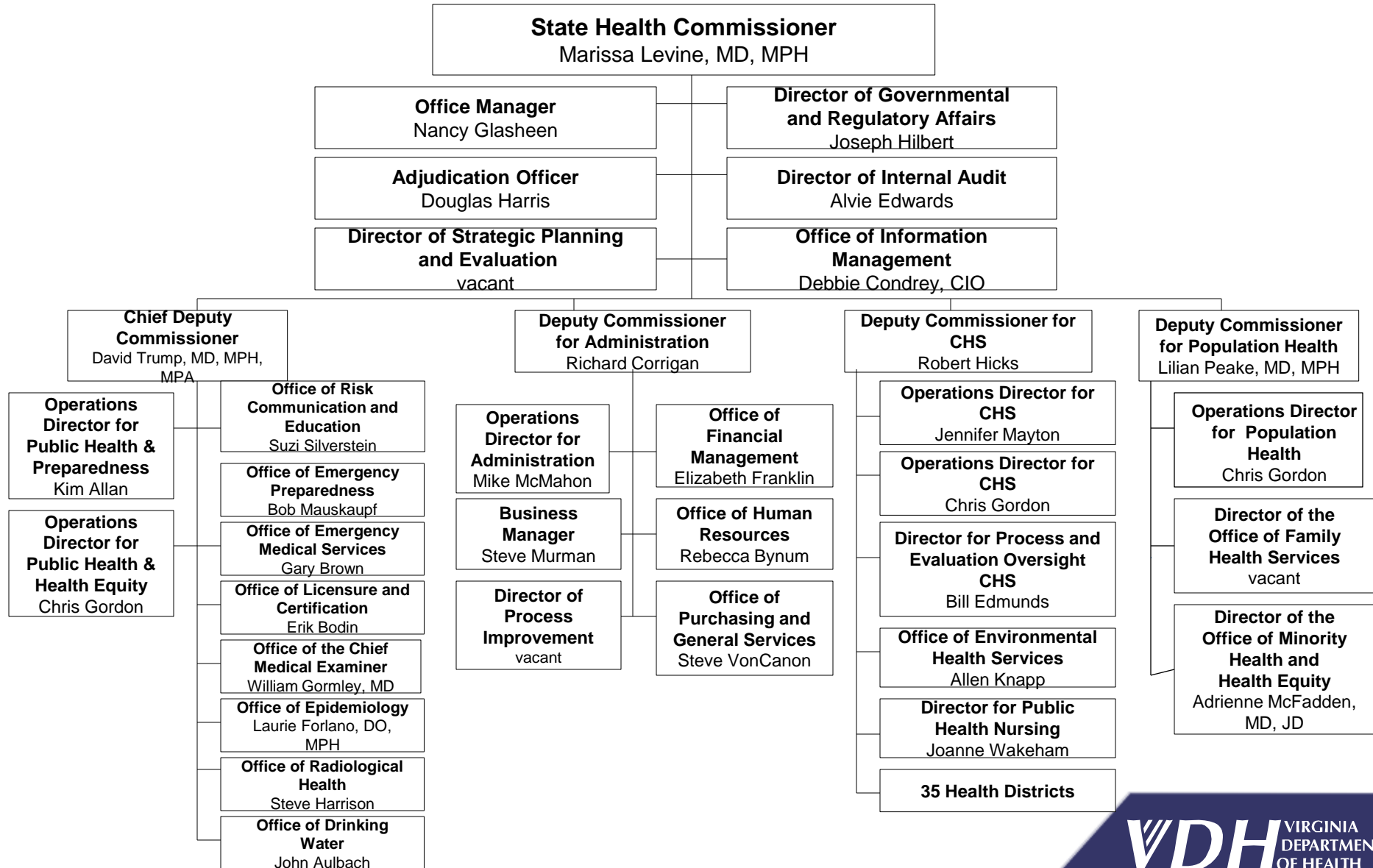
§ 32.1-2. Finding and purpose.

The General Assembly finds that the **protection, improvement and preservation of the public health and of the environment are essential to the general welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth.** For this reason, the State Board of Health and the **State Health Commissioner,** assisted by the State Department of Health, **shall administer and provide a comprehensive program of preventive, curative, restorative and environmental health services, educate the citizenry in health and environmental matters, develop and implement health resource plans, collect and preserve vital records and health statistics, assist in research, and abate hazards and nuisances to the health and to the environment, both emergency and otherwise, thereby improving the quality of life in the Commonwealth.**

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Office of the Commissioner

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Management of Health Districts

- Deputy Commissioner directly supervises 33 of 35 district directors and serves as reviewer for 300 district managers
- Each district is led by a physician director and managed by team that includes nursing, environmental, and business managers
- District directors also supervise clinicians, pharmacists, dentists, and laboratorians where those services still exist

