

Secretary of State
NORTH DAKOTA



SB 2002 TESTIMONY

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

MICHAEL HOWE, SECRETARY OF STATE
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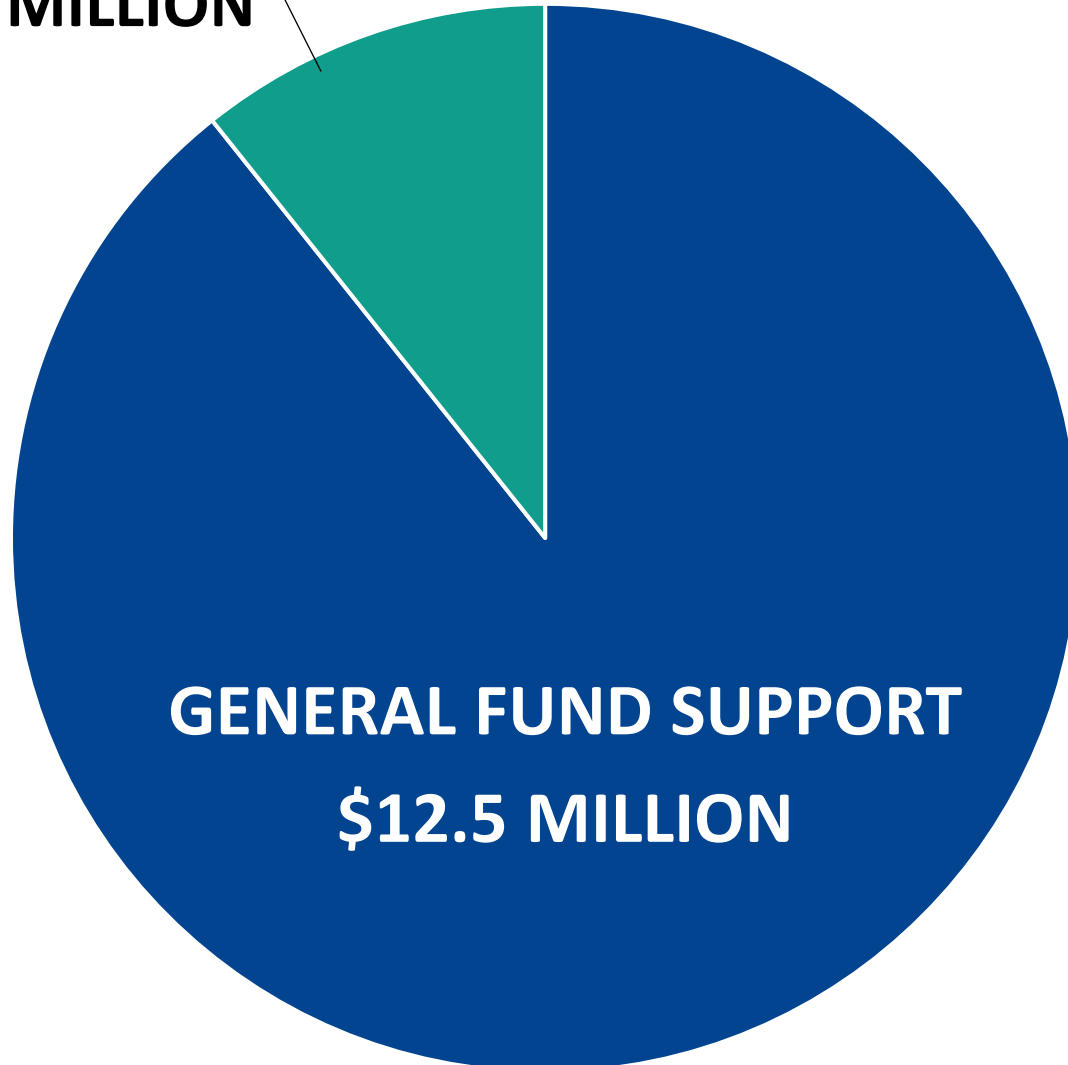
GENERAL SERVICES – SPECIAL FUND

- The general services fund - special fund will generate an estimated **\$14 million** in the current biennium
 - **\$1.5 million** was retained by the agency through allowed fees under statute.
 - **\$12.5 million** from fees being deposited to the general fund.

