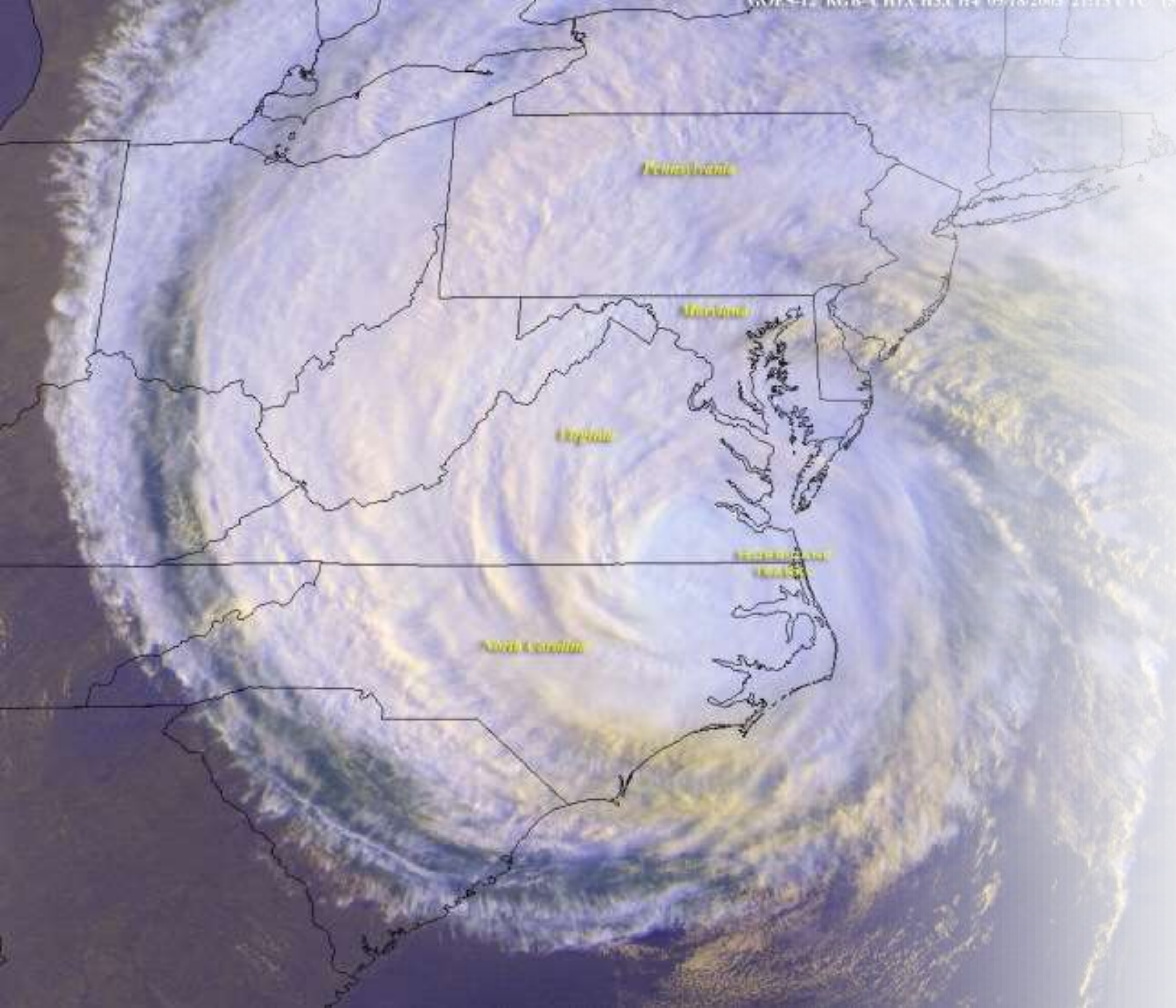

# Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Preparedness Fund

Supporting disaster readiness and rapid response efforts


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# Why

# The Perfect Storm

Rising Disaster Frequency

