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Agenda

1. Call To Order - Maureen Nicholson, NECCOG Chair

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| a. Welcoming Remarks | b. Previous Meeting Minutes | c. Public Participation |
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2. Director's Report - John Filchak, Executive Director

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| a. Transit Activities | f. Safe Routes Grant Status | k. 2023 Legislative Session |
| b. Animal Services | g. IJJA Cost Share Need | l. Environmental Depot Grant Application |
| c. Paramedic Intercept Program | h. DEMHS Region IV 2022 MOAs | m. FY 22 Audits |
| d. Crumbling Foundations | i. Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant Application | n. NECCOG 2023-24 Work Plan/Budget |
| e. Transportation Projects, LOTCIP, TRIP, LRTP | j. EDA Grant Status | |

3. Discussion and Action Items

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4. CEO Roundtable

5. Adjourn

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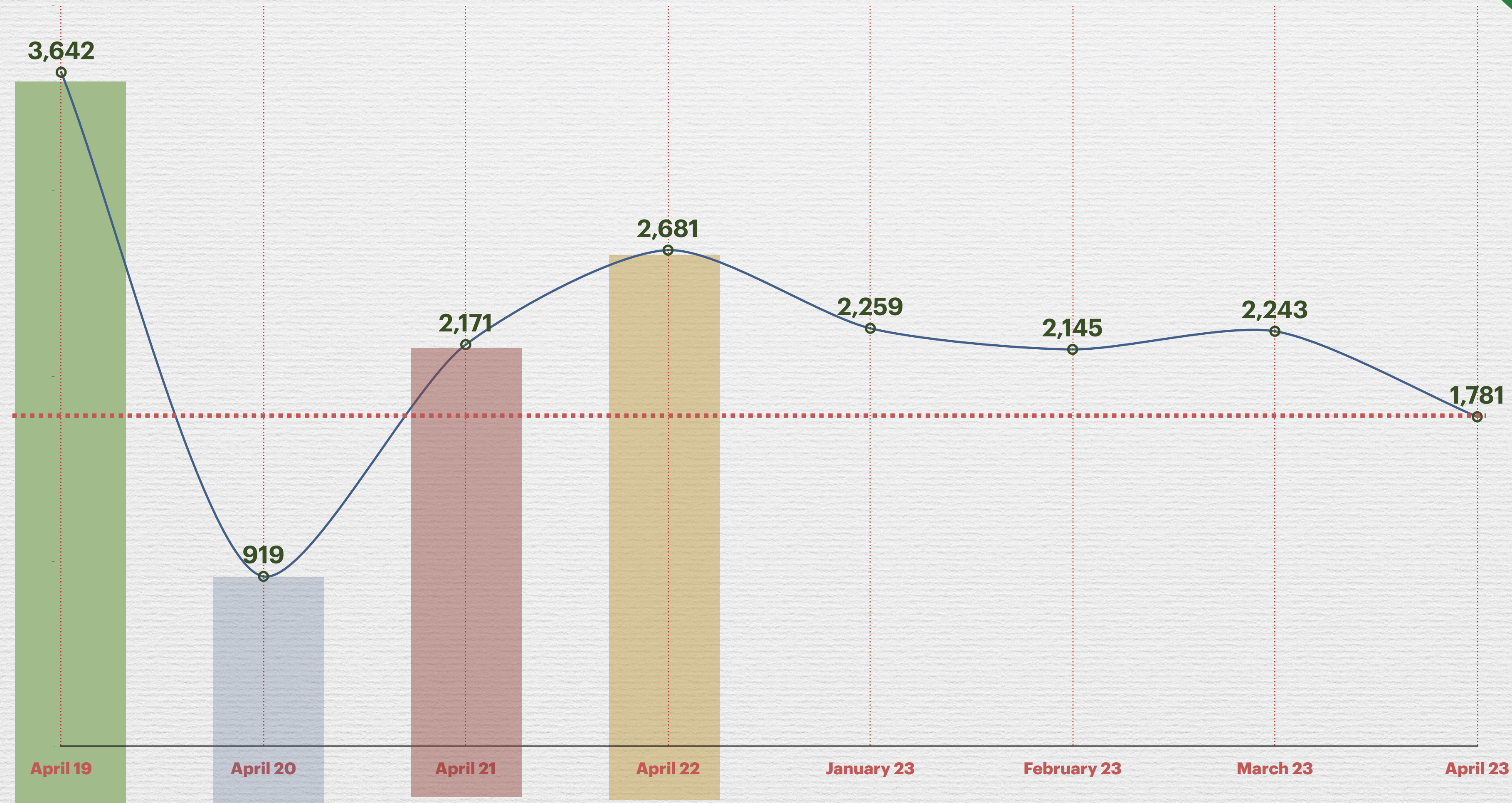