	21-23 Leg Base	EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION BY SOURCE FUNDING	General	Special	Federal	23-25 Exec Rec
Salaries	5,528,082.00		5,429,154	596,175	362,111	6,387,440
Operating	3,308,424.00		744,913	5,739,418	-	6,484,331
Grants	25,000.00		25,000			25,000
General - Petition	8,000.00		8,000			8,000
Election Reform	4,699,689.00			555,000	3,882,998	4,437,998
Public Printing	257,931.00		271,335			271,335
Grand Total By Fund per Bill	13,827,126.00		6,478,402	6,890,593	4,245,109	17,614,104

SPECIAL – GENERAL SERVICES FUND \$14 MILLION

SOS FEES RETAINED
UNDER STATUTE
\$1.5 MILLION



**EXECUTIVE BUDGET
\$6,890,593 FROM SPECIAL**

- \$1.5M SIIF (ONE-TIME)

- \$4.83M GEN. SERVICES
This is not possible based on our current statutory authority and current demands on this fund.
(Rev. of \$2M est. for '23-25)

SECRETARY OF STATE REQUESTS

STAFFING

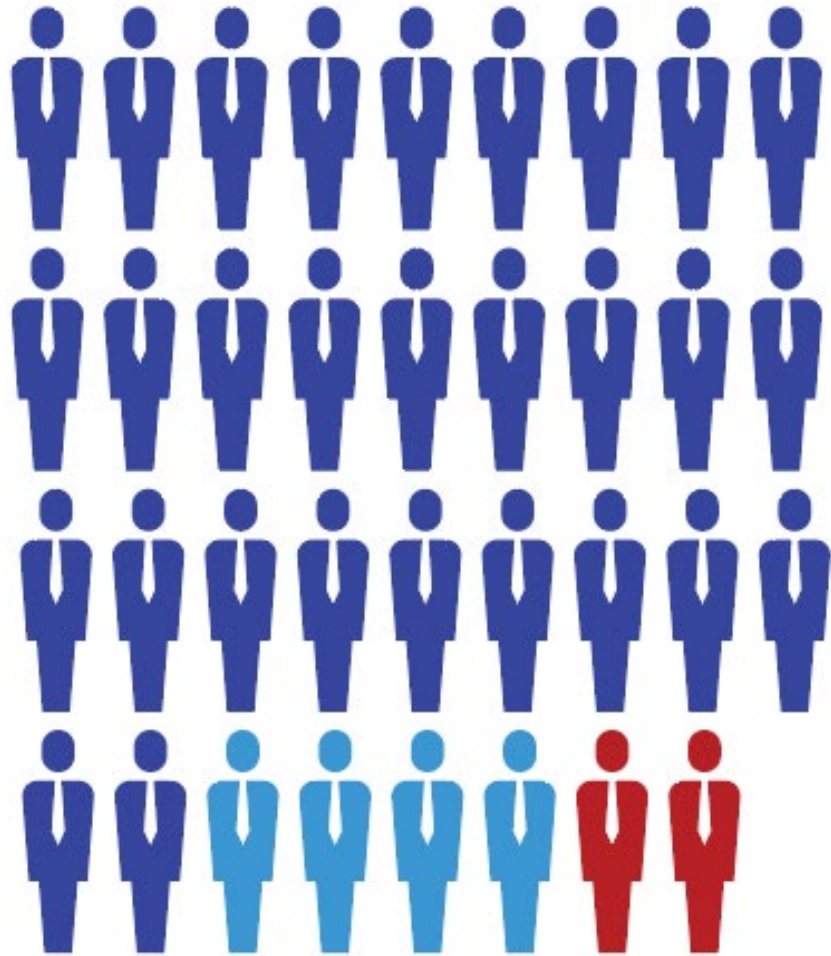
\$1,315,610 GENERAL FUND

TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

\$3,000,000 = \$1.5M GENERAL FUND + \$1.5 SIIF

**ELECTION COMPLIANCE/MODERNIZATION
FUND SHIFT + MATCH THROUGH STAFFING ASK**

33 FTE → 35 FTE

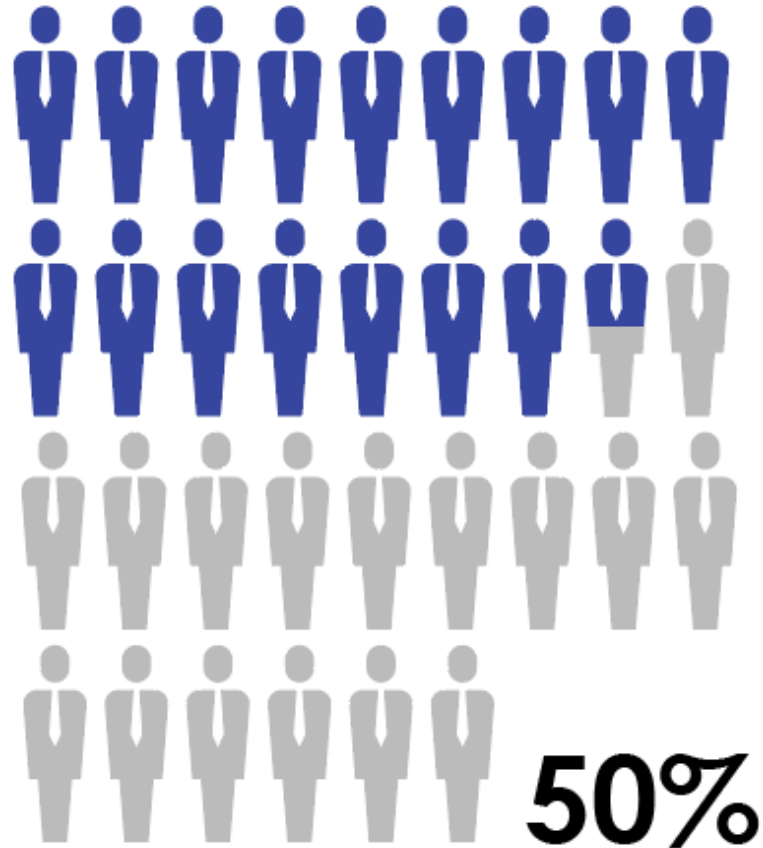


FTE **FUND** **SHIFT** **NEW**

STAFFING

\$1,615,610 GEN. FUND

- Repurpose/Reclass
\$300,000
- Shift in FTE Funding
\$890,610
- New FTE Request
• \$425,000



wages less than \$45,000

REPURPOSE/RECLASS

\$300,000 GENERAL FUND

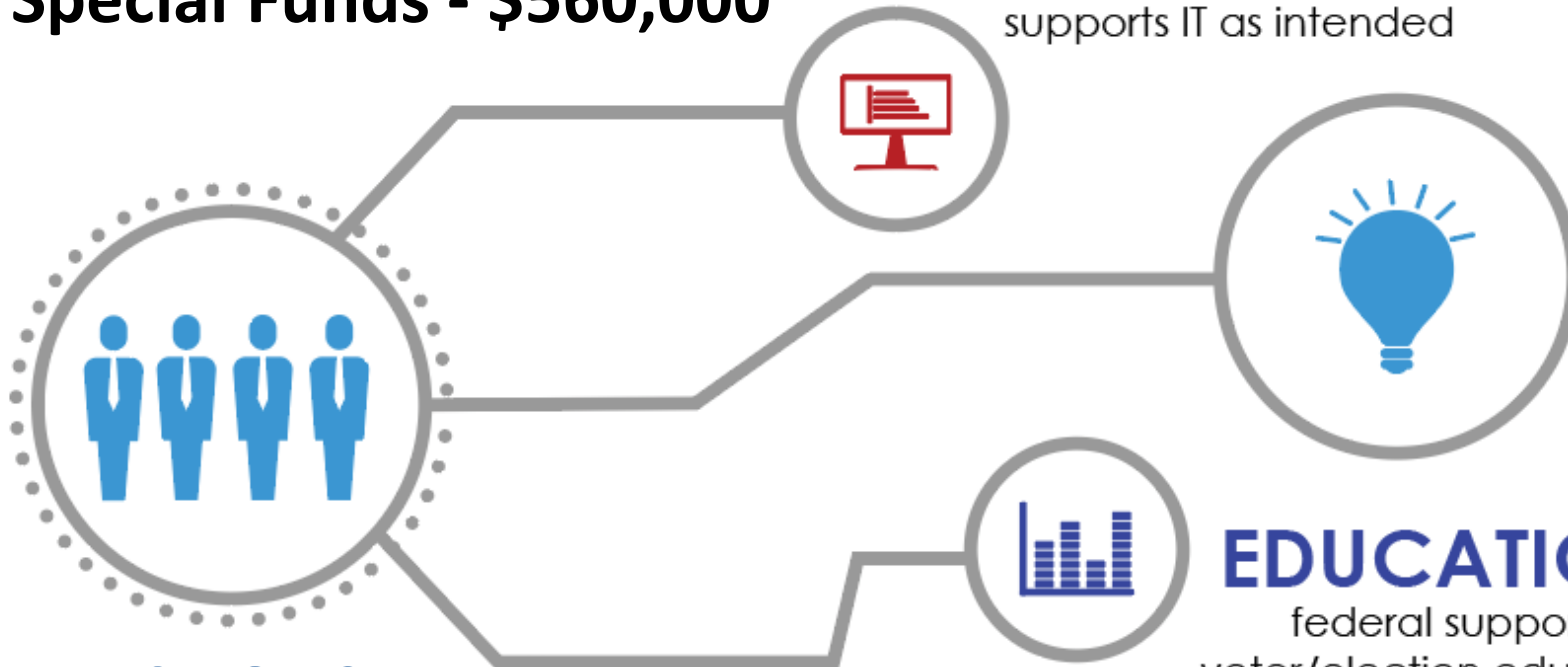
- \$300,000 in Budget Request
- Additional \$75,000 in Equity Package
– OMB Budget \$90M