Reduced Federal Funding

Varied Emergency Preparedness Levels across the Commonwealth

Limited State Investment

## Full-Time Status

# 44%

## Primary Discipline

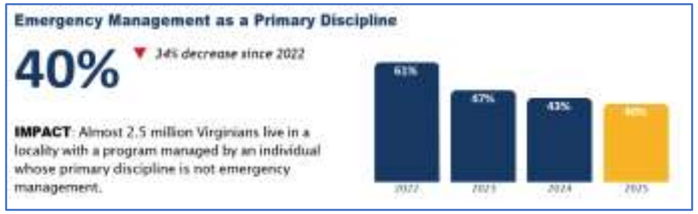
# 40%

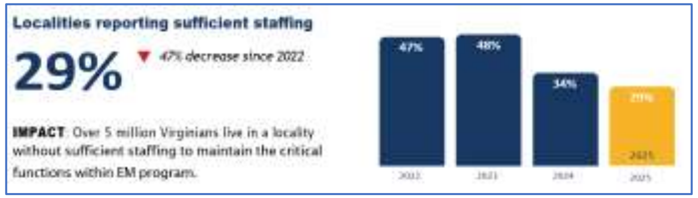
## Staffing

# 29%

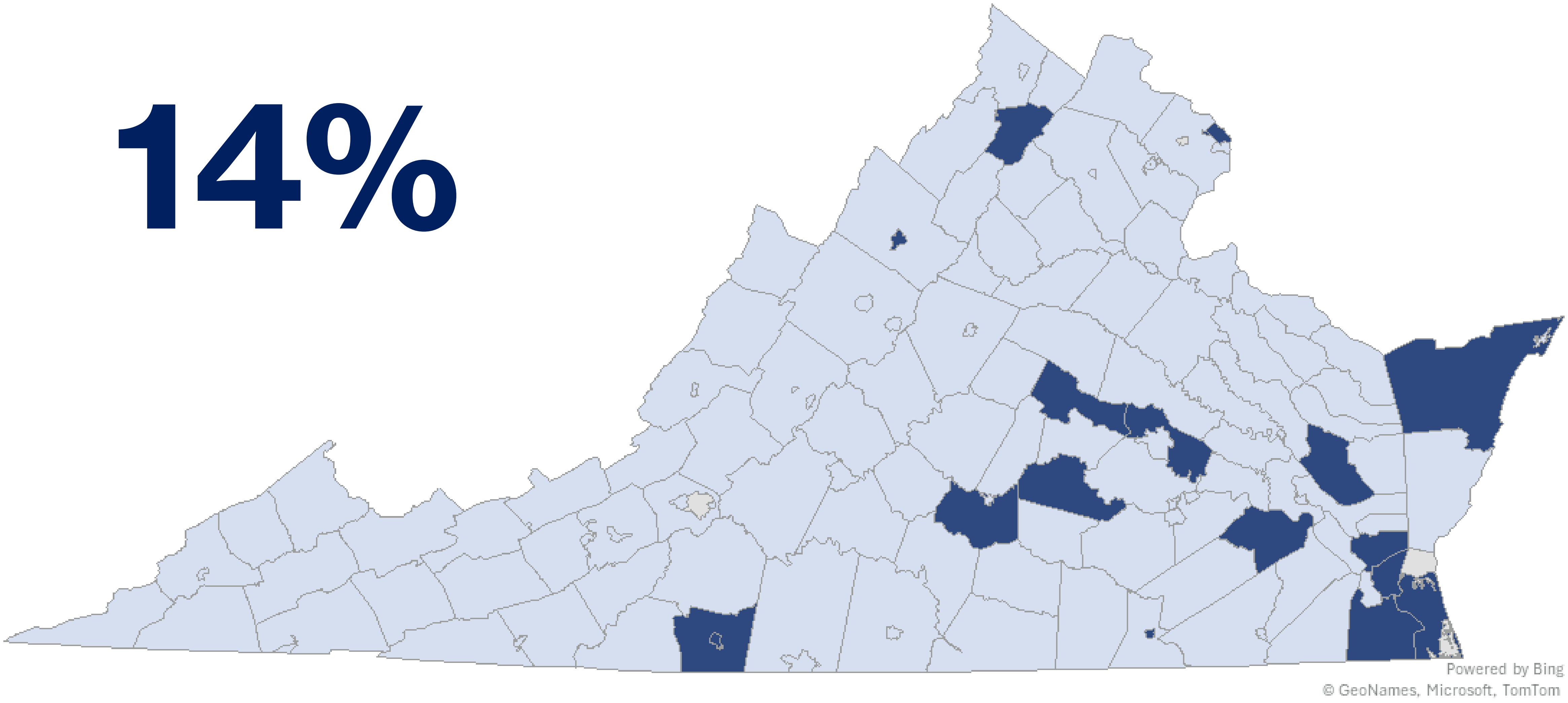
**<u>Widespread Preparedness Gaps</u>**

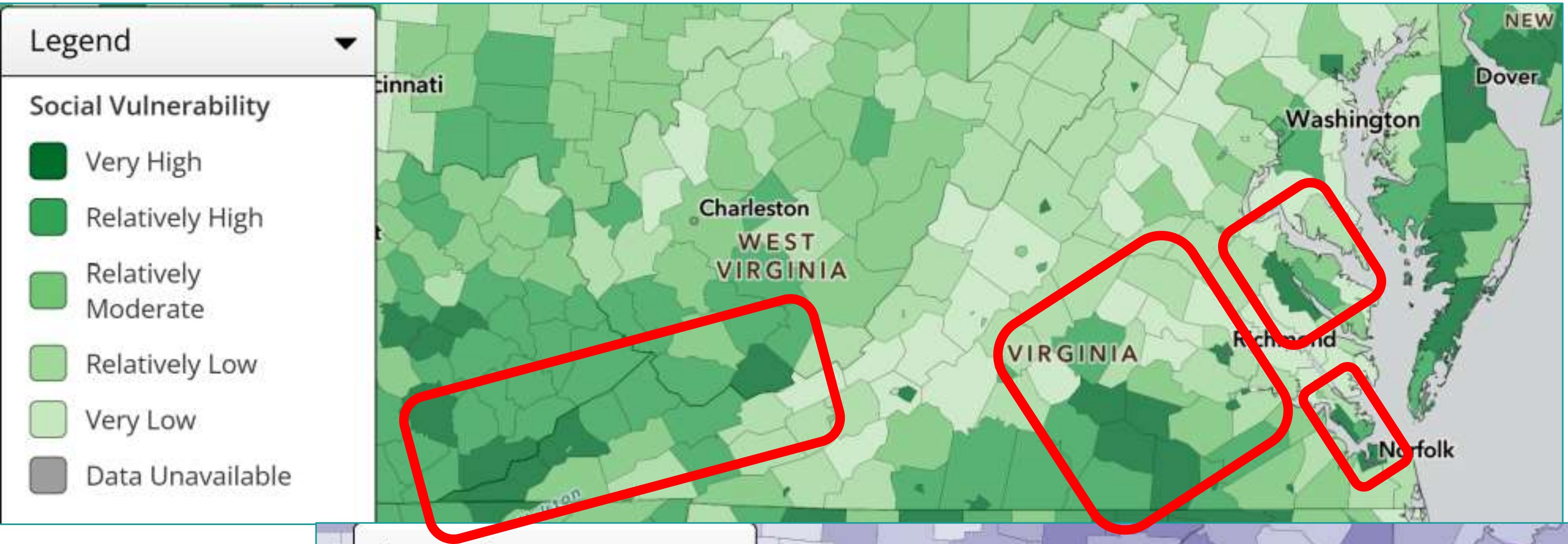
**Approximately 5.6 million Virginians live in areas lacking essential emergency preparedness capabilities, creating 'preparedness deserts.'**

