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Budget Overview: Agriculture and Rural Development

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Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

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Agriculture and Rural Development General Overview

- **Major Functions/Programs:**
 - **Food Safety and Animal Health** – food and dairy quality assurance, Animal feed safety, grocery store and other inspections, training of local health inspectors, animal health and disease response, pet shelters, animal agriculture research.
 - **Laboratory Division** – weight and measures, motor fuel quality and quantity testing, microbiological testing, disease testing (food or animal), central licensing and customer call center

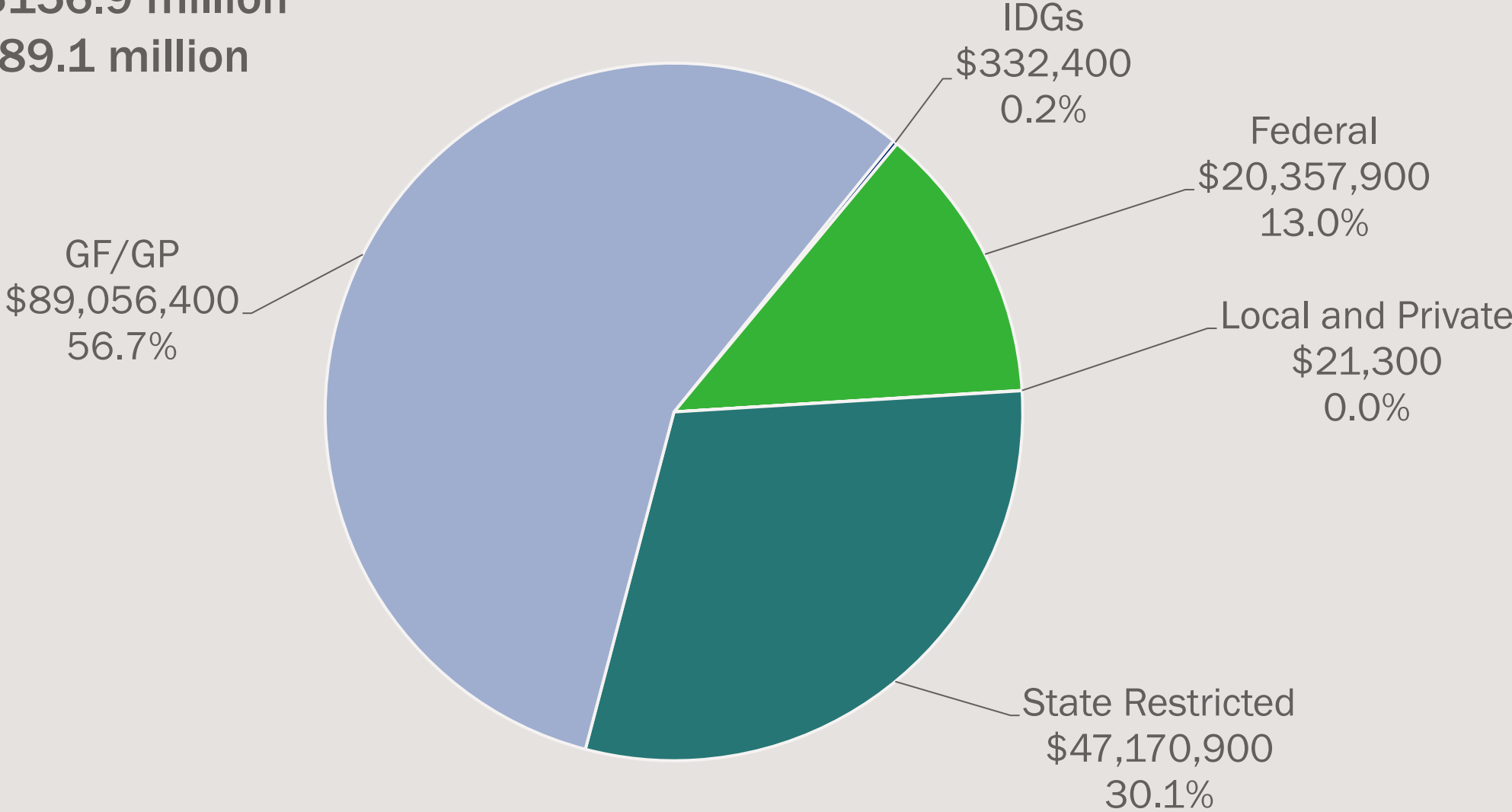
Agriculture and Rural Development General Overview