Role of District Directors

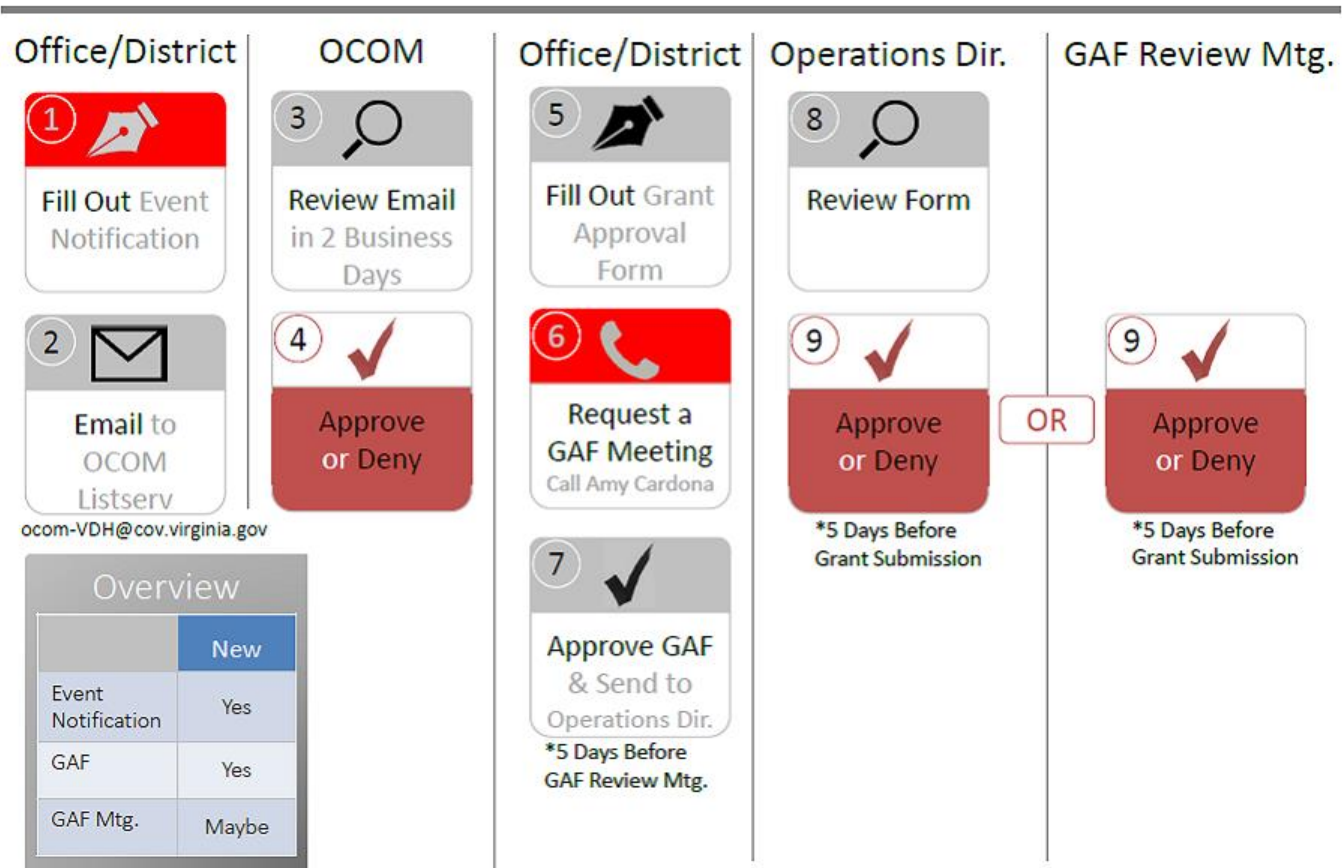
- Medical and public health resource for private sector, local government officials, and public utility operators.
- Manage operations for local health departments within their district.
- Carry out authority delegated by the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner
- 75% of directors have MPH and 66% are board certified in preventive medicine

Communication

Event Notifications:

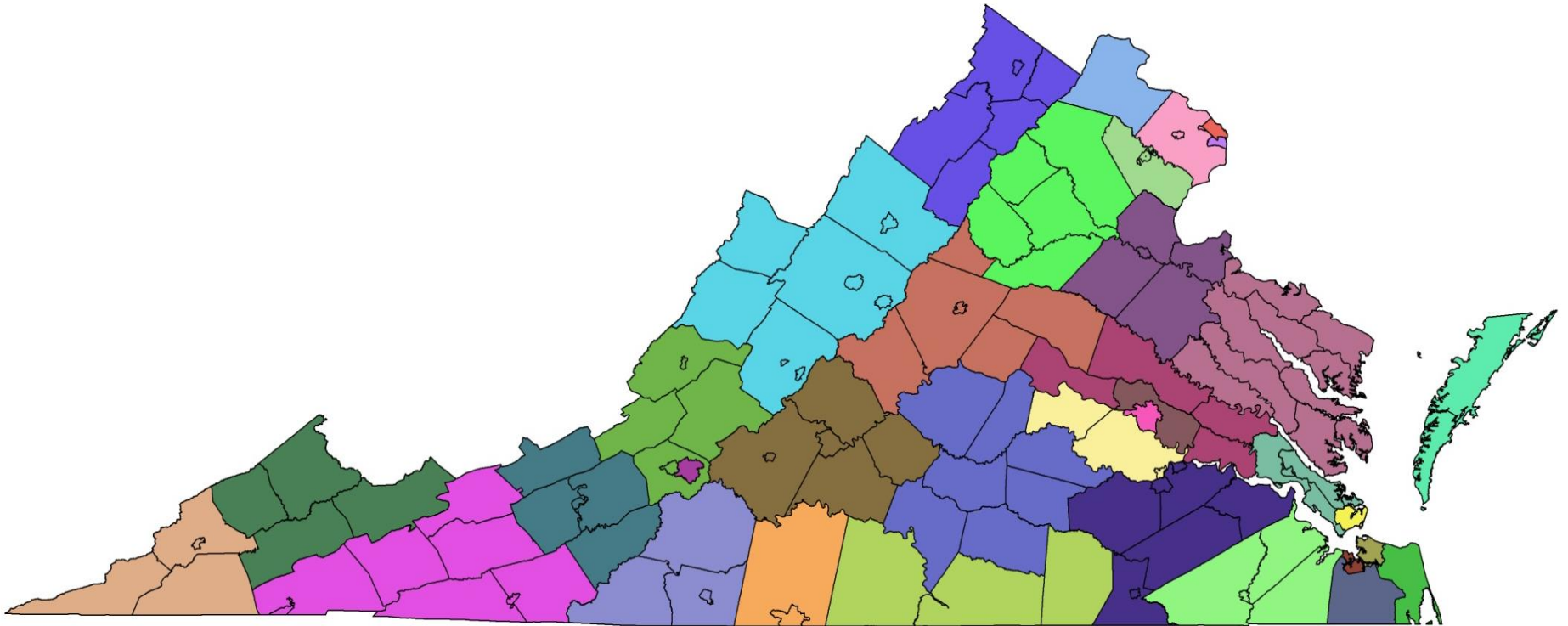
- Release Information
- Situation and/or Problem
- Immediate Impact or Required Action
- Background
- Discussion
- Recommendation or Action Taken
- Conclusion

Grant Review Process – **New** Applications



Community Health Services

Network of Health Districts & Local Health Departments



Community Health Services

- 134 cities and counties are organized into 35 Health Districts
- District boundaries usually follow planning districts and include as few as 1 and up to 10 cities and/or counties
- There is at least one service delivery site in every city and county
- Services vary among localities within a district and between districts based on local needs, funding, and private sector capacity

Alternatives for LHD Operation

- Locality may enter into a contract with VDH to operate (130 of 134 localities)
- Administer their LHD under contract to VDH (4 of 134 localities)
- Operate an independent LHD with no state funding (no locality has chosen this option)

Philosophy Behind Local Health Districts (LHDs) in VA

- LHDs are a partnership between state and local governments
- LHDs work closely with private sector health care providers and systems
- Array of LHD services varies based on local need
- Preserve flexibility for LHDs on “how” to improve community health while assuring compliance with policy, regulation, and law
- Partnership is the key

Strengths of Virginia's Public Health System

- Local health districts in every city and county that provides basic public health services
- Joint state and local funding of local health districts
- Interdisciplinary management of districts
- Flexibility to adapt to local needs
- Public-private partnerships to improve health

Local Health District Services

- Services provided in every LHD include communicable disease control, family planning, inspection of public establishments that serve food, permitting of onsite sewage disposal and well construction, emergency preparedness and response.
- Limited number of districts provide pharmacy, lab, and general medical services

