



Budget Briefing: Department of Civil Rights

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Department of Civil Rights

- The 1963 State Constitution created the Michigan Civil Rights Commission and charged it with investigating “alleged discrimination against any person because of religion, race, color, or national origin”.
- Since then, the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act (1976 PA 453) and the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act (1976 PA 220) have added sex, age, marital status, familial status, height, weight, arrest record, genetic information, and physical and mental disabilities to the original four protected categories.
- The Department of Civil Rights was established in 1965 to serve as the commission’s administrative arm charged with implementing commission policies.
- The department works to ensure equal protection by:
 - Investigating complaints
 - Resolving complaints through legal action and mediation
 - Conducting outreach and education

Key Budget Terms

Fiscal Year: The state's fiscal year (FY) runs from October to September. FY 2021-22 is October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Appropriation: Authority to expend funds. An appropriation is not a mandate to spend. Constitutionally, state funds cannot be expended without an appropriation by the legislature.

Line Item: Specific appropriation amount that establishes spending authorization for a particular program or function in a budget bill.

Boilerplate: Specific language sections in a budget bill that direct, limit, or restrict line item expenditures, express legislative intent, and/or require reports.

Lapses: Appropriated amounts that are unspent or unobligated at the end of a fiscal year. Appropriations are automatically terminated at the end of a fiscal year unless designated as a multi-year work project under a statutory process. Lapsed funds are available for expenditure in the subsequent fiscal year.

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, historical budget figures in this presentation have not been adjusted for inflation.

