



Delaware **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**FY 2026 Joint Finance
Committee Hearing**

February 13, 2025

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Meet our Team



Charuni Patibanda-Sanchez

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DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

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DELAWARE VETERANS HOME

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OFFICE OF THE STATE BANK COMMISSIONER

Robert Glen
Commissioner

VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT PROGRAM (VDA)

Benjamin Phillips
Deputy Administrator

Revenue Highlights



Total Revenue to General Fund

\$2.66B

Percentage of Revenue (2024)

42% of GF Budget funded by DOS

\$2.01B

Delaware Division of Corporations

\$100.3M

Delaware Office of the State Bank Commissioner

\$554.0M

Total Unclaimed Property

- *\$59.9 million from the VDA (managed by DOS)*

Corporations Highlights

Serving Delaware and the World



- ***Current State of the Franchise***
- ***Revenue***



\$2.01B

Revenue Generated

- ***3-Legged Stool***



Division of Corporations



General Assembly

informed by the Delaware State Bar Association



Delaware Courts

Corporations Highlights

Serving Delaware and the World



Total Delaware Entities

Corporations	401,760
LLCs	1,560,938
LP/LLPs	165,616
Statutory Trusts	29,168



New Formations

Corporations	58,313
LLCs	211,462
LP/LLPs	17,962
Statutory Trusts	2,071



U.S. IPOs chose Delaware as their corporate home in 2024

2,451

Total Publicly Traded Entities

An increase of 85 since 2023

\$59.9_M

FY2024 Revenue

\$1.01_B

Cumulative Revenue



- *Unclaimed Property*
- *Reduce Litigation*

EDGE Grants

Encouraging Development, Growth, & Expansion

\$7.25M

Awarded to 110 Delaware small businesses since 2019

95%

of EDGE winners are still in business since the program's launch

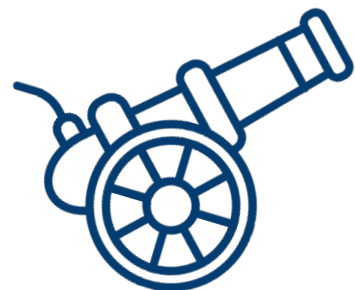


Historical Site Projects



John Dickinson Plantation

- Construction began for 14,500 sq. ft. facility
- Set to open in 2026



Cooch's Bridge

- Rehabilitation in initial phase



- ***Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs***
- ***Delaware Veterans Home***