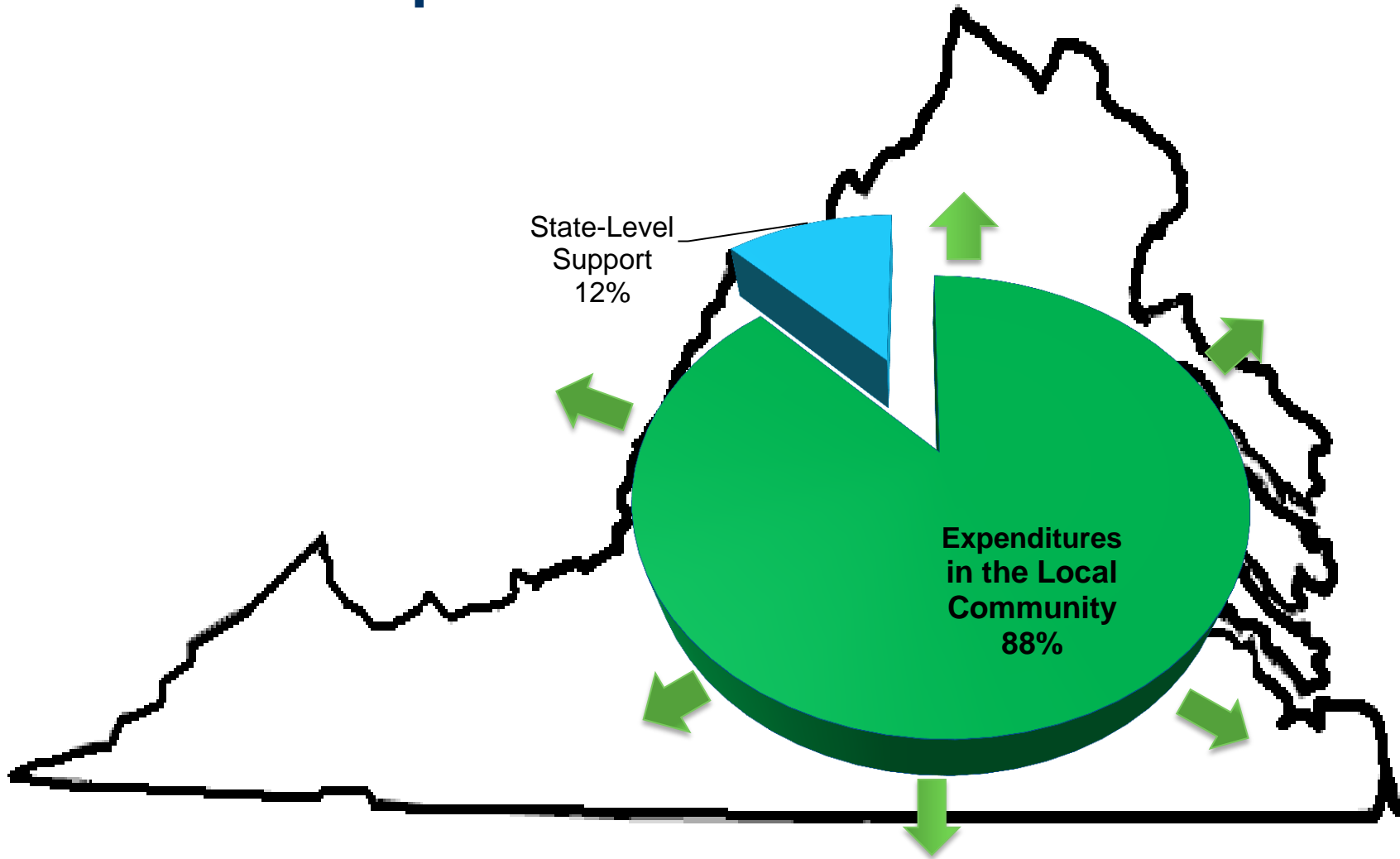
Service Delivery Models

- Most districts have more than one of the following models depending on service and community capacity:
 - LHD staff provide services directly to clients
 - LHD provides services with individual provider contracts or through agreements with non-profits
 - LHD provides initial service then hand-off to private sector
 - LHD collaborates with private sector to assure service

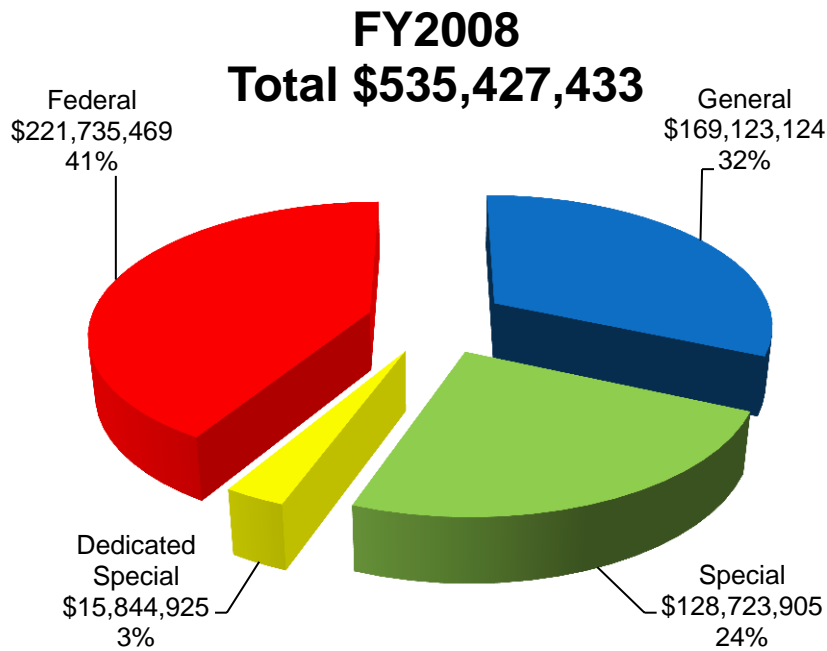
Evolution of Modern Public Health System

