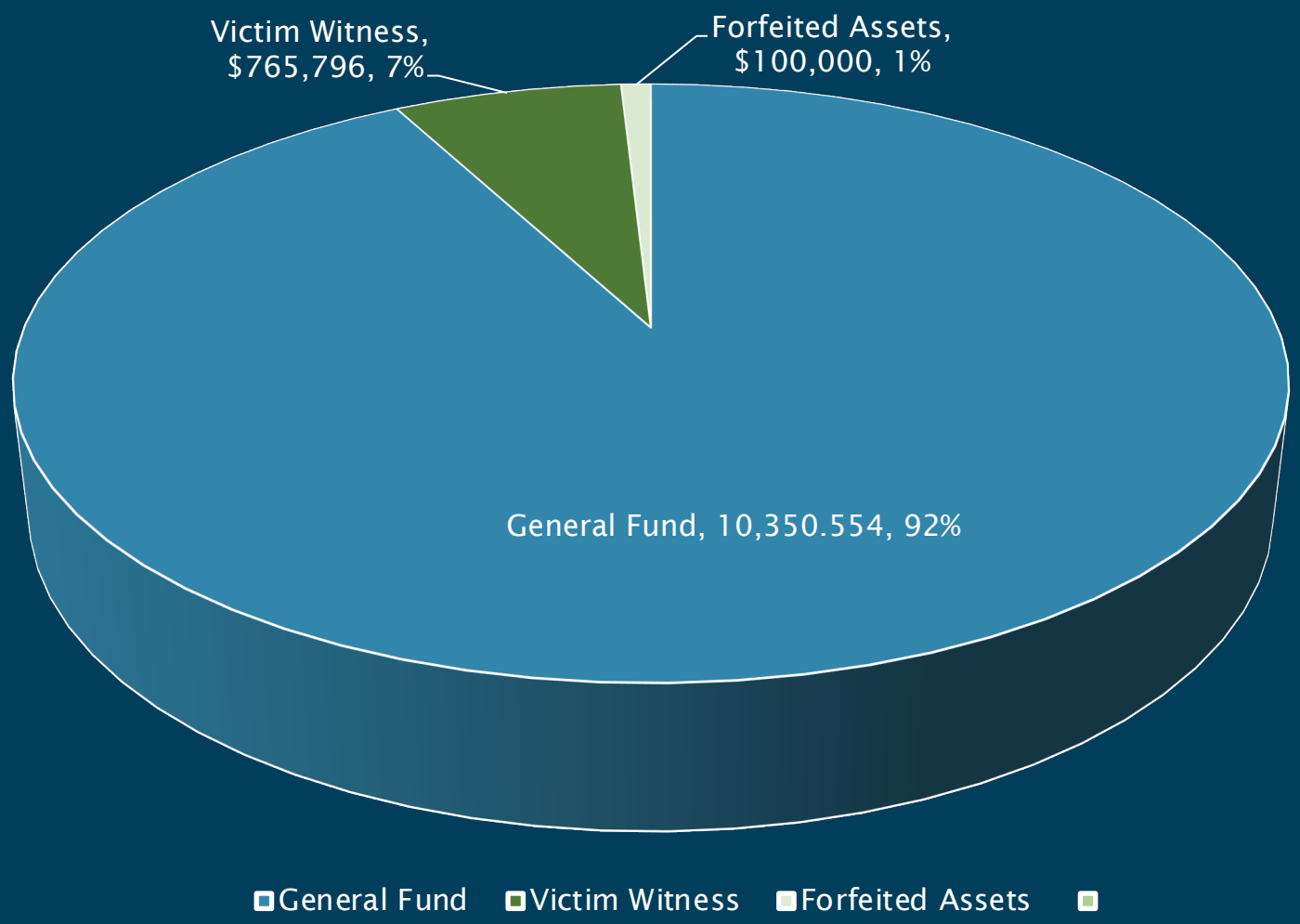
Commonwealth's Attorney

FY 2022-23 Operating Budget
Colin Stolle, Commonwealth's Attorney

Organization Summary

Total FTEs	Number of Divisions	Total FY23 Budget
104.83	3	$11,216,350

FY23 Programmatic Budget



Department Operating Budget

Program	FY22 Amended	FY22 FTE	FY23 Proposed	FY23 FTE	Change From FY22	
General Fund	$9,638,466	91.91	$10,350,554	93.91	$712,088	6.88%
Victim Witness	$765,897	10.92	$765,796	10.92	($101)	<0.01%
Forfeited Assets	$100,000	0.0	$100,000	0.0	0	N/A
Total	**$10,504,363**	**102.83**	**$11,216,350**	**104.83**	**$711,987**	6.87%

Major Changes & Initiatives

- Implementation of VBPD Body-Worn Cameras and in-car cameras increases the workload for CWA attorneys and support staff
- Potential implementation of Body-Worn Cameras by VBSO will increase the workload for CWA Attorneys and support staff
- Reclassification of previous positions to “Legal Assistant” positions to handle routine file-prep tasks; this allows paralegals time to prepare cases for trial and comply with new discovery rules and BWC evidence. Legal assistant positions save salary costs and help maintain productivity
- Additional positions (Legal Assistant and Clerk) in FY23 will assist with increased workload
- Changes to Virginia’s jury sentencing process and discovery rules substantially increase workload for attorneys and paralegals in trial preparation and time in court

Initiatives Underway & Conclusion

- Streamline initiative to retrieve BWCs from the VBPD began in June 2021
- Ongoing project to scan major criminal case files
- In the process of implementing alternative court dockets including a Veteran's Court and a Juvenile Drug Treatment Court
- General Assembly implemented a statewide study to analyze the workload of Commonwealth's Attorneys; currently underway
- Will continue to use new and innovative ideas and programs to keep Virginia Beach a safe community, save time and money, and increase efficiency