- **Major Functions/Programs - continued:**
 - **Environment and Sustainability** – water protection, drainage, assistance to farmers via MAEAP, Right-to-Farm, pesticide and plant pest management, pesticide registration, nursery and plant inspections, exotic pest response (emerald Ash Borer, Asian longhorned beetle), soil health, support for local conservation districts
 - **Agriculture Development Division** – economic development grants, marketing programs, export assistance, economic development assistance, Office of Rural Development, Fair Food Network, migrant labor housing inspections, inspections of fruit and vegetables, intercounty drains, grain dealers, supply chain issues, farmland preservation, forest program, ag investment grants, farmland preservation, and craft beverage council
 - **Fairs and Expositions** – Grants to county fairs and expositions and to horse racing industry groups (from track proceeds and earmarks from gaming revenues)

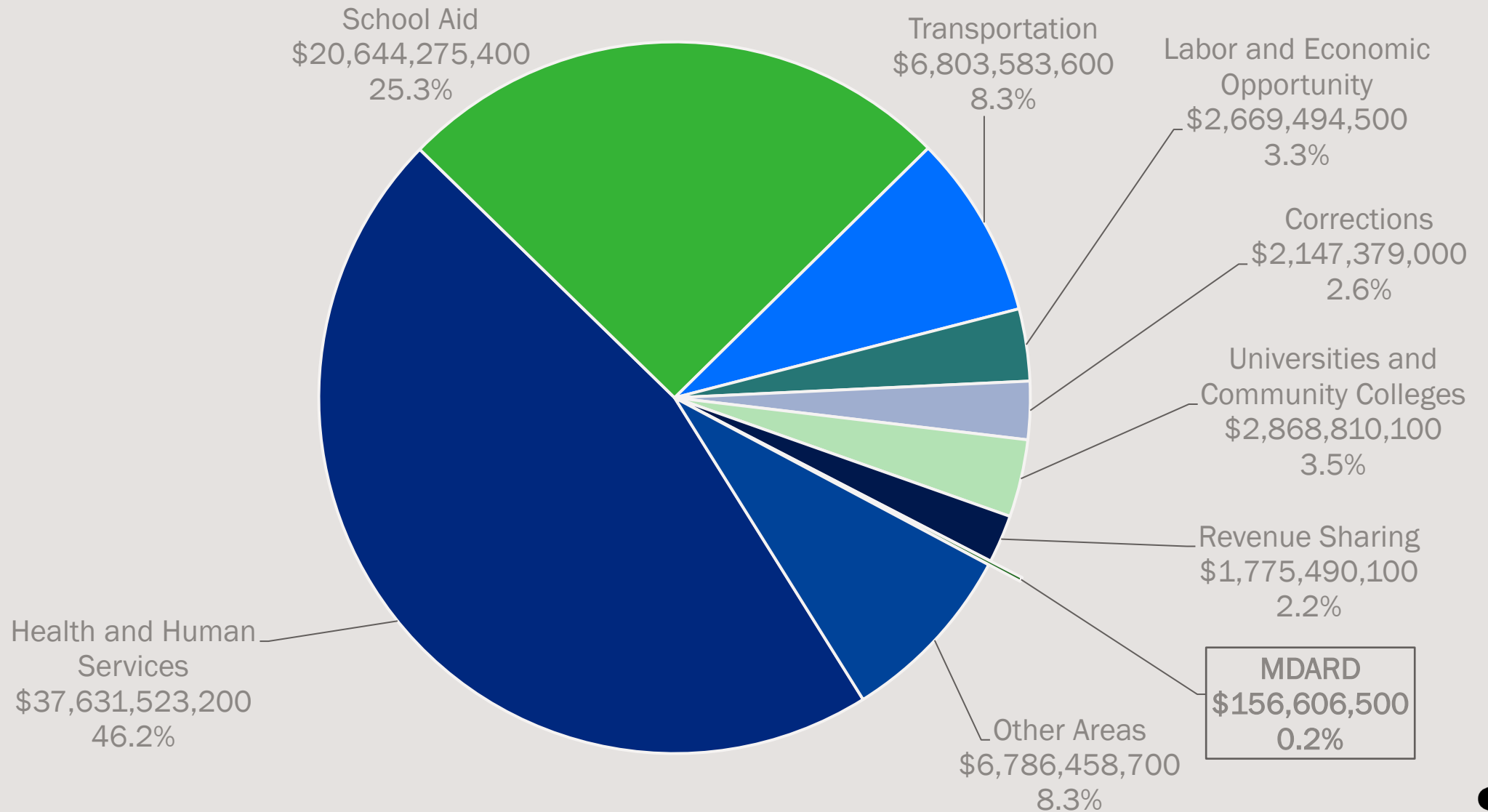
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GROSS: \$156.9 million