# Localities reporting programs led by a full time, EM professional with sufficient staffing

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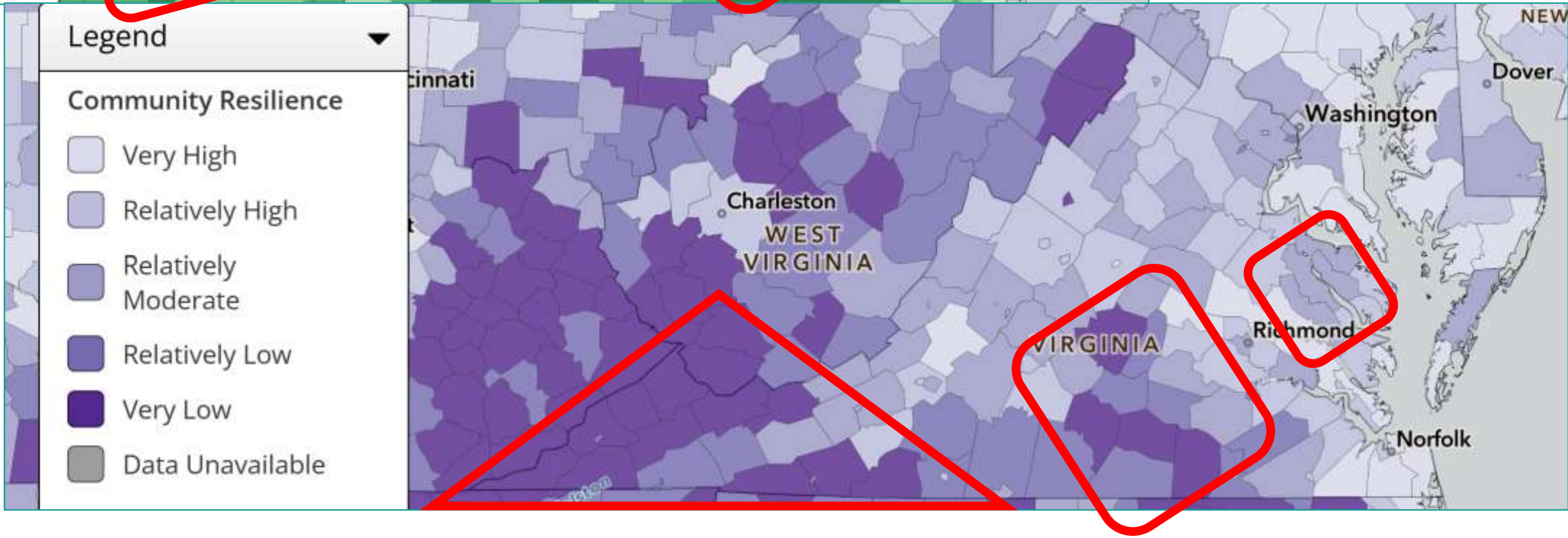
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# What

# Establish the Emergency Preparedness Fund

## Replace Lost Federal Funds

70% of VDEM funds are provided by FEMA.

## Providing Professional Workforce

Partner with localities to increase credentialed staff.

# State-Level Support and Infrastructure

**Enhancing State and Local Preparedness and Mitigation**

Invest funds toward **P**lanning, **O**rganization, **E**quipment, **T**raining, **E**xercises.

**Increases speed of response and recovery.**

Ensures statewide emergency management capability at the local, regional, and state levels.

# How

# Funding Source Options

## Florida EMPA Trust Fund

Florida uses a $2–$4 insurance surcharge to successfully fund county emergency management programs through the EMPA Trust Fund.