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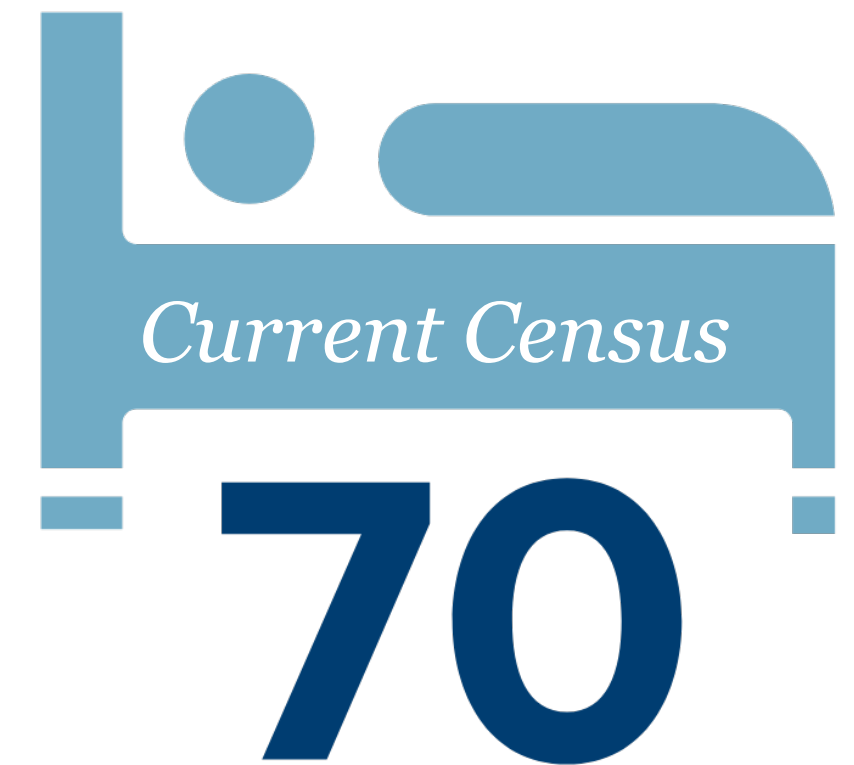
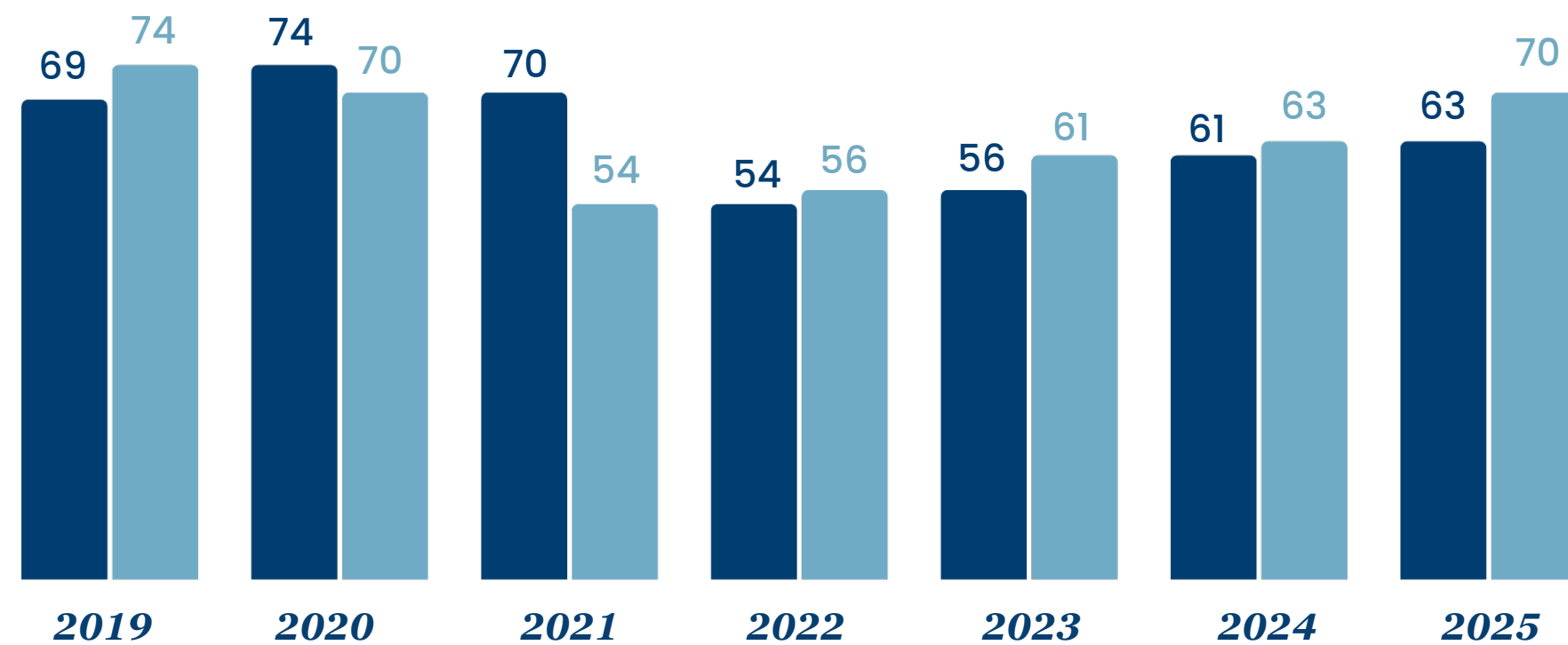
Admissions in the first half of FY 2025