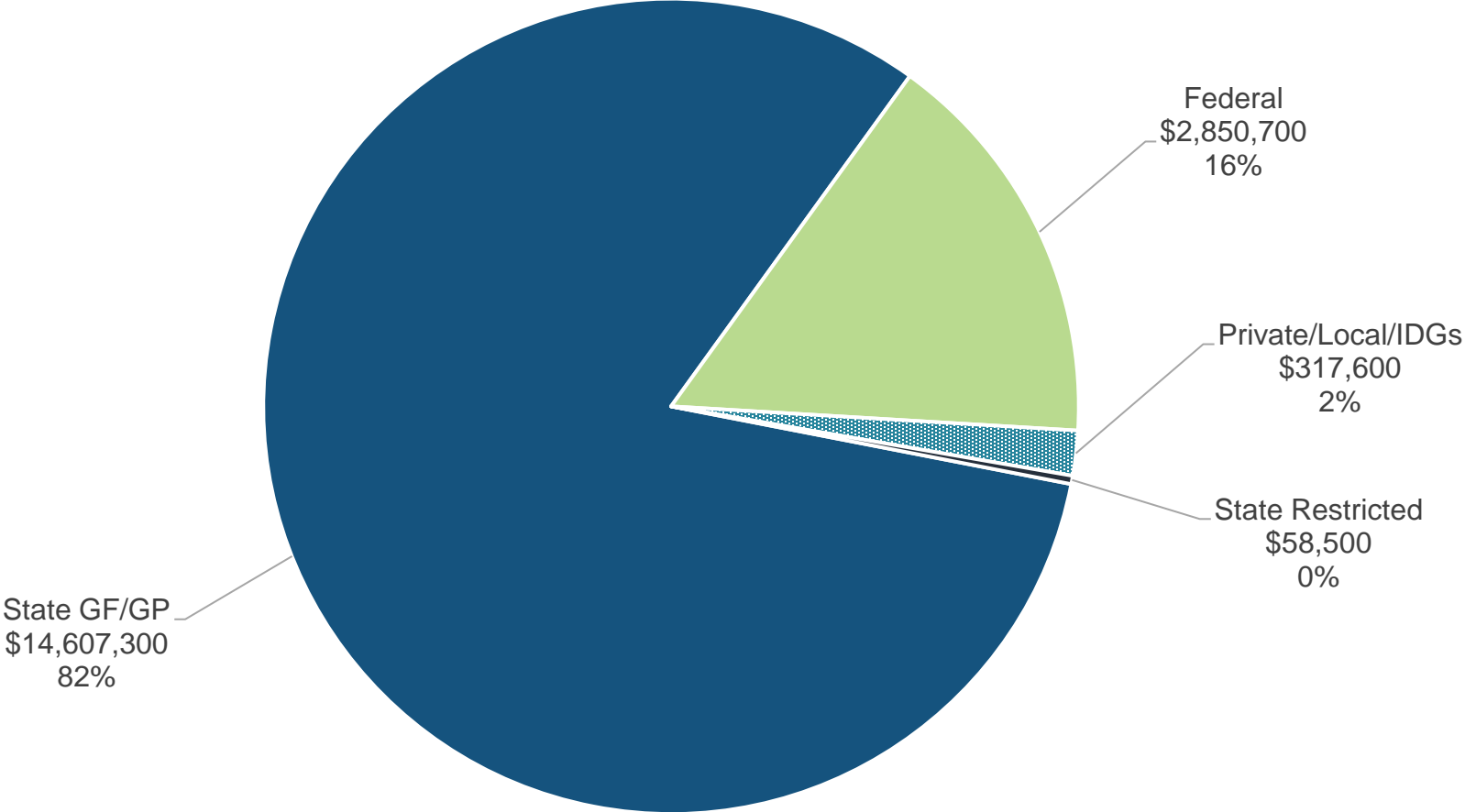
Funding Sources

FY 2021-22 Civil Rights Budget

Fund Source	Funding	Description
Gross Appropriations	\$17,834,100	Total spending authority from all revenue sources
Interdepartmental Grants (IDG) Revenue	298,900	Funds received by one state department from another state department, usually for services provided
Adjusted Gross Appropriations	\$17,535,200	Gross appropriations excluding IDGs; avoids double counting when adding appropriation amounts across budget areas
Federal Revenue	2,850,700	Federal grant or matching revenue; generally dedicated to specific programs or purposes
Local Revenue	0	Revenue received from local units of government for state services
Private Revenue	18,700	Revenue from individuals and private entities, including payments for services, grants, and other contributions
State Restricted Revenue	58,500	State revenue restricted by the State Constitution, state statute, or outside restriction that is available only for specified purposes; includes most fee revenue
State General Fund/General Purpose (GF/GP) Revenue	\$14,607,300	Unrestricted revenue from taxes and other sources available to fund basic state programs and other purposes determined by the legislature