- ADDRESS EQUITY ISSUES
- CHANGING SKILLSETS (PAPER V. DIGITAL)
- REVIEW CLASSIFICATIONS
- COMPETITIVE SALARY

SHIFT IN FTE FUNDING - \$890,610

→ **2 FTE – LICENSING/NOTARY**
– Shift/Special Funds - \$560,000

TECH/IT
special - general services fund
supports IT as intended



BALANCE
stable funding source
for key positions

→ **2 FTE – ELECTIONS**
– Shift/Federal Funds - \$330,610

EDUCATION
federal supports
voter/election education

STAFFING

NEW FTE REQUEST

\$425,000 GEN FUND

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE – IT SUPPORT →
SYSTEM BUILD OUT & SUPPORT**

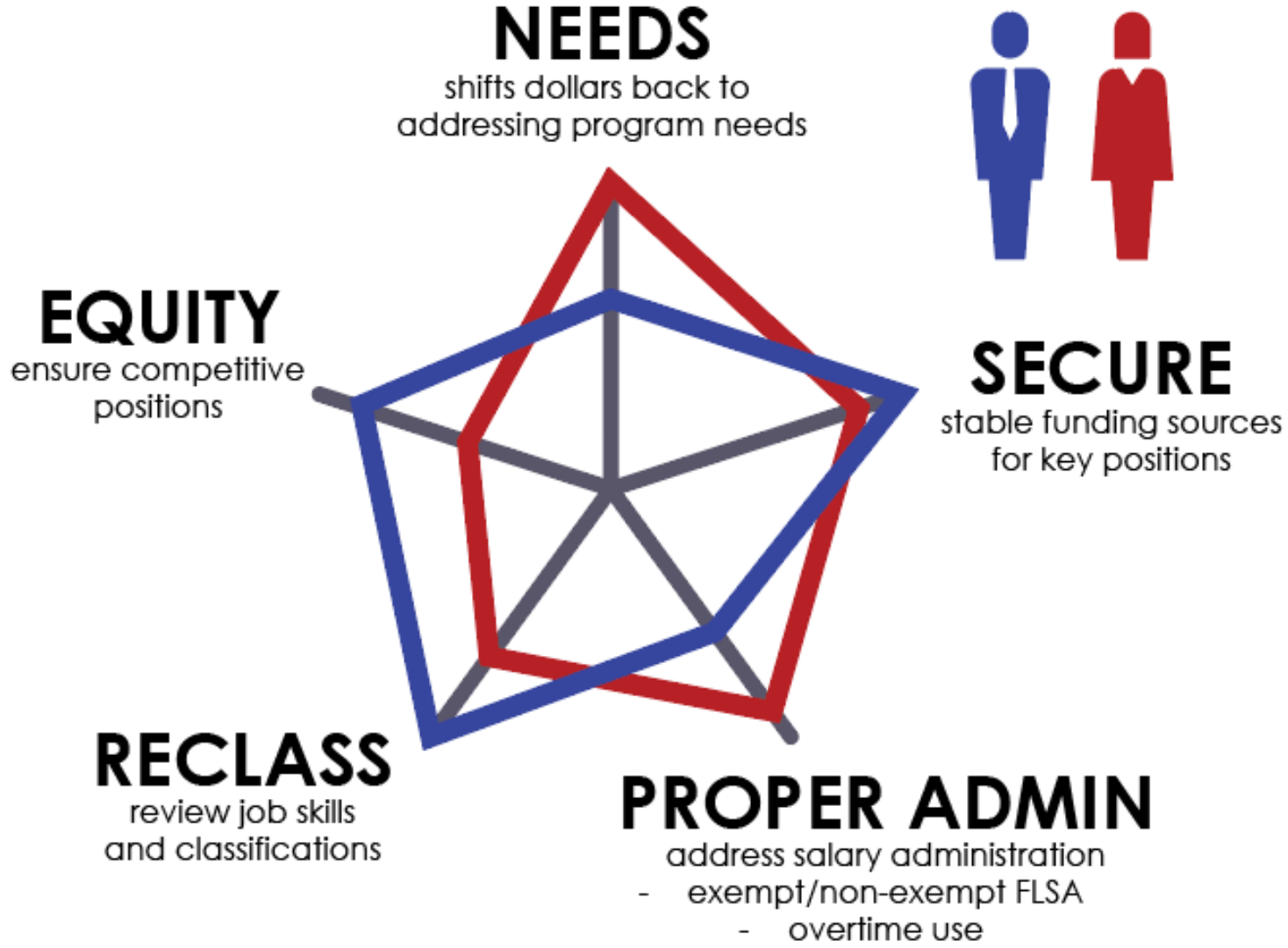
**ELECTION TRAINING SUPPORT →
FOCUS ON EDUCATION, EXPANDED
TRAINING ROLE WITH COUNTIES**