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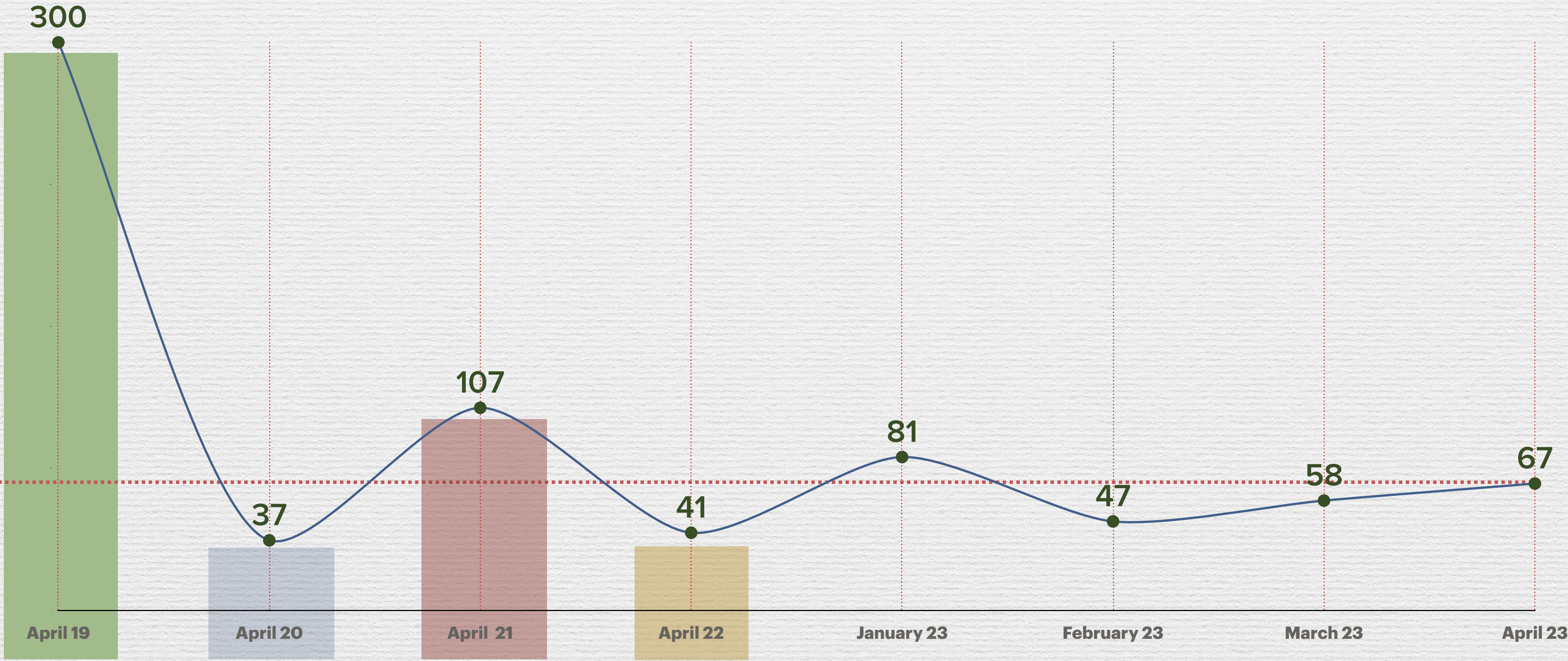