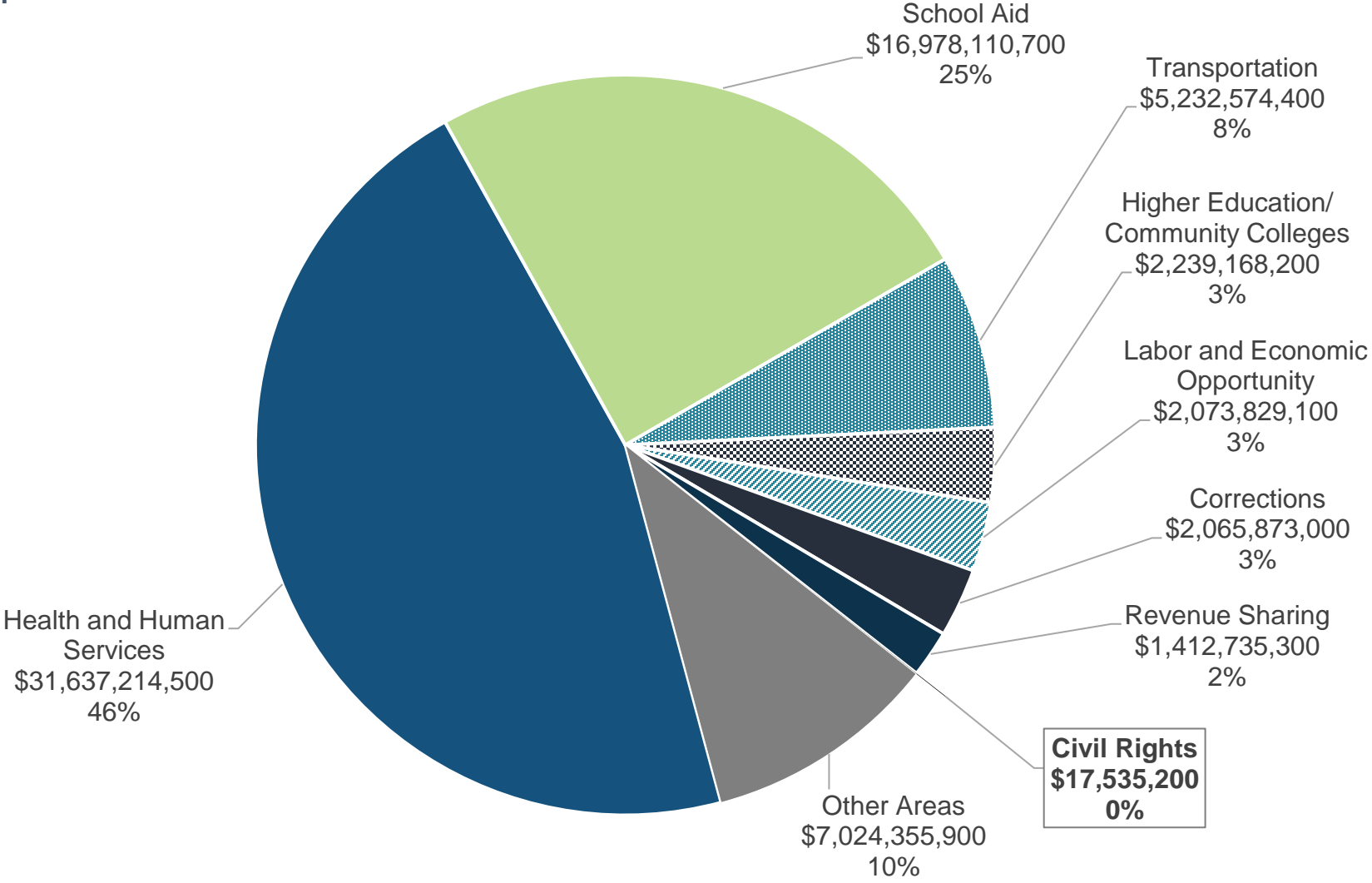
FY 2021-22 Fund Sources

Of the \$17.8 million Civil Rights budget, 82% is funded with GF/GP and 16% with federal revenue.