NEW

**1 FTE – IT SUPPORT
CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

**1 FTE –
ELECTION REFORM**



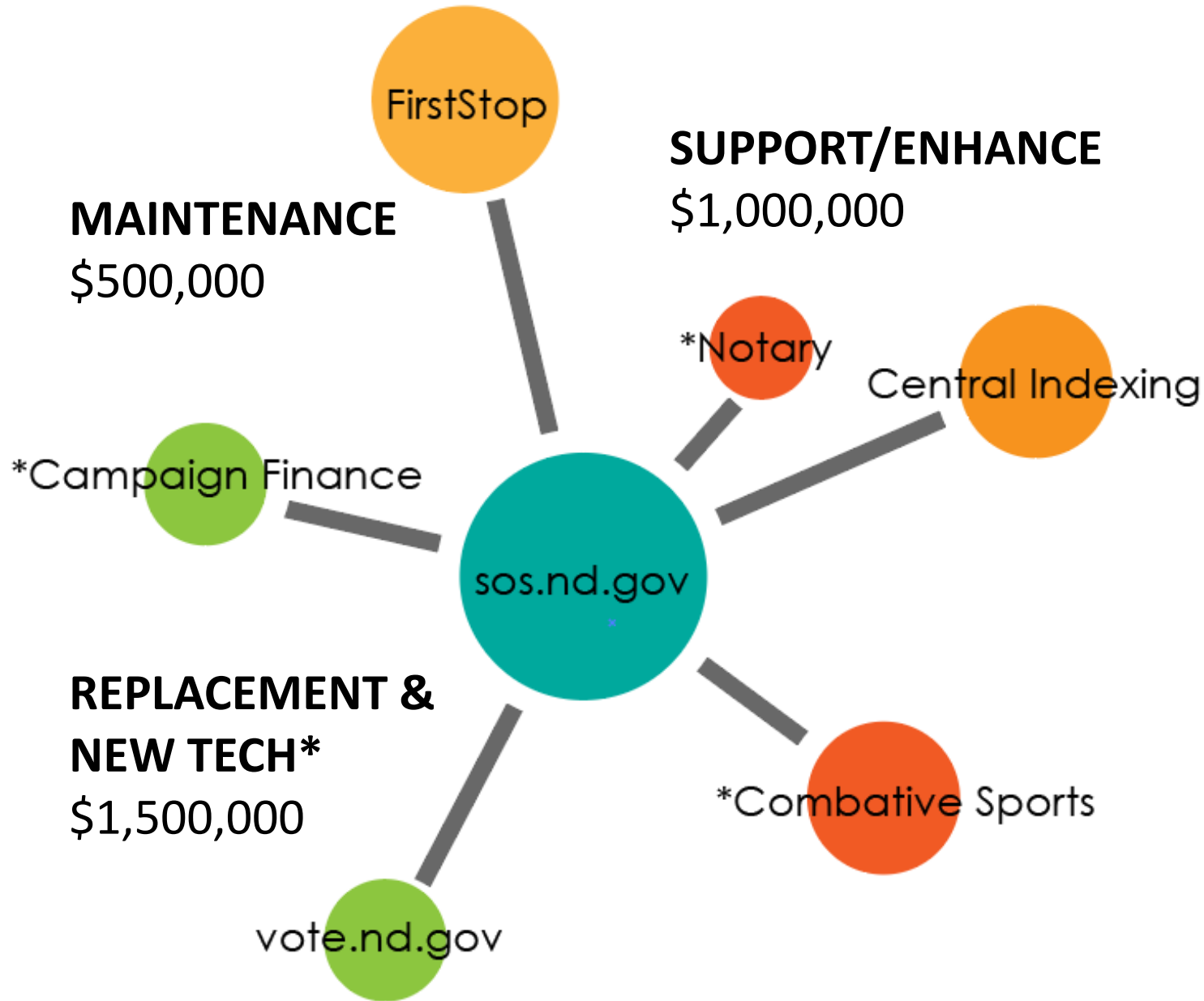
IMPACT OF FUNDING RELATED TO STAFFING

**\$1,615,610
GENERAL FUND**

TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS SUPPORT & CUSTOMIZATION

\$3,000,000 GEN. FUND

- Campaign Finance
- Support/Maintenance
- NDIT Hosting Increase