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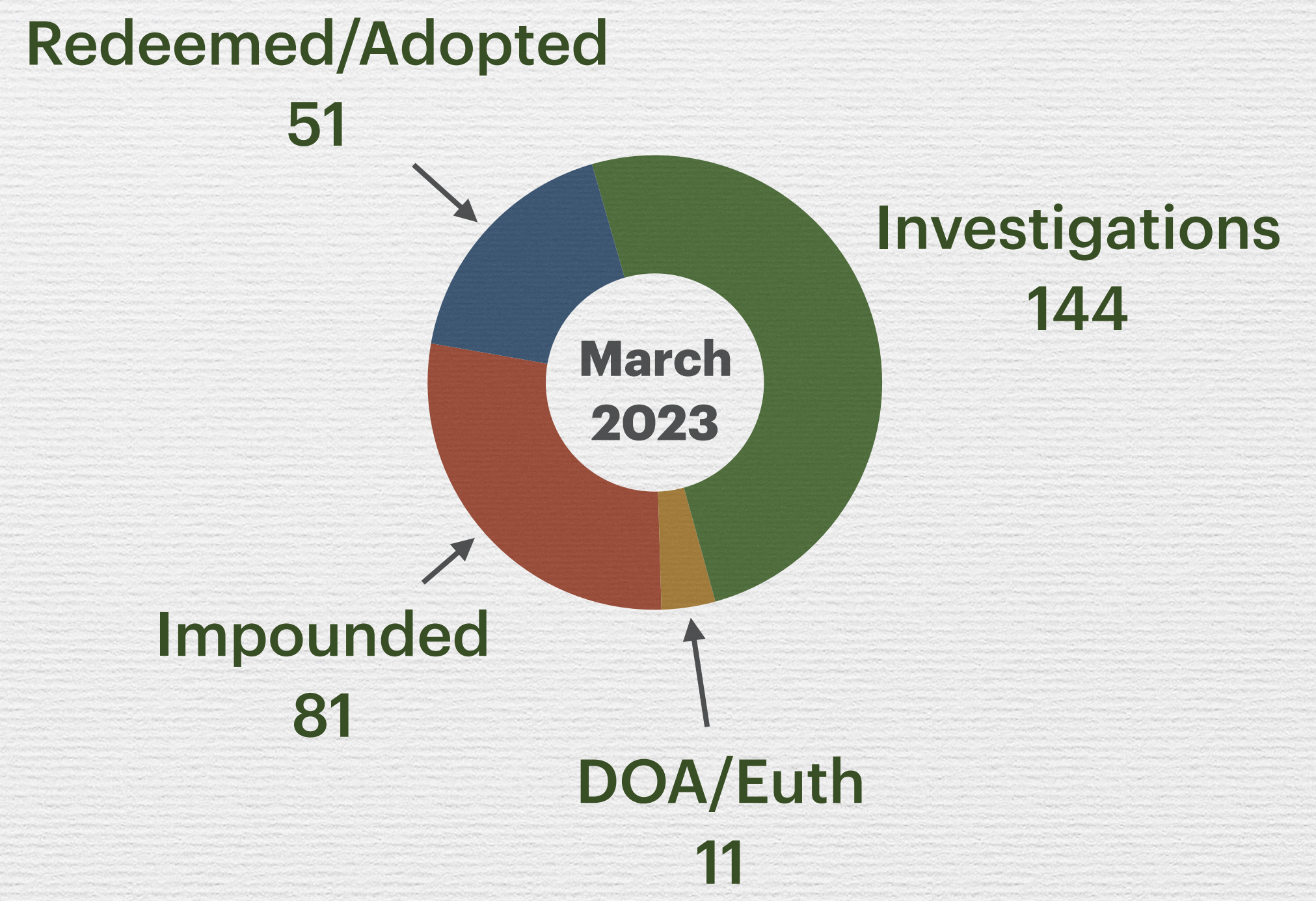
