

NORTH DAKOTA
SECRETARY OF STATE
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HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS – EDUCATION & ENVIRONMENT

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THE STARTING POINT FOR DEMOCRACY & TRANSPARENCY

We Serve, Guide, & Engage Citizens Through
Elections, Business, & Official Records

AGENCY FUNCTIONS

DIVISIONS & SERVICES



ELECTIONS

- Election Administration Oversight
- Campaign Finance

BUSINESS SERVICES

- File Point for 46 Entity/Records
- Public Search

LICENSING & NOTARY

- License/Register Professions
- Commission Notaries Public

CENTRAL INDEXING

- Lien Filing & Search

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

- System Support & Interfaces

FISCAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

- Official Records – Lobbyists
- Fiscal & Operations

COMBATIVE SPORTS

- Oversight of Combative Contests



WE'VE
BEEN
BUSY



WHO WE SERVE

- Voters
- Candidates
- Local Government
- Business
- Licensees
- Lending Community
- All Citizens

2023-2025

SECRETARY



LAST SESSION – ONE-TIME ASKS

CONTINUED WORK ON ONE-TIME PROJECTS

\$7.5M Carry-Forward One-Time

- Continuation of one-time funds – projects in progress
 - Election Management System - \$5,000,000 (ARPA)
 - FirstStop Upgrade - \$1,000,000 (ARPA)
 - Campaign Finance System - \$1,000,000 (SIIF)
 - IT System Enhancements - \$500,000 (SIIF)



2025-2027 ONE-TIME ASKS

UPDATING TECHNOLOGY & HAVA GRANT SUPPORT

\$2.8M – PollPad/Cradlepoint Replacement

- Included in Burgum Recommendation from SIIF
 - PollPad OS will no longer be able to get security updates
 - Cradlepoints model no longer available

ELECTION EQUIPMENT

SECRETARY OF STATE APPROVES VOTING SYSTEMS



POLLPADS – ELECTRONIC POLLBOOKS

Vendor - KNOWiNK

CHECKS VOTER IN AT POLLING LOCATION

Ensures One Person = One Vote

Updates Central Voter File – Checks in Voter

Knows which voters voted by mail

Sends check-in info to PollPads in the State



PRINTS BALLOT TICKET

Voter uses ticket to get correct ballot



CONNECTED TO OTHER POLLING LOCATIONS IN NORTH DAKOTA =

→ SECURE portal - encryption

→ SIGNAL ACTIVE with secure access

2025-2027 ONE-TIME ASKS

UPDATING TECHNOLOGY

\$500,000 – Central Indexing Upgrade

- Included in Burgum GF Recommendation
 - Seeking to upgrade from 1.0 to 4.0
 - Version 1.0 support phasing out



NORTH DAKOTA
CENTRAL INDEXING
SYSTEM



\$200,000 – AS400 Server Costs

- Included in Burgum GF Recommendation

2025-2027 ONGOING

POSITION SUPPORT – TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT - PRINTING

General Fund Position Support

- \$581,000 for 3 FTEs (1 Special/2 Federal)

\$1.3M – Technology Support

- Maintenance/Support for core systems
- NDIT increased costs

Public Printing

- \$18,665 increase – request move to Legislative Counsel

ADDITIONAL ASKS - FEDERAL

AUTHORITY & MATCH

Election Security Grant

- DES Federal Grant \$100,359 – no match

Help America Vote Act - Anticipated

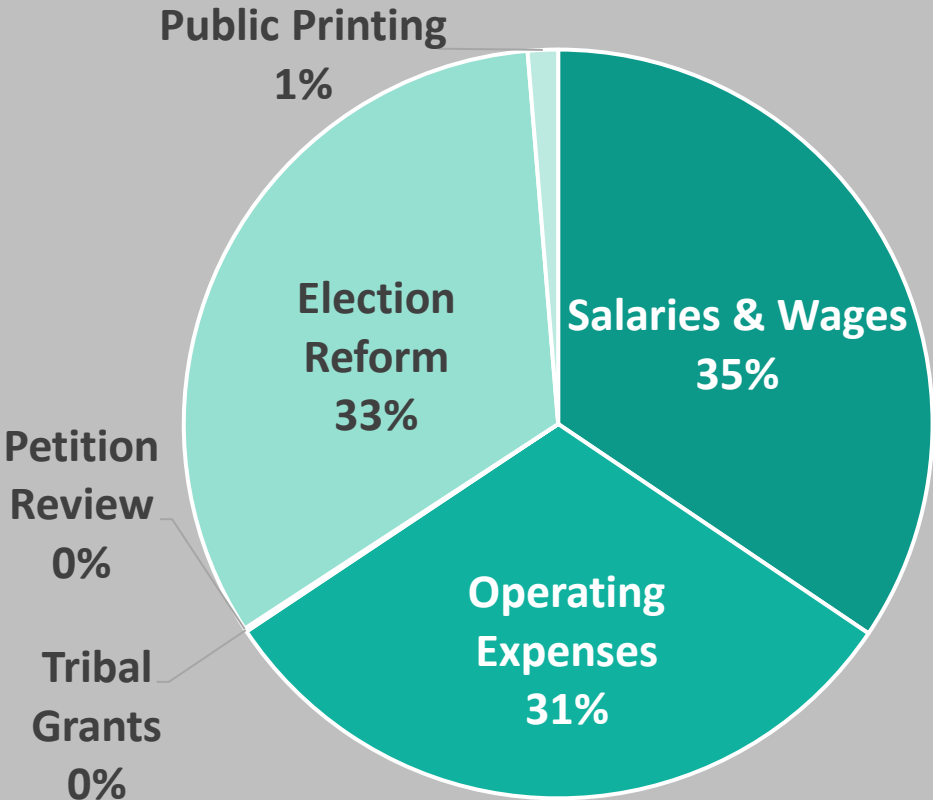
- 2025 Federal Award and associated state match
- Max award \$1 million w/ \$200,000 match