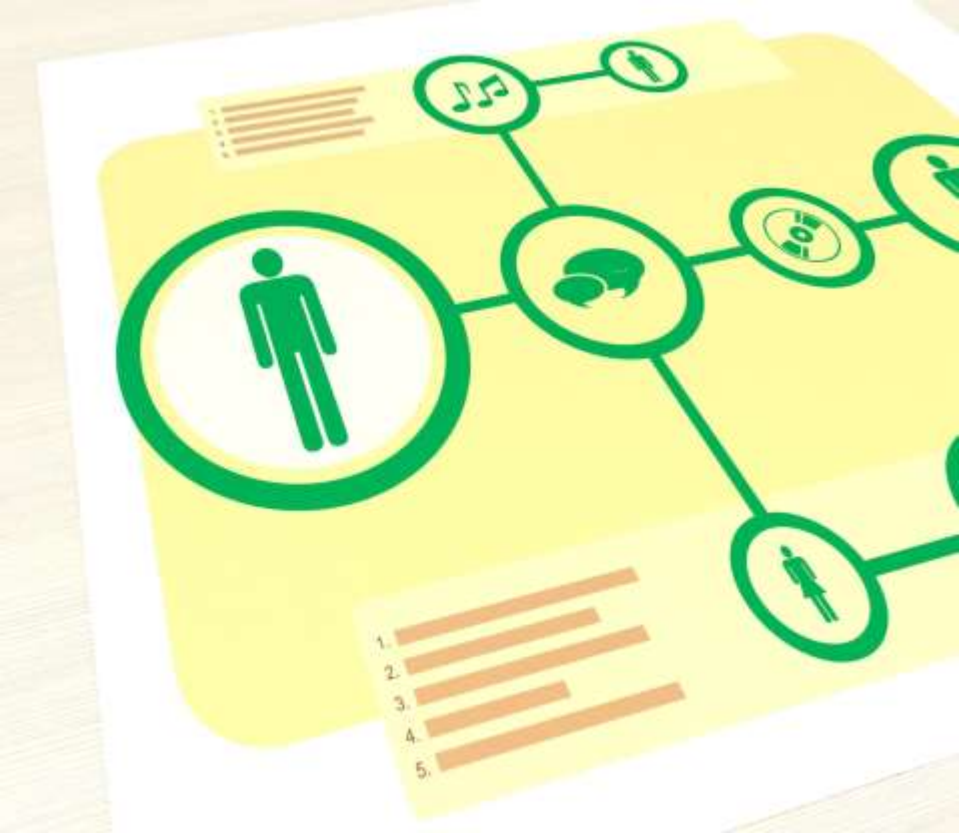
## North Carolina Disaster Fund

North Carolina's Disaster Relief & Mitigation Fund offers flexible state support to enhance disaster readiness and response capabilities.

## Virginia Funding Options

Virginia options include a 0.1% insurance premium surcharge, General Fund appropriations, REGI revenue, and public-private resilience partnerships.

# Fund Deployment Strategy




Modeling After Proven Systems

Oversight and Transparency

Support for Localities

Phased Investment Model

# Funding Sources

# Tapered Funding Strategy

**Year 1: Implementation**

- Hiring 1st round
- Personnel Costs include:
  - Salaries/Fringes & Misc Personnel Costs
- Planning, Organization, Exercise, Training, Equipment (POETE)
- Administration
- Remaining funds utilized for Grants for locality needs

**Year 2 - 9**

- Hiring 17 EM's annually YR 2-4 & Pay 100% 1st YR of Hire

**Funding Requested**

- $20 Million annually (transfer to non-gen/non-fed fund) for supporting initiative

| Description | Count | Personnel Costs | Certifications & Credentials | POETE/GRANTS/ ADMIN | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Regional (Training & Exercise Coord) (YR 1 New Hire: | 7 | 883,358 | | | 883,358 |
| Locality (YR 1 New Hires 100%) | 15 | 1,799,010 | | | 1,799,010 |
| Year 1 Totals | 22 | 2,682,368 | 400,000 | 16,917,632 | 20,000,000 |
| Year 2 Totals | 39 | 4,399,638 | 400,000 | 15,200,362 | 20,000,000 |
| Year 3 Totals | 56 | 5,726,579 | 400,000 | 13,873,421 | 20,000,000 |
| Year 4 Totals | 73 | 6,495,236 | 400,000 | 13,104,764 | 20,000,000 |
| Total Staffing Goal Achieved YR 5 Totals | 90 | 6,731,165 | 400,000 | 12,868,835 | 20,000,000 |
| Year 6 Totals | 90 | 4,569,482 | 400,000 | 15,030,518 | 20,000,000 |
| Year 7 Totals | 90 | 2,880,671 | 400,000 | 16,719,329 | 20,000,000 |
| Year 8 Totals | 90 | 1,713,310 | 400,000 | 17,886,690 | 20,000,000 |
| From YEAR 9 Onward for Long Term | | | | | |
| Regional (Training & Exercise Coord) | 7 | 1,119,012 | | - | 1,119,012 |
| Locality (YR 1 - YR 5 Staff Grant funding opportunity) | 83 | - | | - | - |
| Year 9 Totals | 90 | 1,119,012 | 400,000 | 18,480,988 | 20,000,000 |