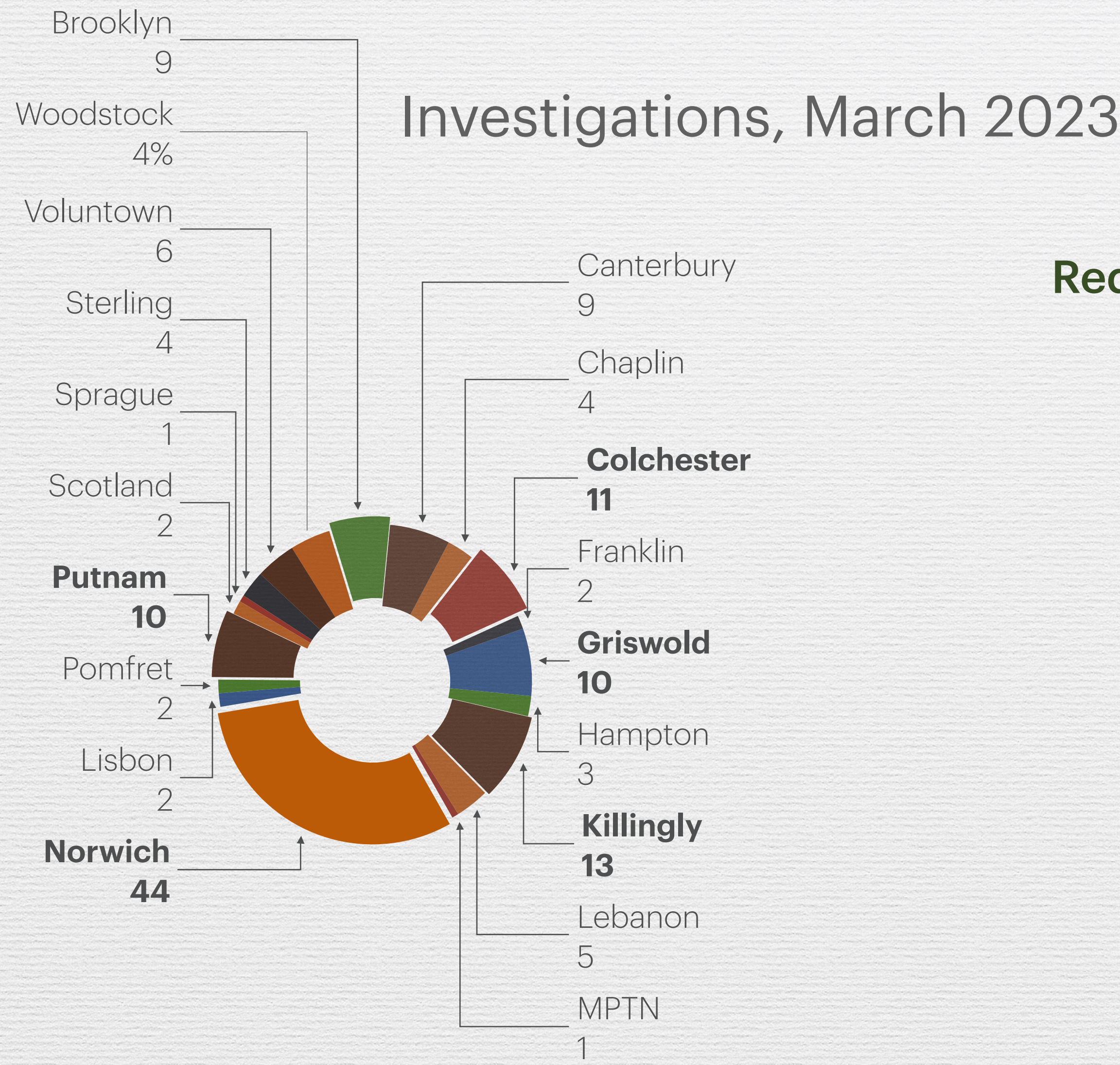
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