Transfer Authority

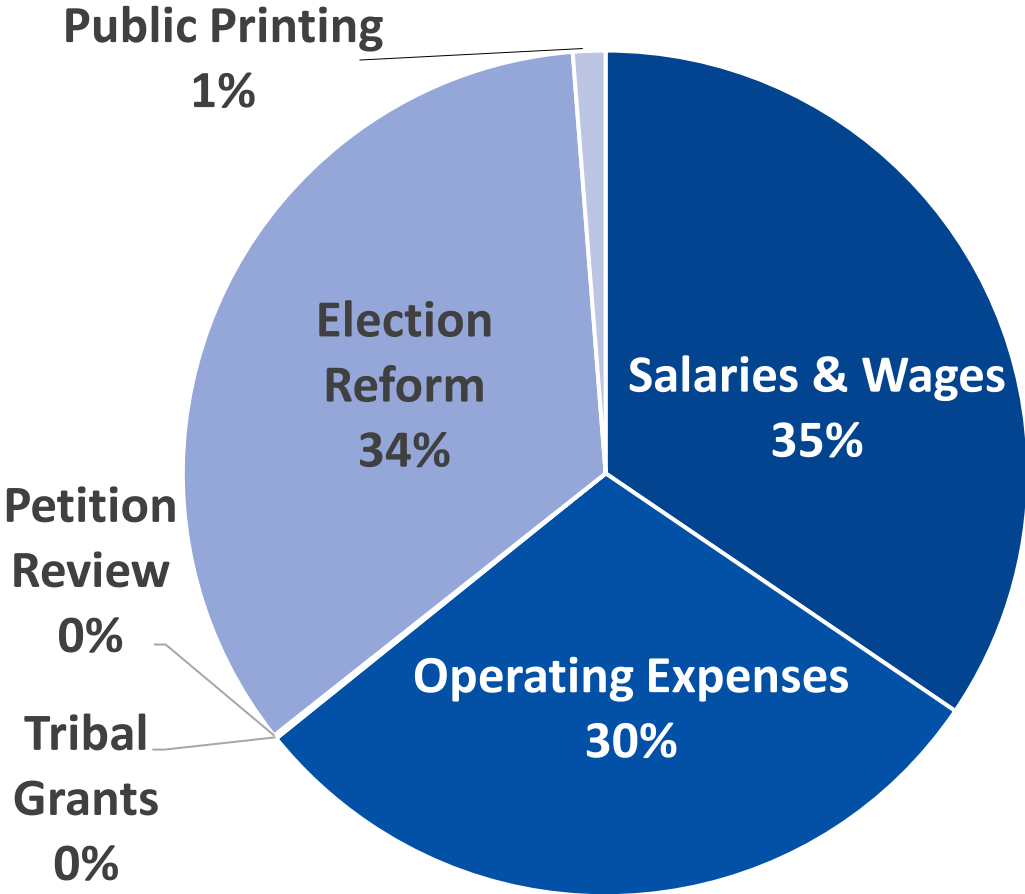
- Transfer \$200,000 General to Federal for 2024 HAVA match

BUDGET COMPARISON BY LINE 2025-2027

2025-27 BURGUM RECOMMENDATION - \$22.2 M



2025-27 SOS REVISED - \$23.3 M





	2025-2027 Legislative Base Level	2025-2027 Burgum Recommendation	2025-2027 Revised Agency Request**	\$ Increase/ (Decrease) compared to Executive Recommendation
Salaries and Wages	6,366,407	7,658,837	8,054,837 (4)	396,000
Operating Expenses	4,984,331	6,936,837	6,936,837 (3)	-
Grants	25,000	25,000	25,000	-
Petition Review	8,000	8,000	8,000	-
Election Reform	4,830,808	7,314,390	8,032,437 (5)	718,047
Public Printing	271,335	290,000	290,000 (6)	-
Total Line Items	16,485,881	22,233,064	23,347,111	1,114,047
By Funding Source				
General Funds	7,141,710	9,950,046	11,183,964	1,233,918
Federal Funds	4,195,655	4,300,258	4,400,617	100,359
Special Funds	5,148,516	7,982,760	7,762,530	(220,230)
Total Funding Source	16,485,881	22,233,064	23,347,111	1,114,047
FTE	35	35	33	(2)

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