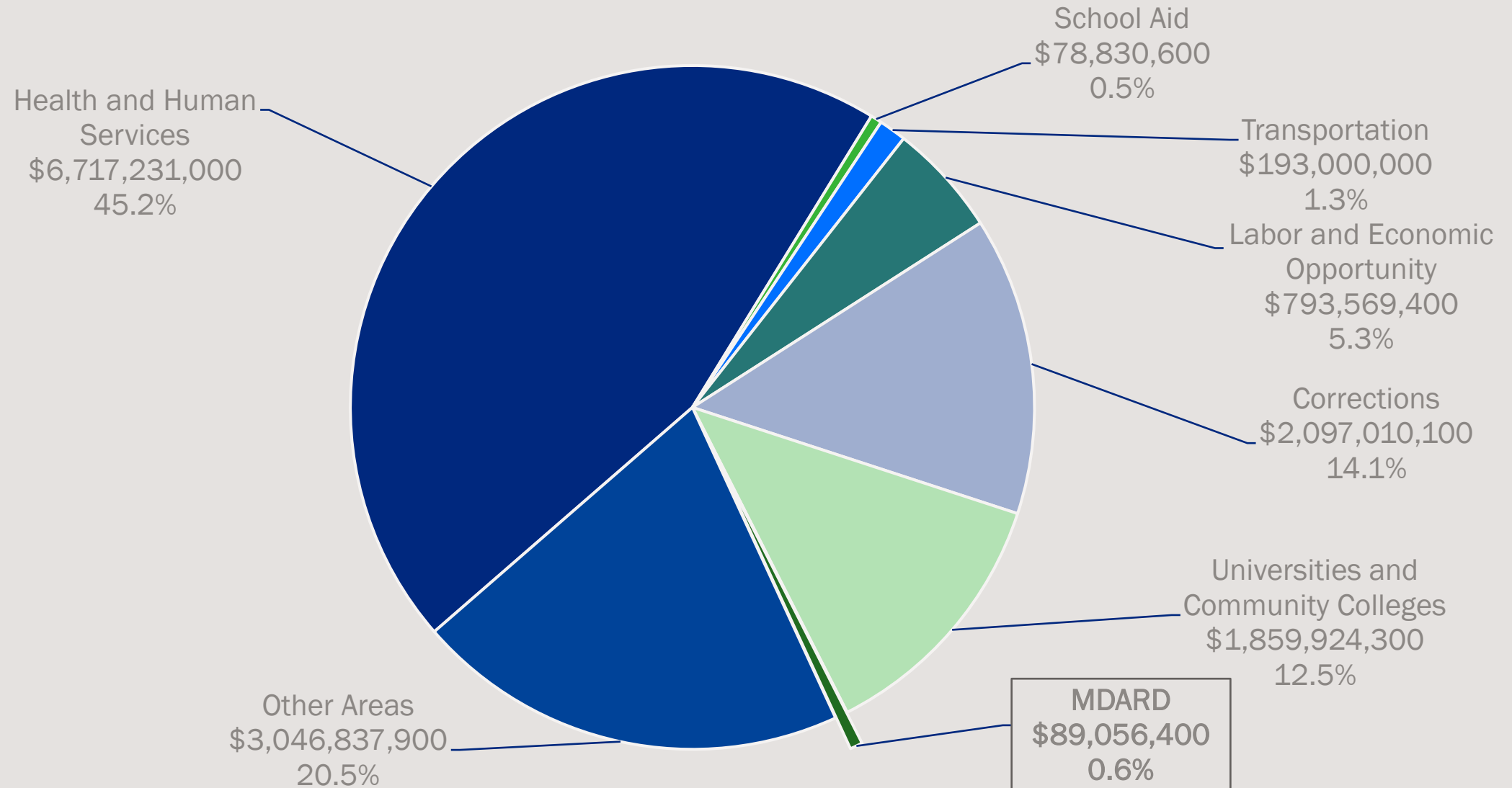
GF/GP: \$89.1 million



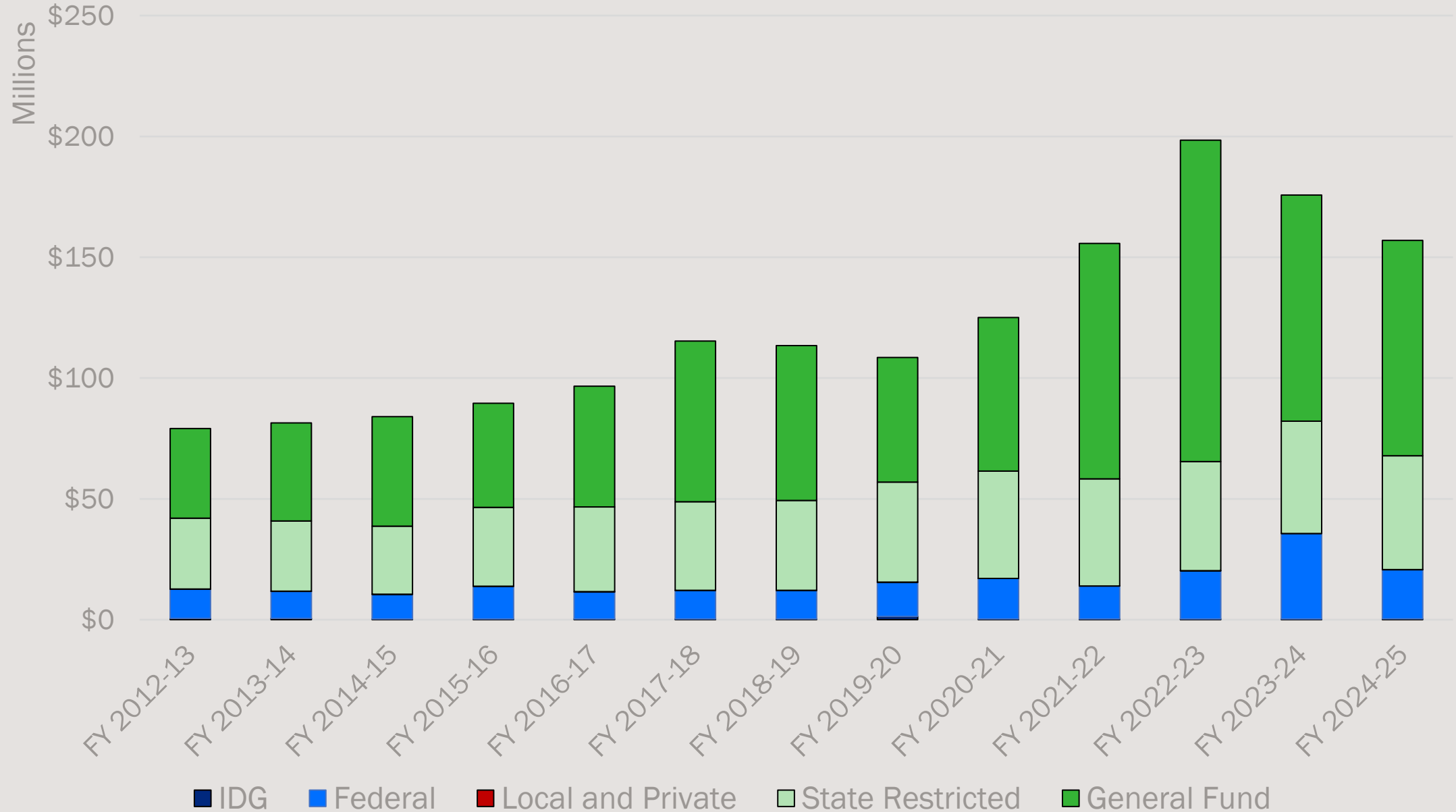
MDARD's Slice of Michigan Adjusted Gross Budget: Accounts for 0.2% of the \$81.5 Billion State Budget