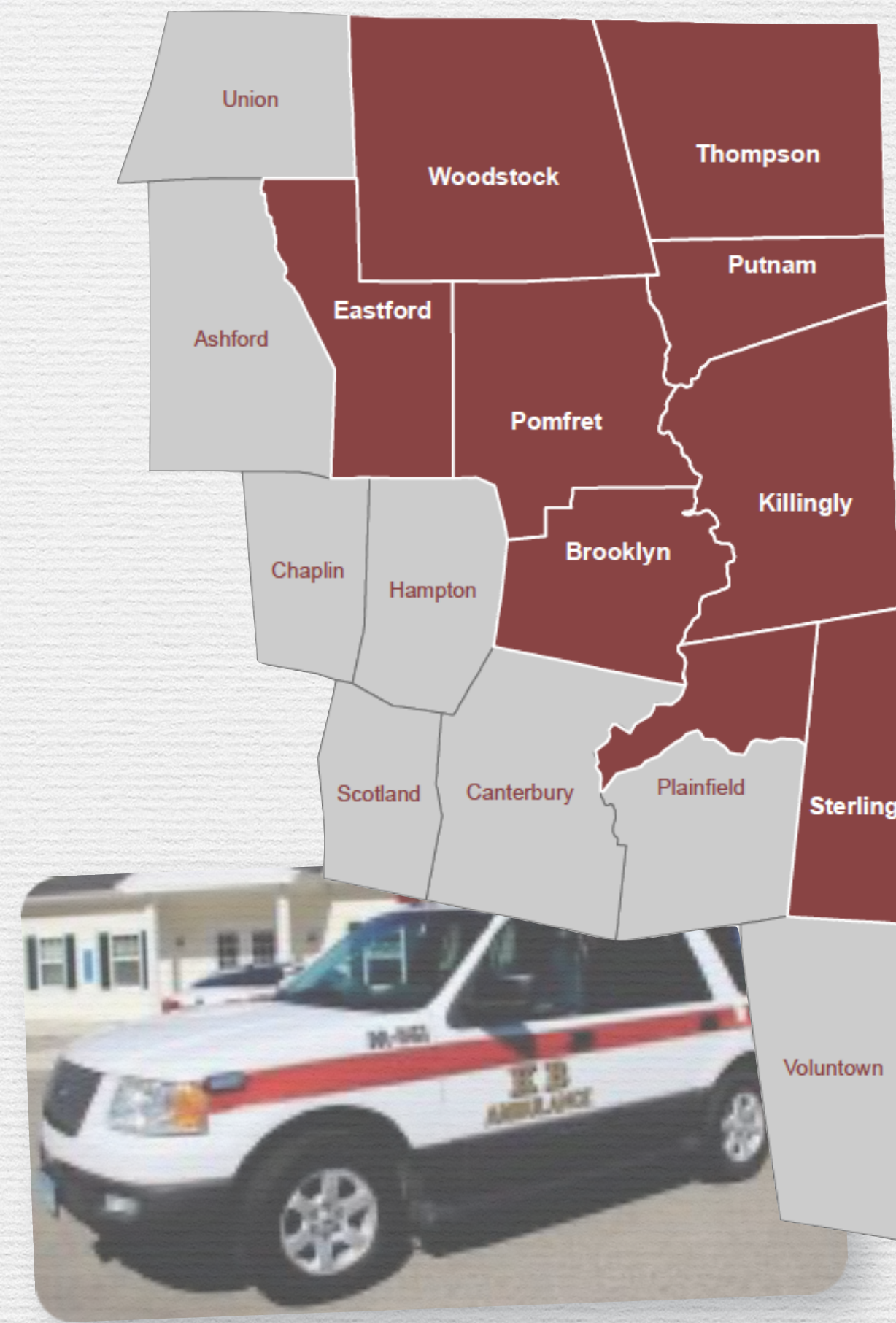
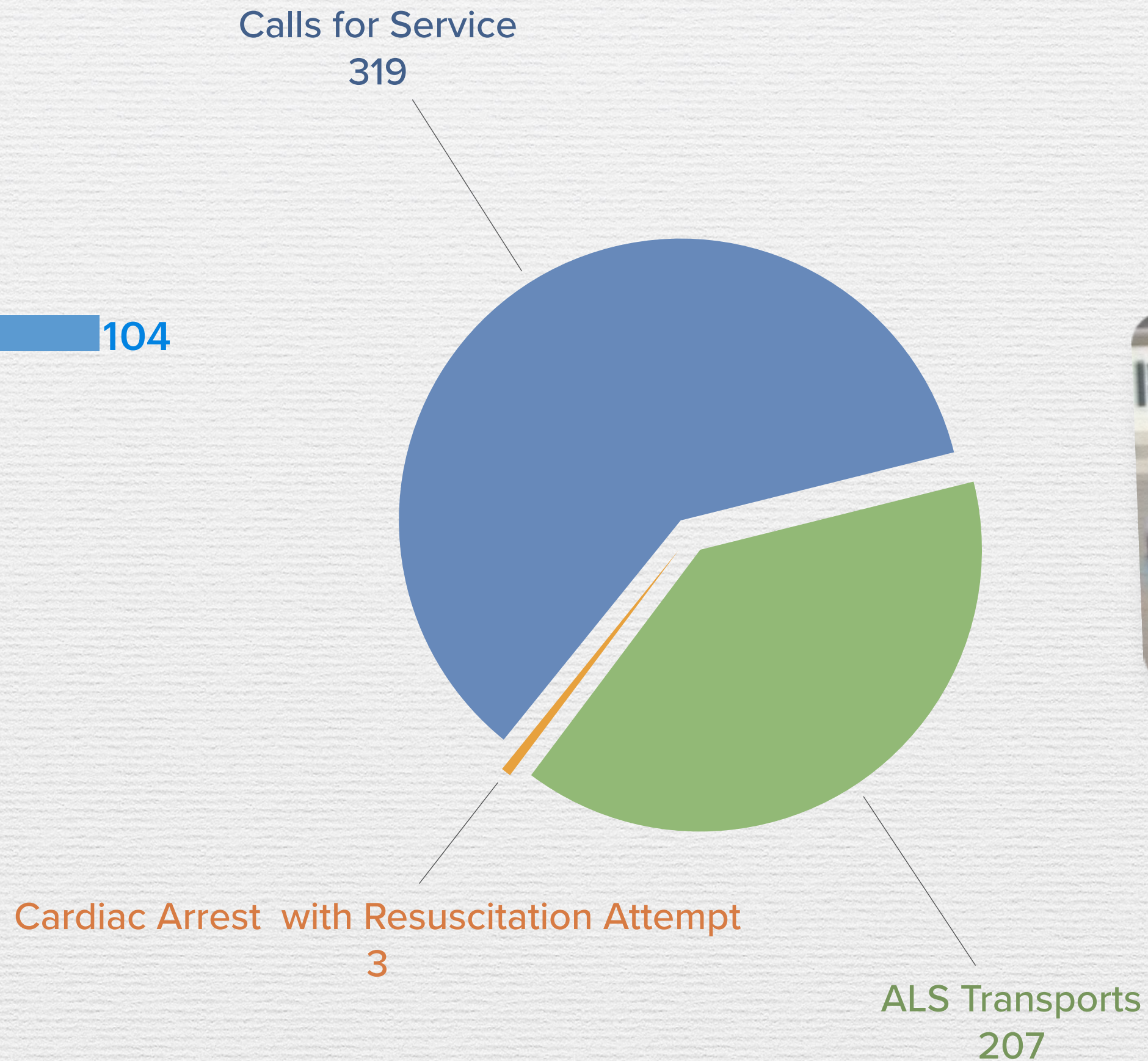