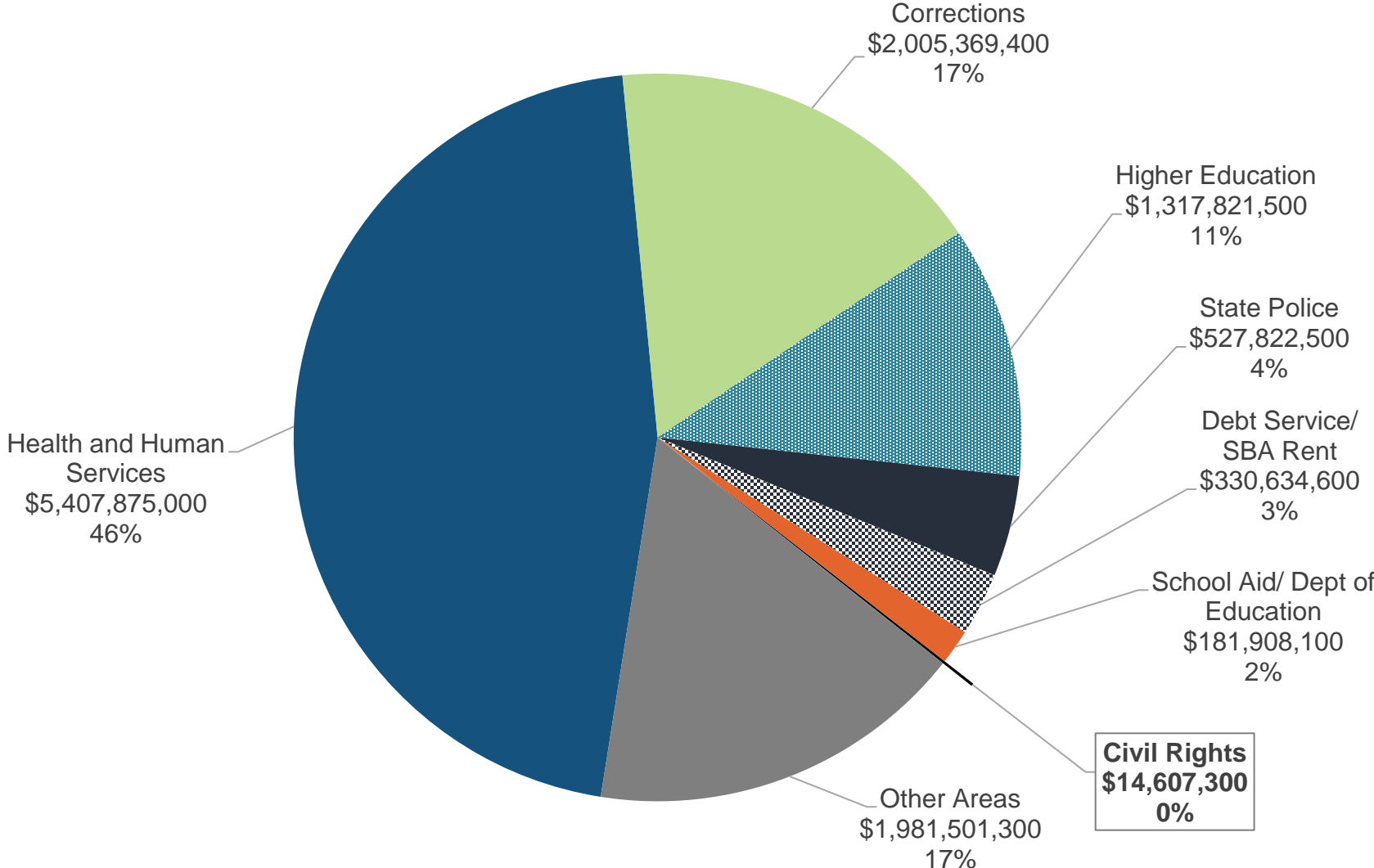
Civil Rights Share of Total State Budget

The Department of Civil Rights budget represents less than 1% of the \$68.7 billion state budget (adjusted gross) for FY 2021-22 and is the smallest executive branch department budget.