# Seeking Potential Funds

**Platform Examples:**

- 9-1-1 fees from cellular companies
- Tag Funds
- REGGI: Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)

**Federal**

- Not substantial for full support of initiative

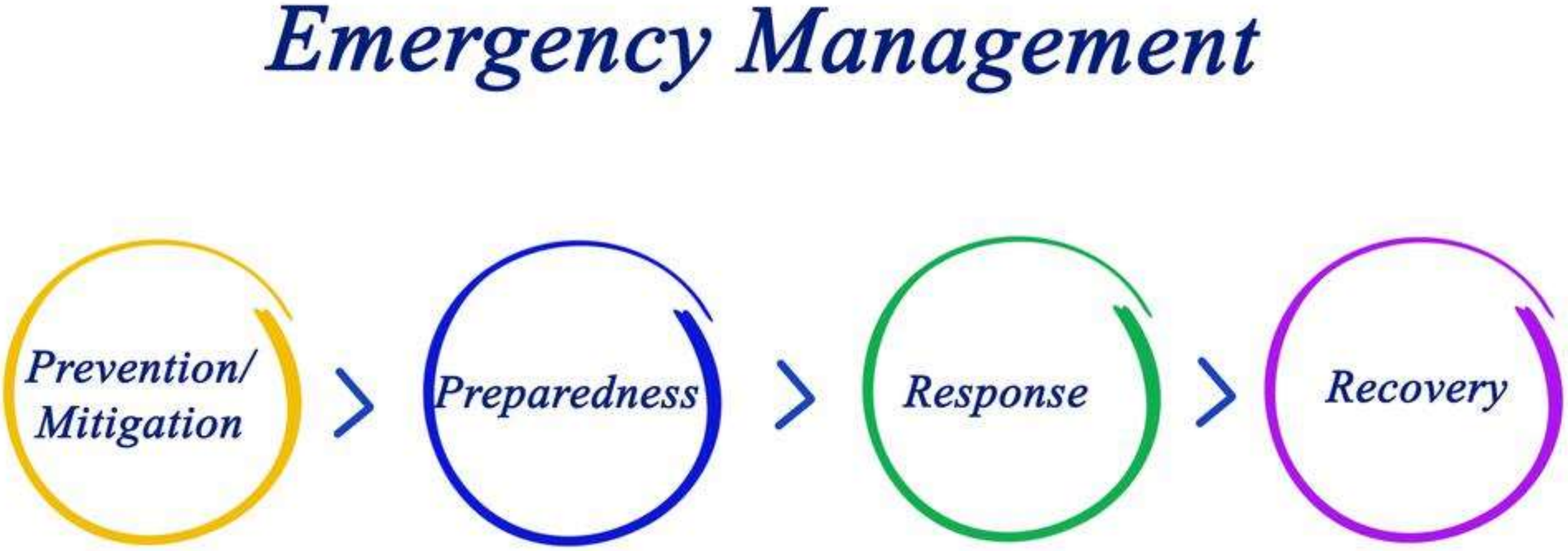
## General Fund Appropriations

- Training
- Personnel: 90 to fill the gap
  - 7 Regional Training & Exercise Coordinators - VDEM
  - 83 Locality Staff – Local Employees
- Absorb a need for Commonwealth Citizens Safety during Emergencies

# Call to Action

# Forecasting and Scenario Planning

**Shift Culture** **Lead Change**




**Transform Virginia's preparedness framework from short-term federal dependency to long-term state resilience**

# Innovation requires

# Summary

### Emergency Preparedness Fund

A $20 million annual investment.

### Strengthened Community Response

Stabilize emergency management capacity and improve response for 8.7 million Virginians.

### Cost Savings and Return on Investment

Every $1 invested in mitigation avoids $6–$13 in future disaster costs.

### Next Steps

Draft bill, secure legislative support, prepare for submission prior to January 2026.

**“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.”**
**~ Benjamin Franklin**

Let’s not fail the citizens of Virginia.

# Questions.