- Prior to the creation of the existing system, all parts of Virginia did not have access to basic public health services throughout the state, including control of communicable diseases and immunizations
- Cities tended to have more established, better funded public health services
- Rural areas had a limited tax base and could not afford to establish more comprehensive public health services

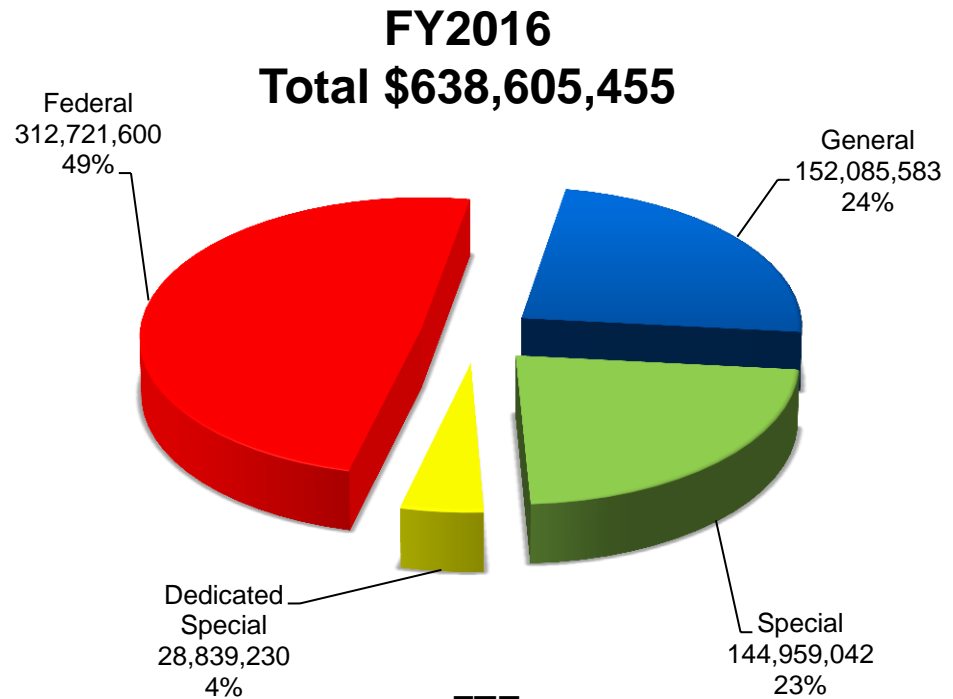
88% Percent of VDH Budget Spent in Local Communities