- User Experience Enhancements
 - Customizations for Ease of Use
 - Text Messaging
 - Other Unknown Needs



TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

\$3 MILLION

ON-GOING
\$1.5M

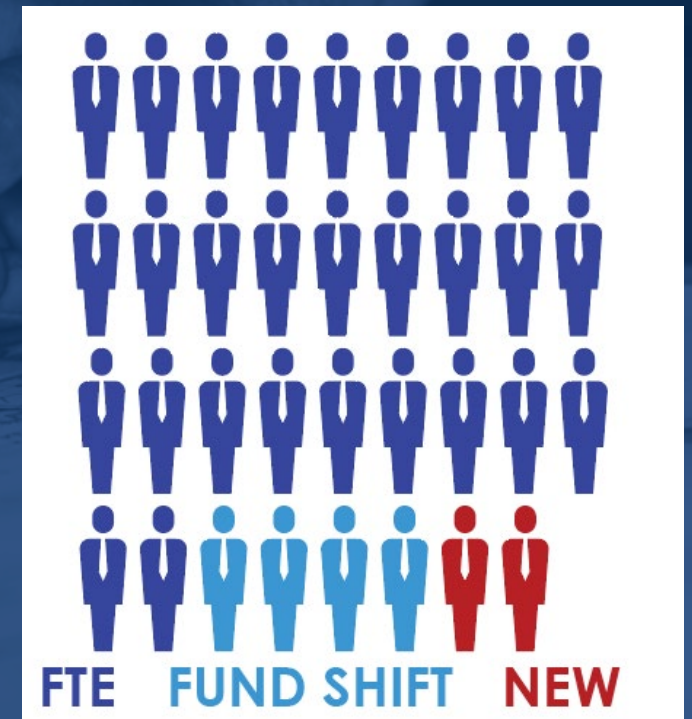
ONE-TIME*
\$1.5M

ELECTION COMPLIANCE & MODERNIZATION

\$ SUPPORT IN OTHER ASKS

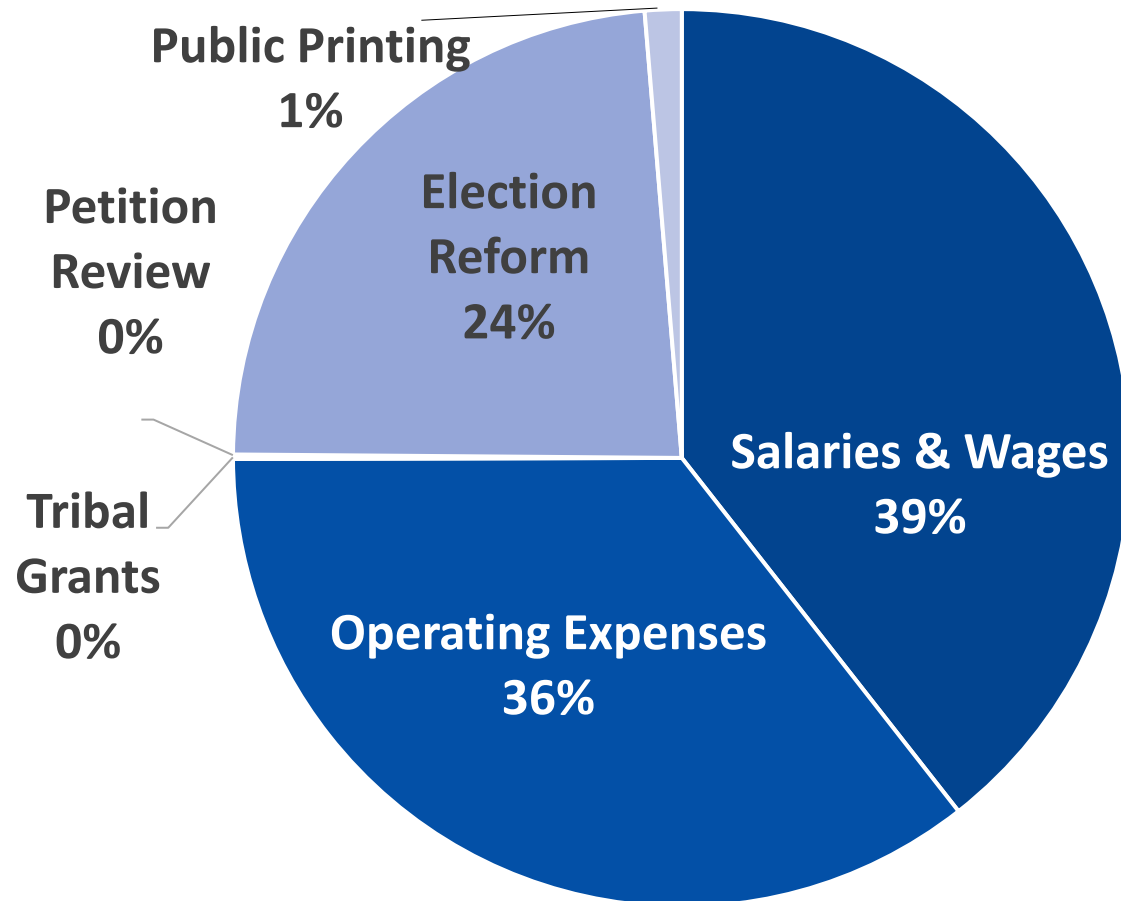
Repurpose Funds for Training Efforts to Support Elections