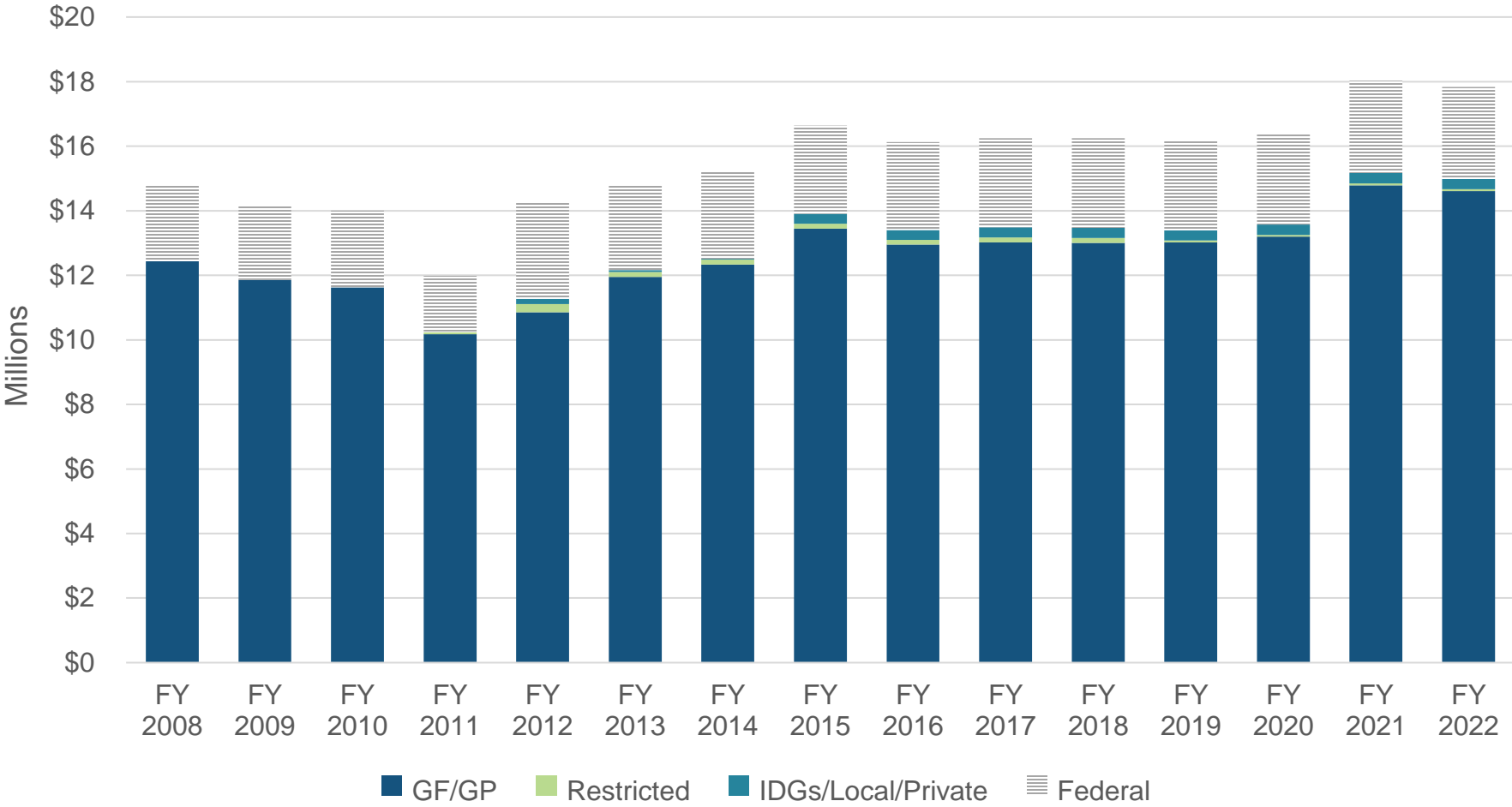
Civil Rights Share of Total GF/GP Budget

The Department of Civil Rights budget represents less than 1% of the state's \$11.8 billion GF/GP budget for FY 2021-22.



Civil Rights Funding History

Funding for the Department of Civil Rights has remained fairly even over the past 15 years with slight fluctuations. FY 2020-21 saw an increase of \$1.5 million GF/GP to help support 3 ethnic-minority museums in the Detroit area.