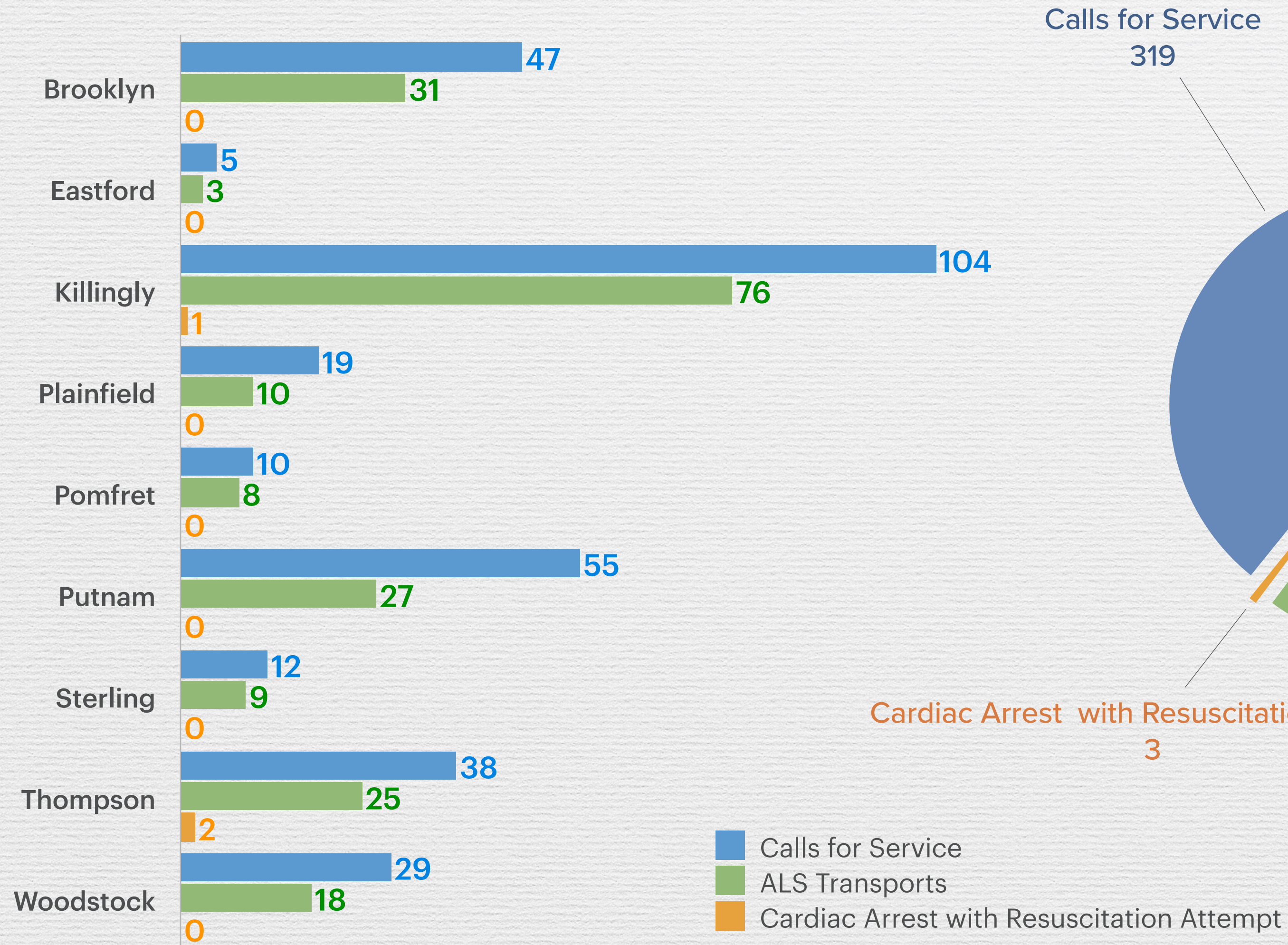
Animal Services Program