Salary shift provides \$200,000 state match to secure \$1 million - 2023 HAVA Funds

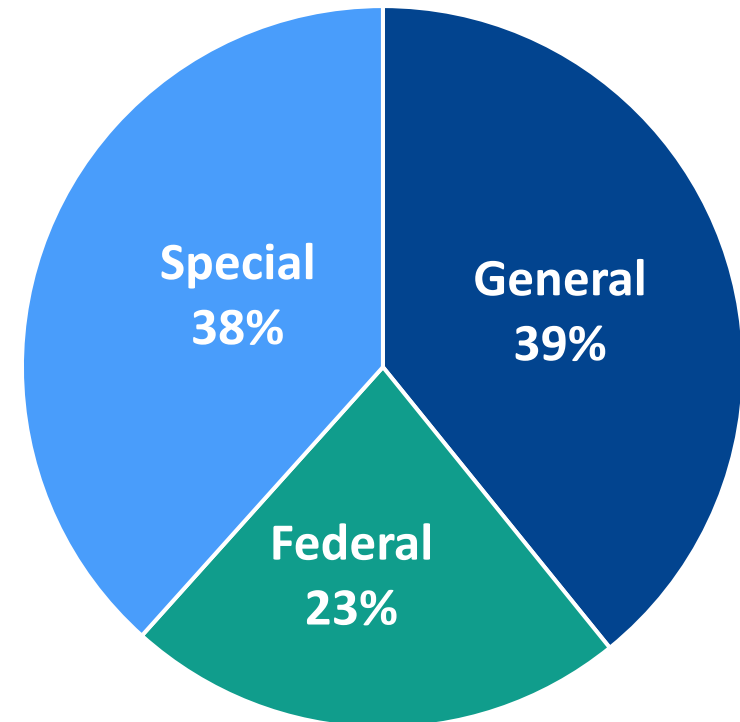


SOS REVISED BUDGET REQUEST - 2023-2025

2023-25 SOS REVISED - \$20.5 M

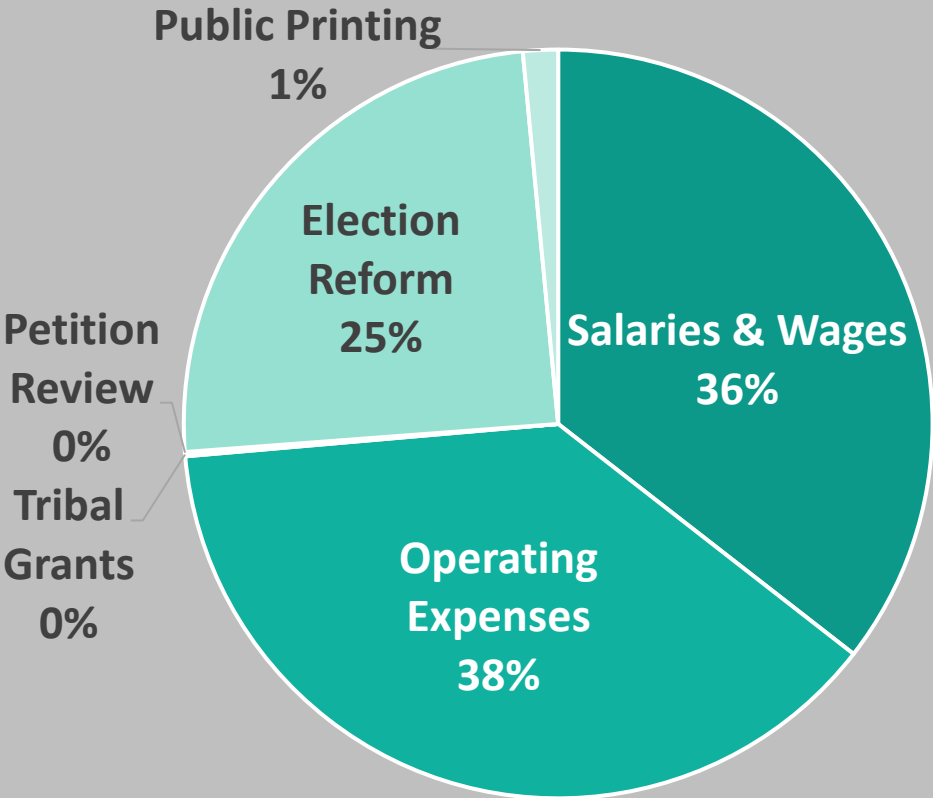


BY SOURCE