Appropriation Areas

Civil Rights Appropriation Areas

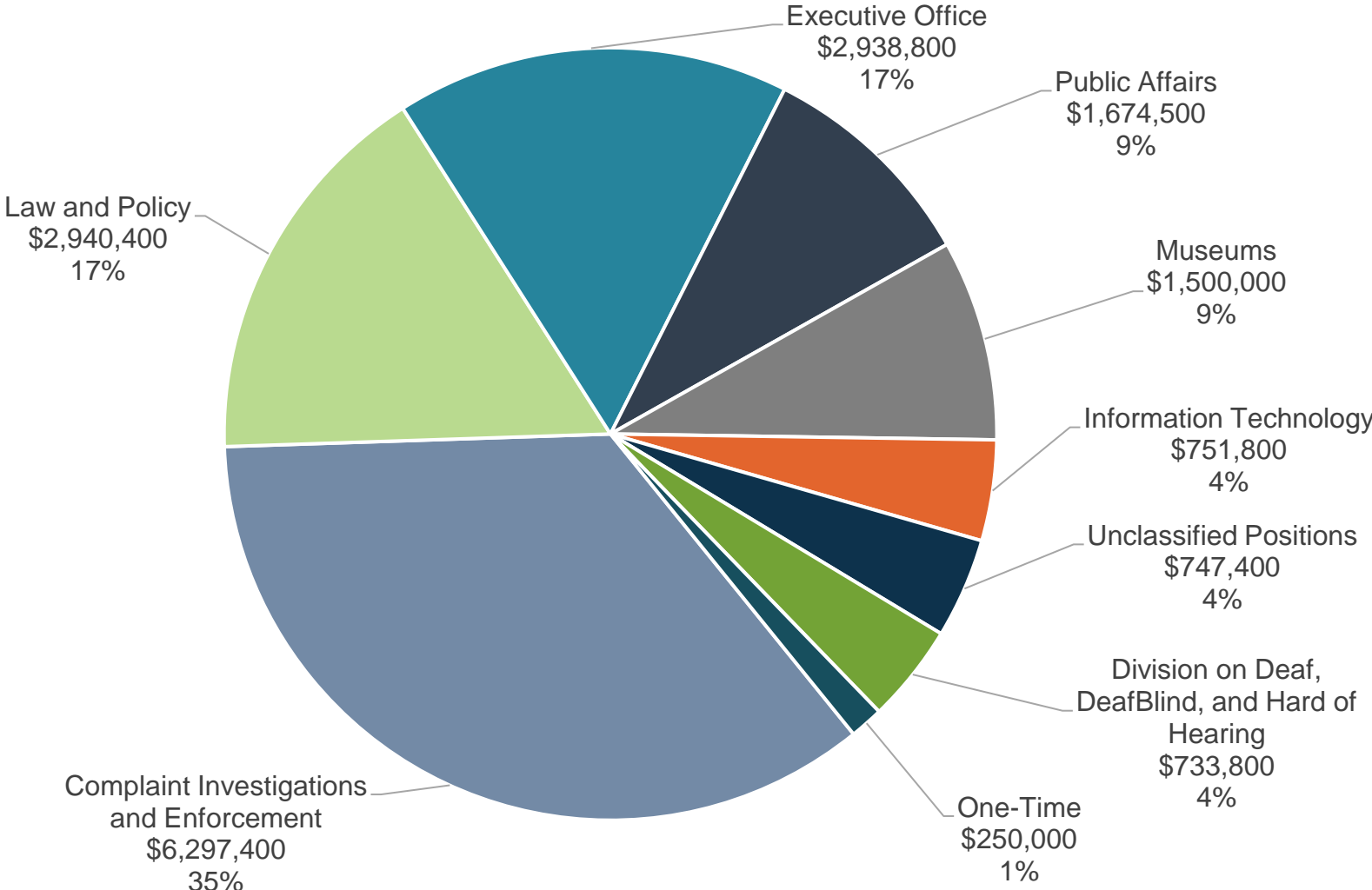
Civil Rights Operations: Executive administration of the department; funds investigations and enforcement efforts of federal and state law. Operations consist of Complaint Investigation and Enforcement, Executive Office, Law and Policy, and Public Affairs.

Division on Deaf, DeafBlind, Hard of Hearing: Advocates on behalf of deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing persons; provides technical support, information, referral services, and interpreter information.

Information Technology: IT-related services and projects that support department activities; administered by the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget.

FY 2021-22 Gross Appropriations

Of the \$17.8 million Department of Civil Rights budget, 78% is distributed among department operations-related line items: Complaint Investigations and Enforcement, Law and Policy, Executive Office, and Public Affairs.