March 2023



Regional Paramedic Intercept Program

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Transportation Rural Improvement Program

Proposed Priorities

	Municipality	Project Name	Requested Funding Amount
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IIJA Transportation Grants for Connecticut

- **Safe Streets for All** (\$6B, new)
- **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grants** (\$15B, expanded)
- **Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grants** (\$14B, expanded)
- **Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Low and No Emission Bus Programs** (\$5.6B, expanded)
- **FTA Buses + Bus Facilities Competitive Program** (\$2.0B, expanded)
- **Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program** (\$23B, expanded)
- **Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Terminal Program** (\$5B, new)
- **MEGA Projects** (\$15B, new)
- **Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program** (\$8.7B, new)
- **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) competitive grants for nationally significant bridges and other bridges** (\$15.77B, new)
- **FTA All Station Accessibility Program** (\$1.75B, new)
- **Charging and fueling infrastructure discretionary grants** (Up to \$2.5B, new)
- **Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program** (\$1B, new)
- **Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program** (\$1B, new)
- **Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program** (\$2B, new)



“The bipartisan Infrastructure Law isn’t just about increasing economic opportunity, it’s also about making investments to keep our communities safe places to live, work, and raise our families,” said Courtney. “Traffic and pedestrian safety has unfortunately become a more pressing issue in the past several years, not just in our region, but nationwide. Increased economic activity brings all sorts of new jobs and career opportunities for people in our region, but it also means we may need to re-think local traffic safety plans as our thoroughfares see greater use. This new round of federal infrastructure funding is going to kick-start efforts to improve traffic and pedestrian safety in towns throughout eastern Connecticut, and it’s another great example of how the IIJA is paying dividends for our region.”

Congressman Joe Courtney

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Long Range Transportation Plan Northeastern Connecticut



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EDA Grant for COVID Recovery

Task 1 Develop an Economic Recovery and Resilience Plan - integrated into the CEDS.