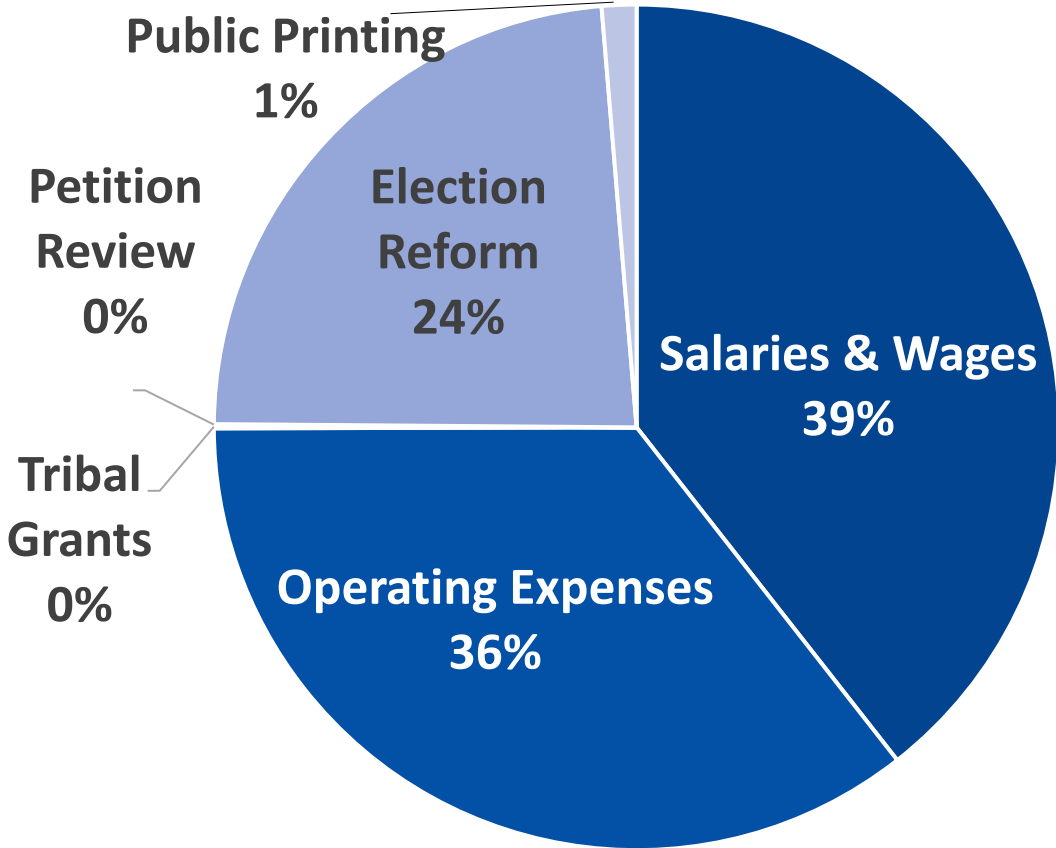


BUDGET COMPARISON BY LINE 2023-2025

2023-25 EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION - \$17.6 M



2023-25 SOS REVISED - \$20.5 M



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