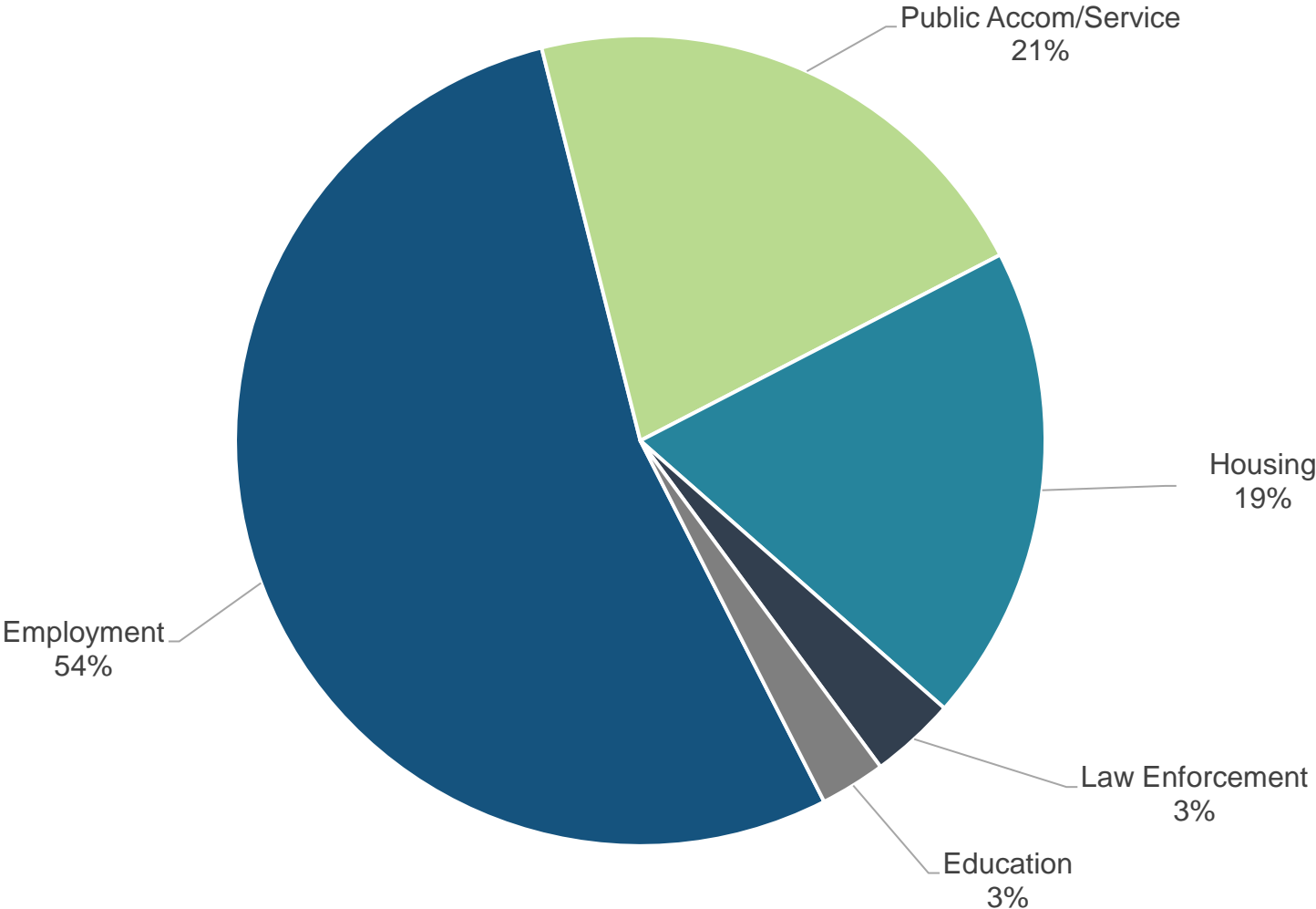
Major Budget Topics

Museums Support Appropriation

- In FY 2020-21, **\$1.5 million** of one-time funding was appropriated to be distributed equally to the following 3 ethnic-minority museums:
 - **Arab American National Museum** – The first and only museum in the United States devoted to Arab American experiences; located in Dearborn.
 - **Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History** – Devoted to the African American experience and home to 3 collections of historical documents; located in Detroit.
 - **Holocaust Memorial Center** – Established to teach about the Holocaust and its legacy; funding is used to expand educational access; located in Farmington Hills.
- Funding was retained in the FY 2021-22 budget at the same level.

Formal Complaints by Area of Discrimination

The department is required to investigate properly filed complaints under areas protected by law. Employment-related complaints make up over half of all complaints.



For more information about the Department of Civil Rights budget:

HFA Resources

<http://www.house.mi.gov/hfa/GeneralGovernment.asp>

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