~~**Task 2** Task Deleted - Funds dispersed: 50% to Task 1 and 25% for Tasks 3 and 4~~

Task 3 Implement the provision of technical assistance through virtual and in-person sessions that bring together new, existing, minority, women-owned and other businesses

Task 4 Develop and put in place an interactive (GIS based) regional map directory that provides resources for small agricultural and niche business on marketing, grant opportunities and best practices for adapting their business - providing opportunity for sustainability.



Budget & Bond Package Key Increases in Municipal Aid!

Education Equalization Grants (ECS): Increases funding by \$150 million in FY and FY 25 and provides funding to hold towns harmless from reductions due to the phased in implementation of changes to the ECS formula.

Local Bridge Funding – Doubles funding from \$10 million per year to \$20 million per year – Increasing funding for the Local Bridge program is one of COST's top priorities this session.

Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP): Doubles funding from \$30 million per year to \$60 million per year – COST called for increases in LoCIP funding because funding has not been increased since 1988.

Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) – Under the Governor's proposed budget, STEAP would have received \$0 funding in FY 24 and \$30 million in FY 25. The Bond package increases funding to \$35 million per year

Town Aid Road: Level funds TAR at \$60 million per year (will be funded from General Fund rather than bond funding)

Transportation Rural Improvement Program – Doubles funding from \$5 million per year to \$10 million per year

Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Grants: Maintains funding at \$51,481,796 - The budget does not fold the program into other municipal grants as proposed by the Governor.

Municipal Revenue Sharing Fund: Redirects sales tax revenue from the Municipal Revenue Sharing Account to provide \$547,098,417 to the Municipal Revenue Sharing Fund (MRSF) in both FY 24 and FY 25 which includes the following grants: (1) \$317,088,143 for Tiered PILOT, (2) \$155,337,805 for Municipal Transition grants (Motor Vehicle Tax Cap Grants), and (3) \$74,672,470 for Supplemental Revenue Sharing Grants (Municipal Stabilization Grant and GF Municipal Revenue Sharing grant combined).

Medicaid Reimbursement Rate - Ambulance Providers - COST was successful in working with the CT Association of Ambulance Providers to win an increase in the Medicaid Reimbursement Rate and mileage rate for Ambulance Services. The Appropriations Committee budget increases funding by \$2.5 million in FY 24 and FY 25 which will leverage additional federal funding to better fund ambulance services, including mileage rates.

Early Voting - The budget includes \$3.5 million in FY 25 to assist municipalities in implementing early voting.



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2023 - 2024 Work Plan and Budget

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Programs and Projects

COVID-19 Response and Recovery

- COVID-19 Response and Recovery - General
- Economic Recovery and Resilience Plan - EDA
- Entrepreneurial Enhancement - EDA
- On-Line Presence to Assist in the Economic Recovery - EDA

General

- Intergovernmental Relations
- Town Administrative Services Pilot (new)
- Town Technical Assistance
- Crumbling Foundations
- Regional Property Revaluation Program
- Regional Elections Advisor Program
- Human Services Coordination Council

GIS Services

- Regional Viewer
- Assessor Property Viewer/Updates
- General Mapping Services
- Asset Management Pilot
- Tier II Viewer

Public Safety

- Paramedic Intercept Program
- Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Implementation
- DEMHS Region IV Emergency Planning

Natural Hazard Mitigation and Resource Protection

- Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Environmental Depot

Animal Services Program

- Regional ASP
- Trap, Neuter, Release and Maintain Program

Planning and Engineering Services

- Regional Engineering Program
- Plan of Conservation and Development
- Statutory Referrals
- Land Use Technical Assistance

Economic Development

- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy/Economic Development District
- Eastern Connecticut Enterprise Corridor Administration

Grants Management

- ARPA, RPIP, IJJA, LOCTCIP, Small Cites and available state and federal grants

Northeastern Connecticut Transit District Administration

Transportation Planning and Technical Assistance

- UPWP Plan adherence
- Transportation Safety Grant

Environmental Depot Feasibility

Town Administration and Fiscal Services

Town Assessor Services

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- Janet Pierce, Executive Director
- Trish Settles, AICP, Deputy Director

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Thank You

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