Total Admissions per Fiscal Year

2017	21
2018	14
2019	43
2020	29
2021	9
2022	3
2023	34
2024	32

Delaware Veterans Home

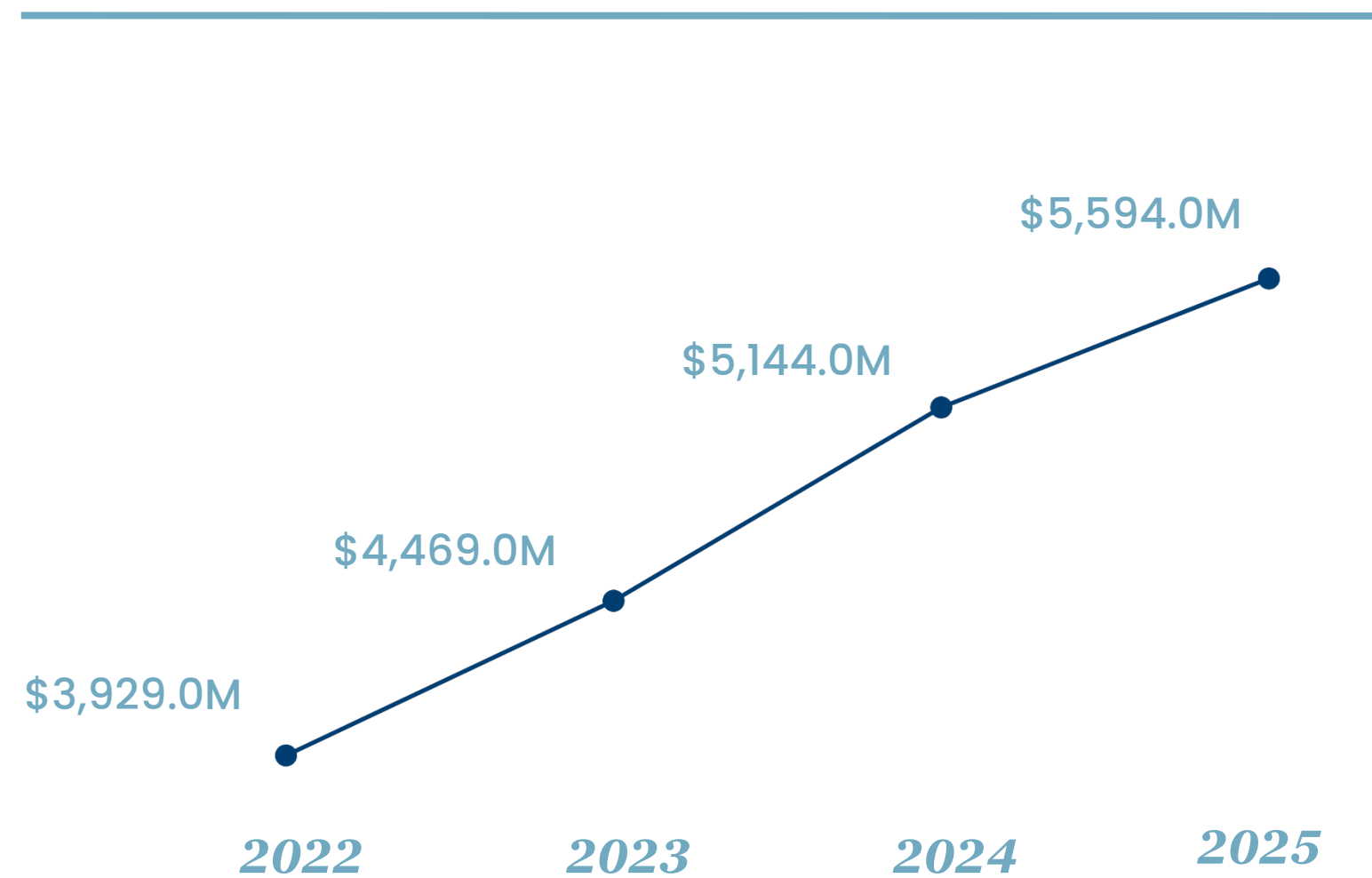
Census per Fiscal Year



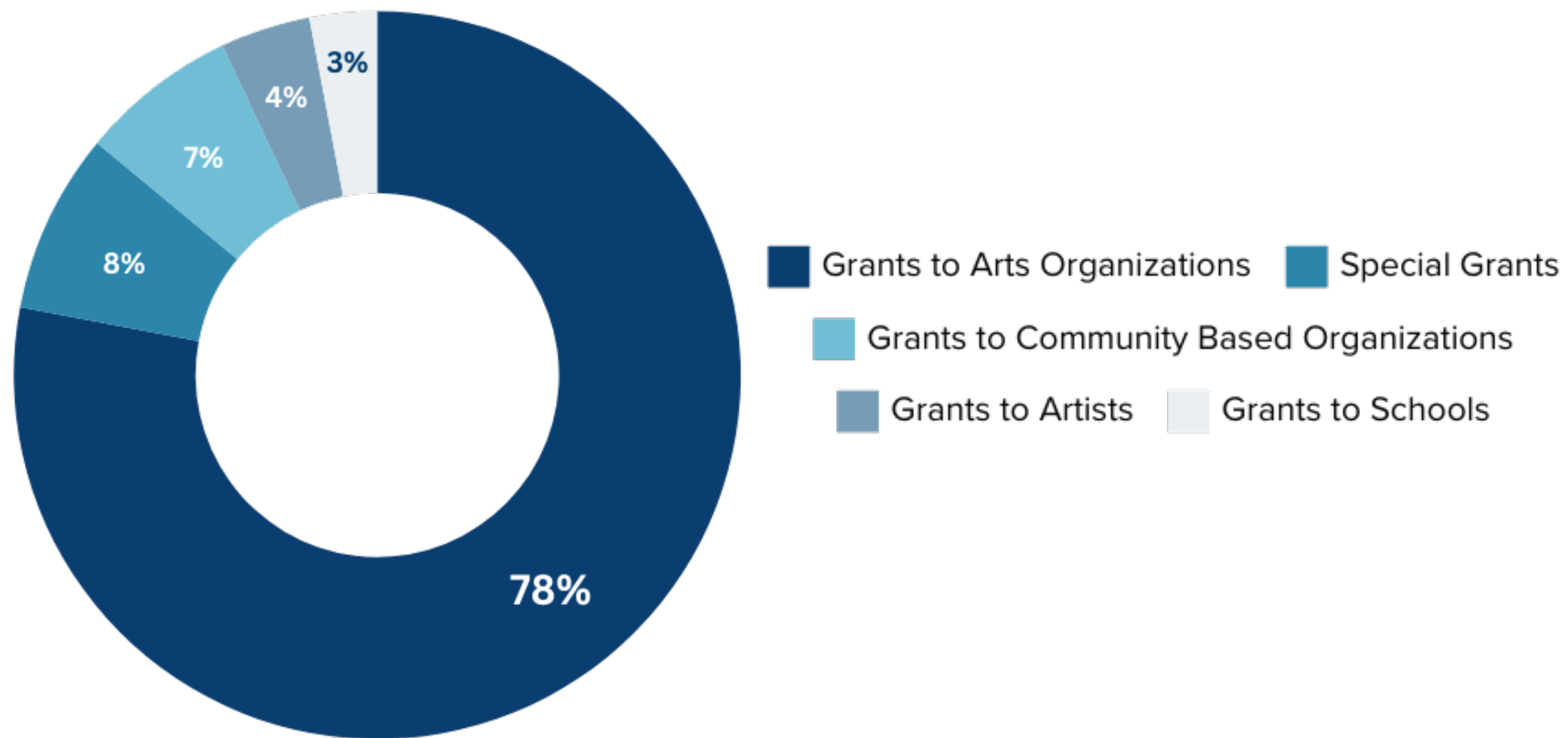


*FY 2026 expected to have
705,822 sq. ft.*

Library Standards (FY)



FY 2024 Grant Distribution by Fund Line



Programs



Internal Collaboration



Creative Aging



CreatiVeterans

FY 2026 Budget Request



	<i>GF</i>	<i>ASF</i>
● <i>Annualization of Positions</i>	\$31,625	\$337,443
● <i>Division of Human and Civil Rights</i>	\$16,885	
● <i>Division of Professional Regulation</i>		\$238,834
● <i>Division of Libraries</i>	\$338,800	
● <i>DTI SEUS</i>	\$283,500	\$463,471
● <i>Switch to One-time</i>	\$250,000	(\$250,000)
<i>Totals</i>	\$920,810	\$789,748

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