VDH Funding & Staffing – FY 2008 to FY 2016

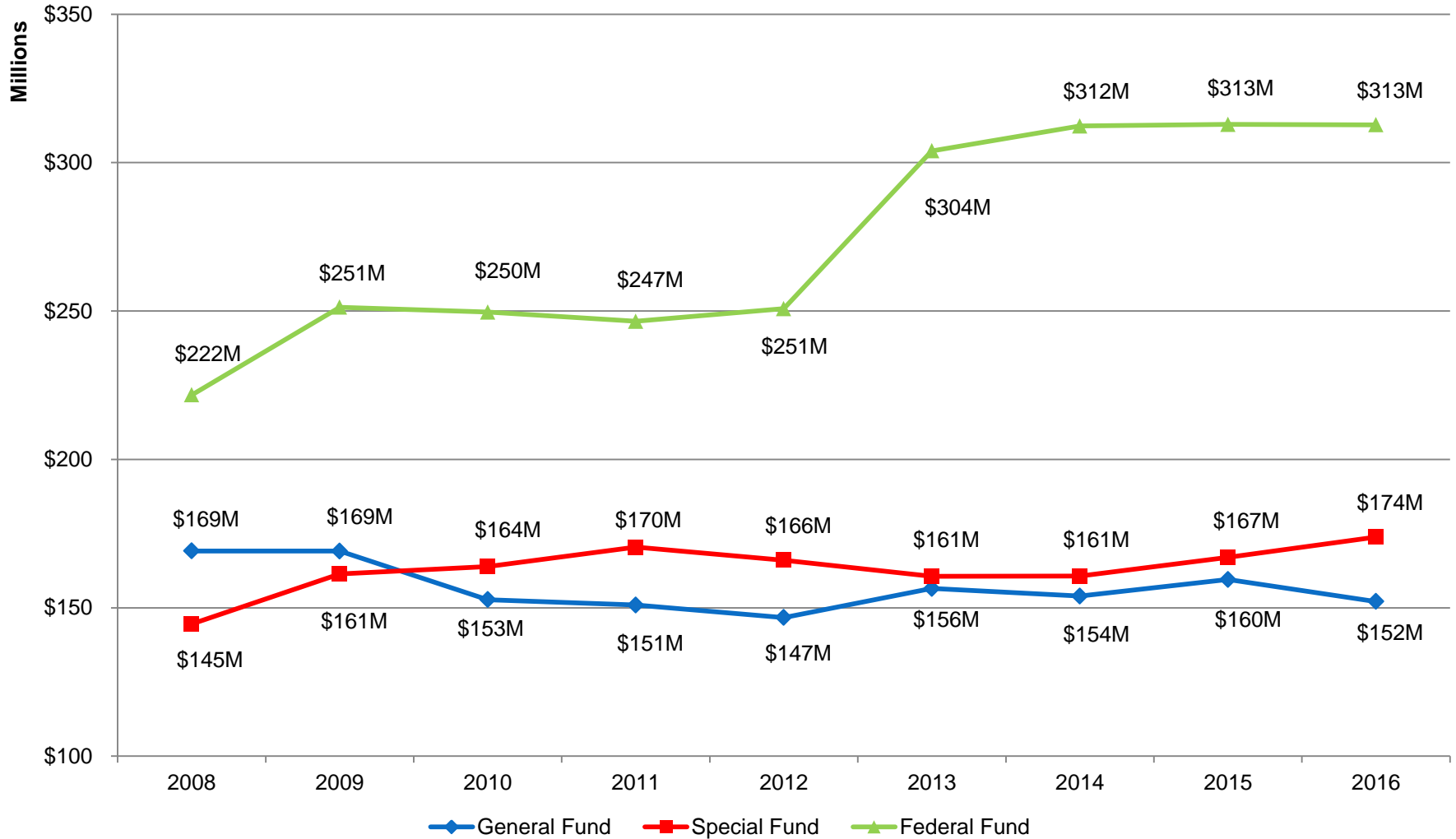


FTEs
GF: 1,664
NGF: 2,107
Total : 3,771

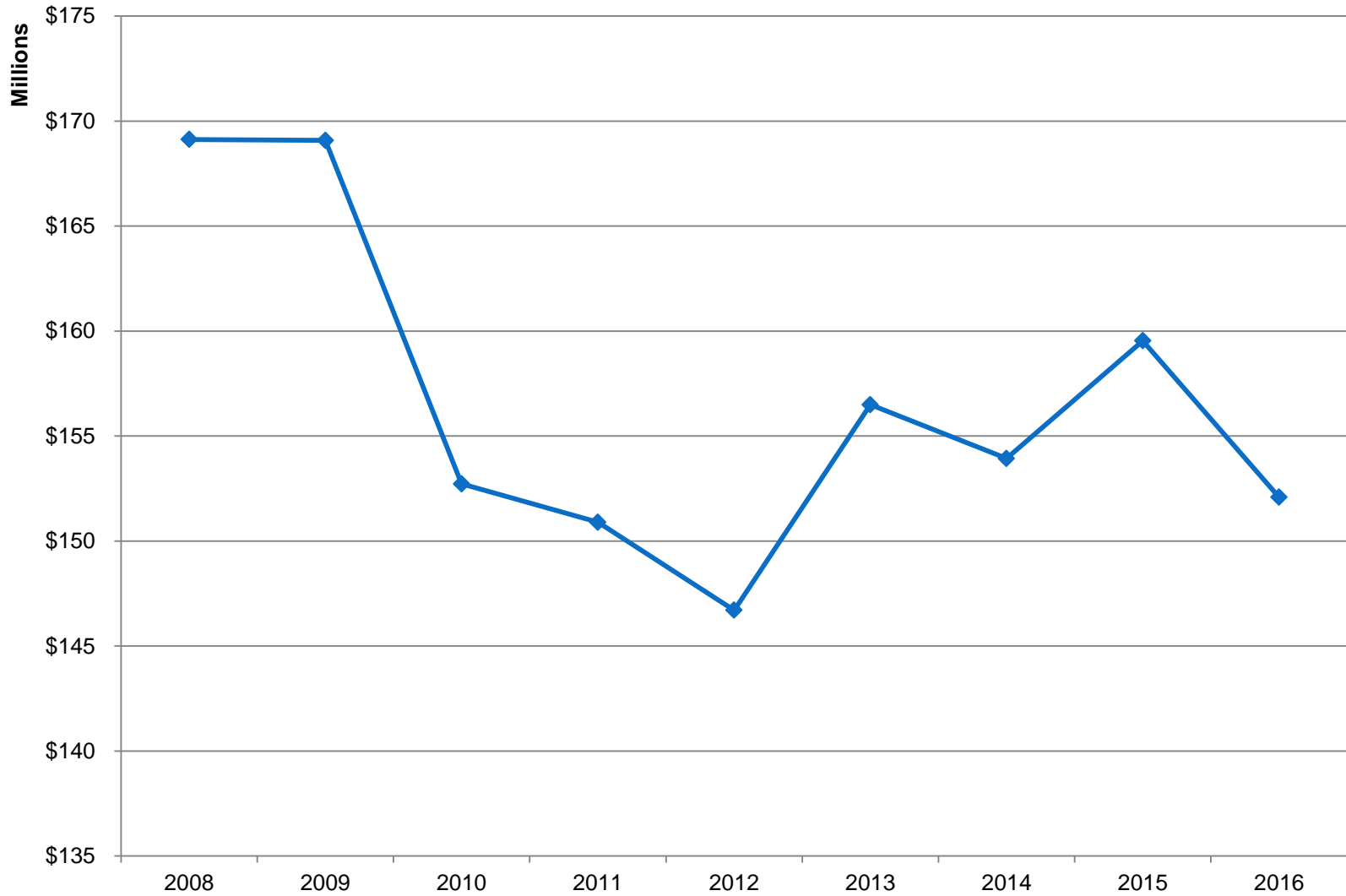


FTEs
GF: 1,481
NGF: 2,191
Total: 3,672

Virginia Department of Health Appropriation by Fund 2008 - 2016



Virginia Department of Health General Fund 2008 - 2016



