

Primary and General Elections Security Due to COVID-19

FY2022 Request:

\$0

Reference No:

63251

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Equipment / Commodities

Category: General Government

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2020 - 06/30/2025

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The sum of \$3,000,000 is appropriated from the Election Fund to the Office of the Governor, Division of Elections, for elections security including expenditures associated with a grant under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020.

Funding:	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Total</u>
1185 ElectionFd	\$3,000,000						\$3,000,000
Total:	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required | <input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project | <input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new | <input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway | <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing |
| 0% = Minimum State Match % Required | | <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill | |

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Project Description/Justification:

The Office of the Governor, Division of Elections, received a \$3,000,000 elections security grant in April 2020 under the CARES Act to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 for the 2020 Federal election cycle. Funds may only be used for allowable costs associated with the 2020 election.

This grant was awarded under the federal Help America Vote Act which requires deposit of grant funds in the state Election Fund. An appropriation from the full legislature is required before monies in the Election Fund can be spent. The Governor's Office, after consulting with the Office of Management and Budget and Legislative Finance, expended CARES Act grant funds under a legislative appropriation authorizing expenditures of a previously awarded federal election security grant as legislative authorization was not possible until the 2021 session. This appropriation will enable the Division of Elections to spend the remaining balances of the both the CARES Act and the other federal elections security grants to address elections security into the future.