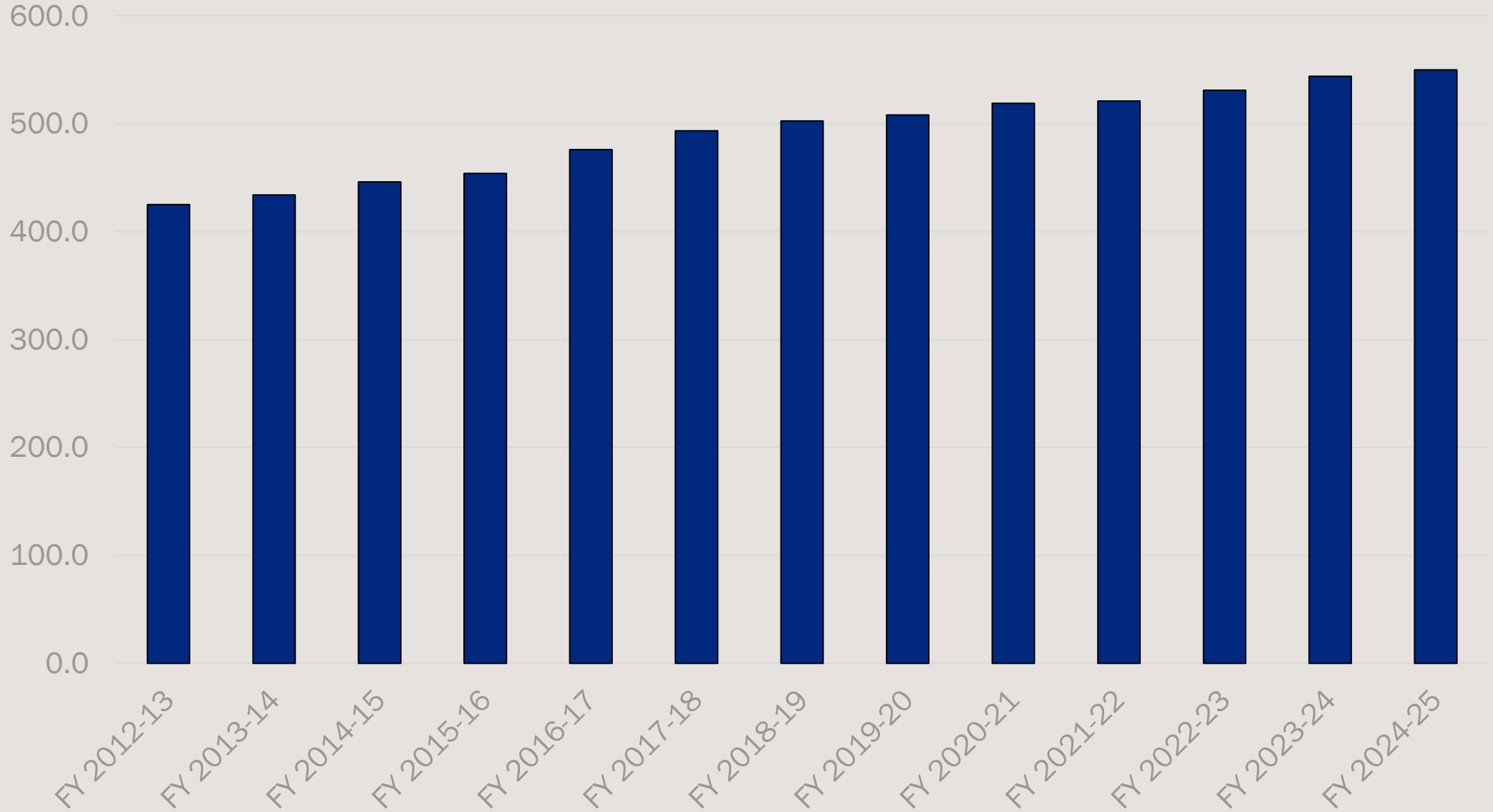
MDARD's Slice of Michigan GF/GP Budget: Accounts for 0.6% of the \$14.9 Billion State Budget