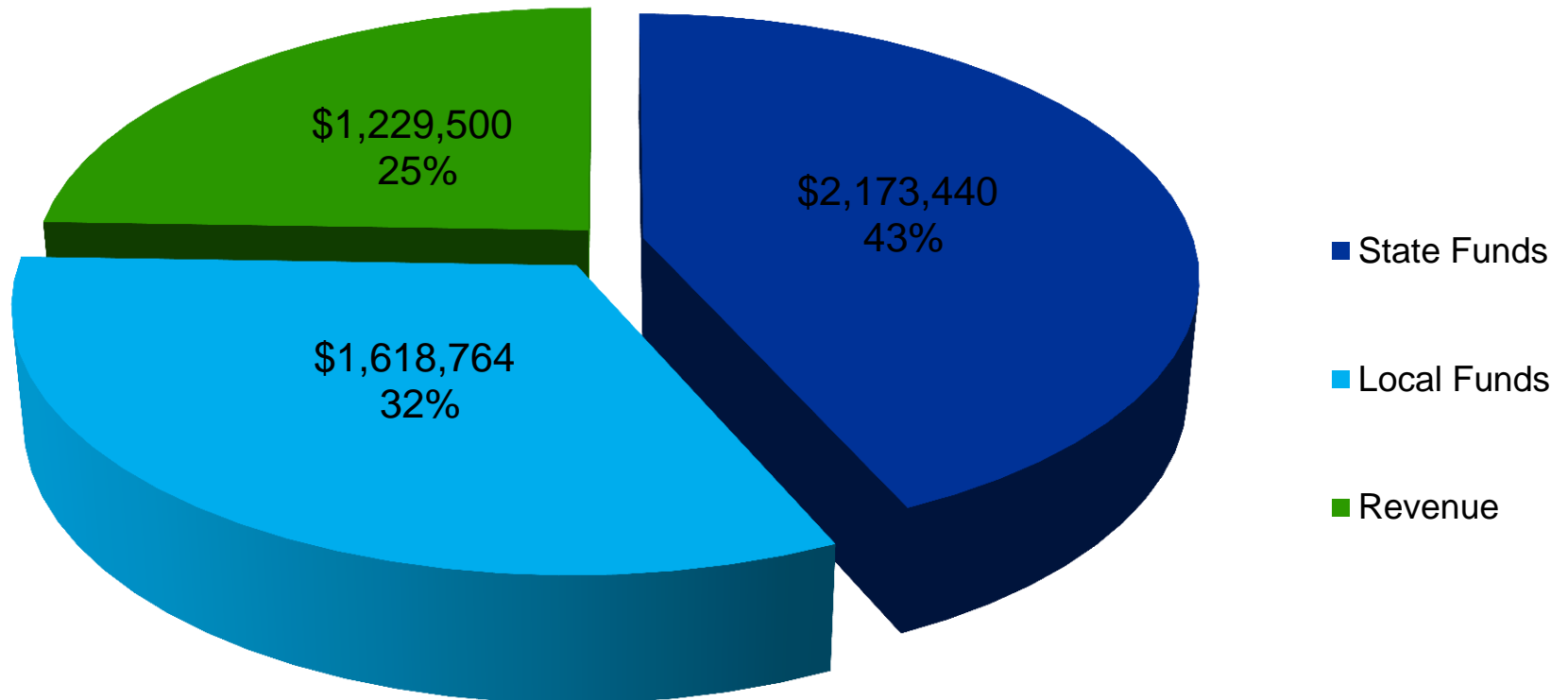
LHD Funding Streams

- State Funds Appropriated by General Assembly
- Local matching funds appropriated by local government based on ability to pay formula developed by JLARC
- 100% Local funds above the match requirement
- Revenue earned from services delivered
- Federal grant funds that are primarily categorical in nature

