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# VERIS Replacement Project Update and Future Needs

# Benefits of new system

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Newer scalable technology with cloud-first approach

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Reduce performance degradation

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Better prepared for 2030 redistricting

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Ability to fully geo-spatially enable data

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Stop running processes in the middle of the night

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Perform maintenance on modules without taking entire system down

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Pass only needed pieces of a record vs. the entire record for functions

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# Project History – from RFI to build



# VERIS Replacement Funding Breakdown

## 2020 – Federal Funding

- ELECT received \$10.2 million Help America Vote Act grant – held for new system
- Required 5% general fund match
- \$2.0 million in one-time funding provided by General Assembly in 2020
- Legislative language required the use of non-general funds first

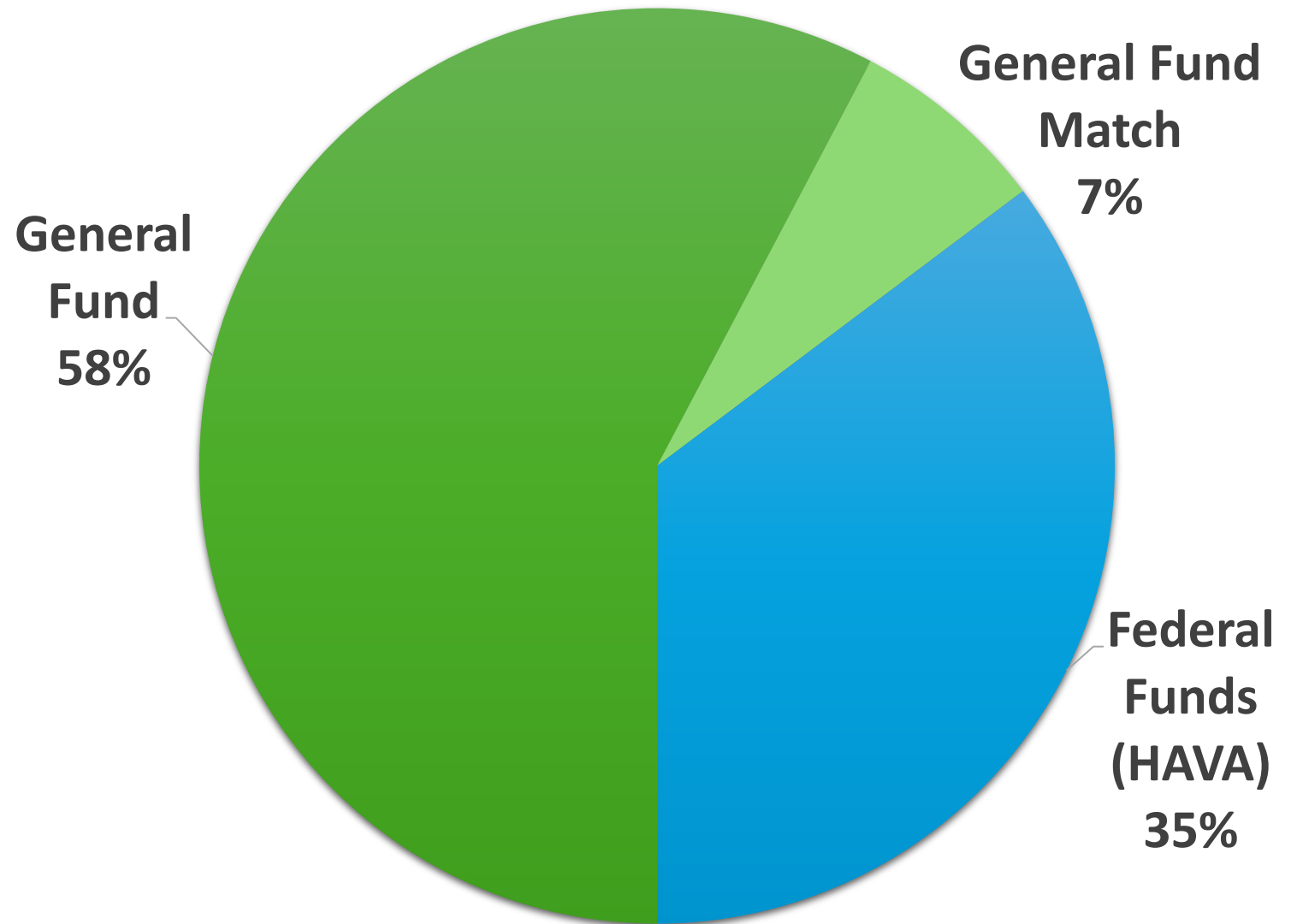
## 2021 – State Funding

- General Assembly appropriated \$16.7 million in GF dollars

Total – 28.9M in federal and state funds

**ELECT Statewide  
Voter  
Registration  
System (SVRS)  
PROJECT  
FUNDING**

**Total Appropriation (\$28,991,079)**



# SVRS Expenditures

Total Funding: \$28.9 million

Spent to date: -\$15.4 million

Remaining balance: \$13.5 million (47%)

| <b>SVRS EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>Federal</b>    | <b>General Fund</b> | <b>100% GF</b>   | <b>Total</b>      |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| SFY 2022                 | 101,576           | 12,228              |                  | 113,804           |
| SFY 2023                 | 3,528,984         | 749,157             |                  | 4,278,141         |
| SFY 2024                 | 6,589,753         | 1,843,913           |                  | 8,433,666         |
| SFY 2025                 | -                 | -                   | 2,721,240        | 2,721,240         |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>10,220,313</b> | <b>2,605,298</b>    | <b>2,721,240</b> | <b>15,546,851</b> |

# VERIS Speed and Resiliency Improvements in 2024

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Completed move to cloud

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Significant tech debt clean up and increased server capacity

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Increased load scaling to adjust to peak use times

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Prioritized system performance over nice to haves

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Report optimization/automated availability for General Registrars

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First-ever COV-wide “change freeze” for November general election

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65% of Registrars reported IMPROVED RELIABILITY of VERIS

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No major issues during three statewide elections in 2024



## *Future Needs:* Campaign Finance Platform Replacement

- 13-year-old campaign finance platform
- COMET, CFM and CF Reports
  - COMET – Data-entry application for candidates and committees to file electronically
  - Campaign Finance Management (CFM) manages reporting schedules, assigns penalties and houses committee information
  - CF Reports houses reports for public inspection
- Limited capabilities and user experience
- Additional legislative requirements every year



# Request for funding to begin planning

Request for Information (RFI) to assess:

Current capabilities of existing systems available

Custom development work needed to align with Commonwealth requirements.

The new system will address current system issues by providing:

More transparency and accountability

Improved notification of penalties (alerts)

Improved searchable database for public

Easier filing of campaign finance reports for all types of candidates and committees