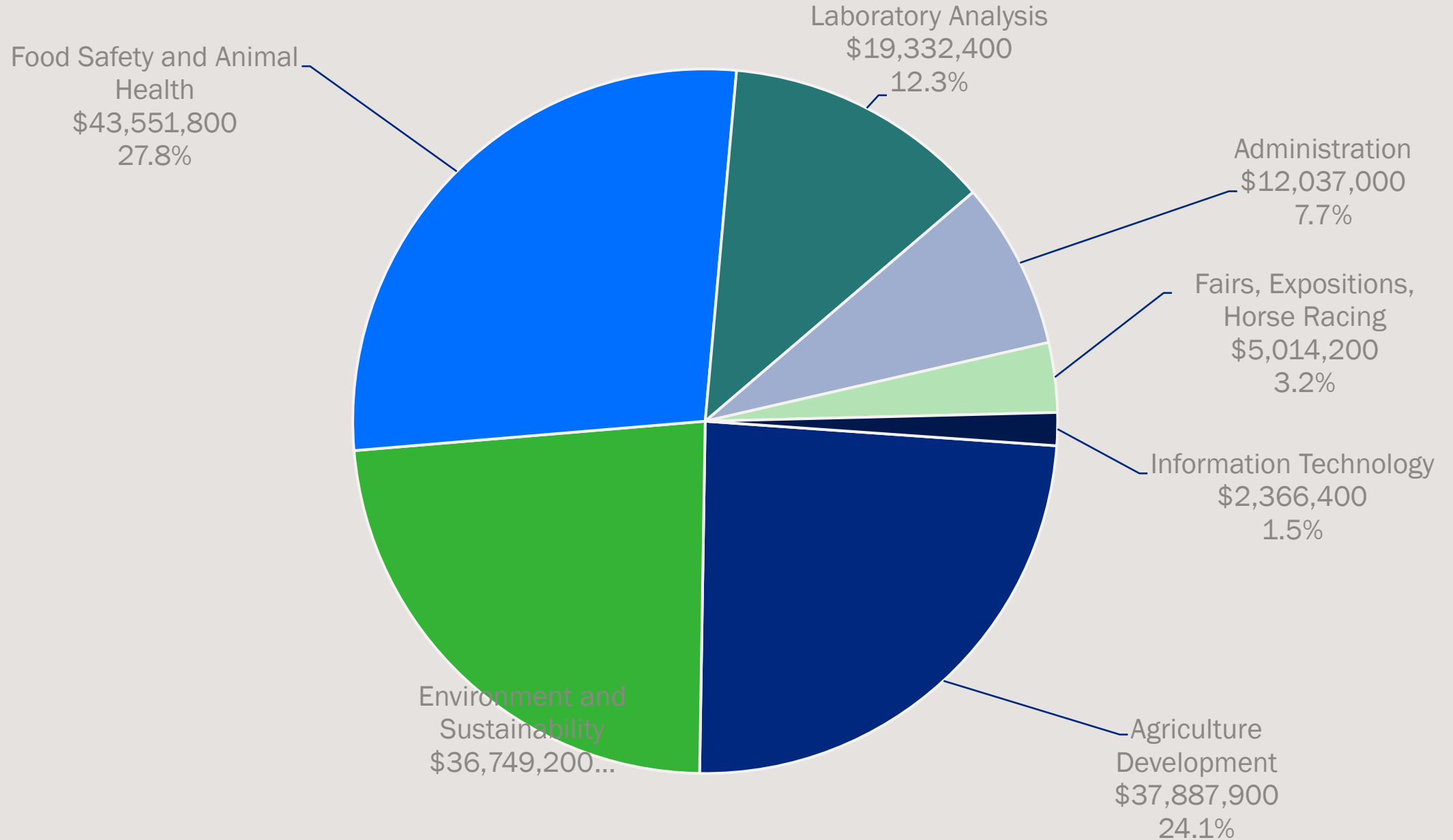
MDARD Funding History



MDARD FTE Appropriations History



Major Appropriations in the Department



Major Areas of GF/GP Spending

- Food safety (dairy, grocery, food borne outbreaks, local oversight and training) - \$12.2 million
- Animal disease prevention and response, \$11.8 million
- Research MSU animal research, \$3.0 million
- Agriculture Development, \$18.8 million
- Environment and Sustainability \$12.5 million, includes \$3.0 million to local conservation districts
- Laboratory and Consumer Protection \$7.5 million
- Agriculture Climate Resiliency \$5.1 million one-time, \$1.0 million ongoing within Environment and Sustainability

Special Issues

- Water/soil quality (\$2.1 GF/GP to address emerging contaminants, \$6.1 million GF/GP for climate resiliency for, \$1.0 million GF/GP for soil health and regenerative agriculture)
- Minority-owned food and agriculture (new \$2.9 million GF/GP for FY24, grant changed to “underserved” for \$500,000 GF/GP for FY25)
- County fairs support (\$500,000 GF/GP for FY25)
- Lab animal welfare (new for FY24, for “Teddy’s Law:” \$700,000 GF/GP, \$500,000 GF/GP added for FY25 for animal welfare grants)
- Double Up Food Bucks (Added \$1.1 million GF/GP for FY24 for \$2.0 million GF/GP total, \$5.0 million GF/GP included for FY25)
- Food and agriculture supply chain investment (added \$1.9 million GF/GP for FY24), \$804,900 GF/GP included for FY25)