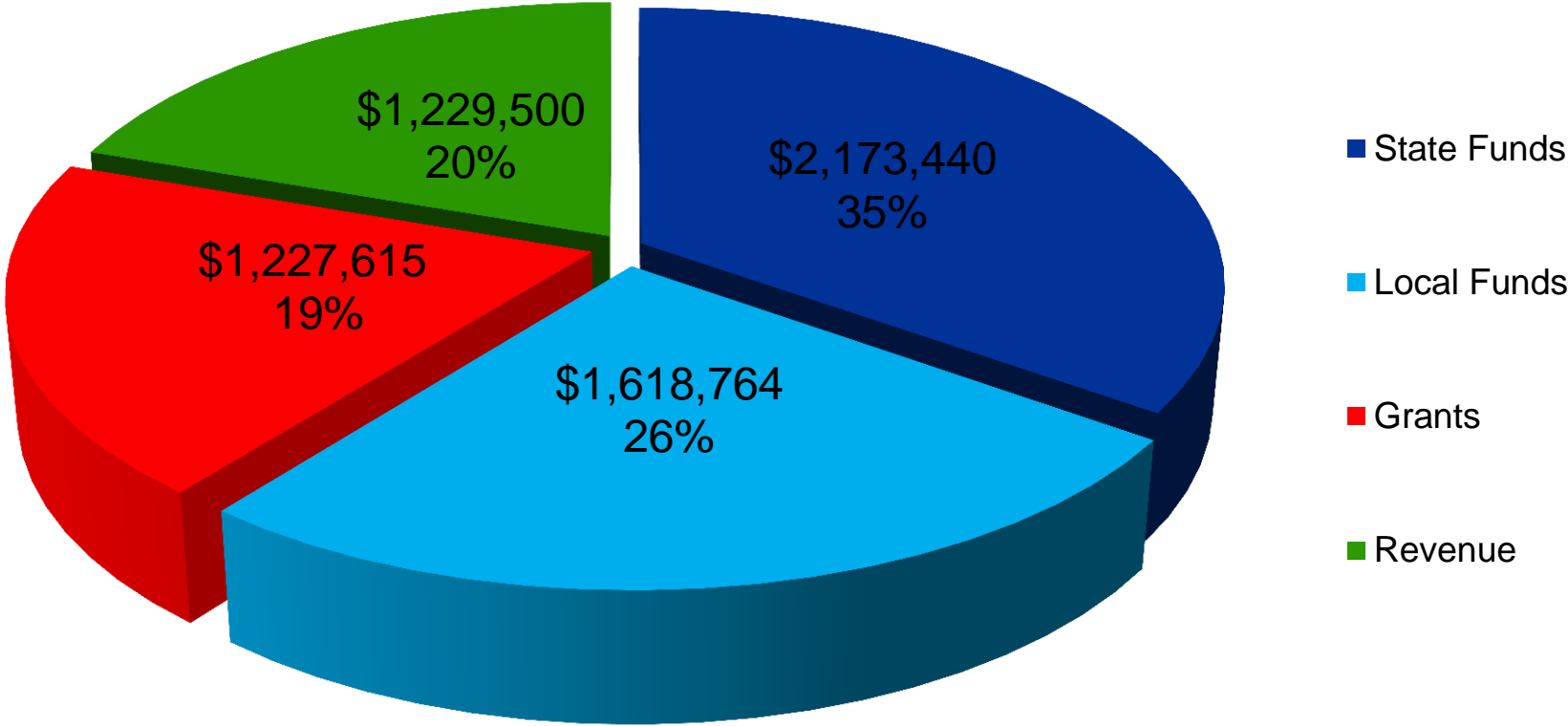
Cooperative Budget Percentage of Shared Cost Between State and Locality Funding, Excluding Self Generated Revenue

Locality	State General Fund Share %	Local Government Share %	Self Generated Revenue %
Clarke County	60.386%	39.614%	11.8%
Frederick County	55.744%	44.256%	19.9%
Page County	61.073%	38.927%	13.8%
Shenandoah County	58.031%	41.969%	19.9%
Warren County	57.234%	42.766%	16.3%
Winchester City	56.958%	43.042%	18.3%
District Average %	58.237%	41.763%	

Cooperative District Budget Totaling \$5,021,704 Breakdown



Total Funding Of The District Budget Breakdown
Including Federal Funds \$6,249,319



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