



**REQUEST TO EMERGENCY COMMISSION**  
 SECRETARY OF STATE  
 (See SFN 02580)

**Request #: 2125**

Requestor Information

Department name: Secretary of State  
 Department number: 10800  
 Name of contact person: Liz Parent  
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Purpose of Request

Is this request related to a state emergency? No  
 Purpose of request: Increase in line item spending authority

Line Item	Amount
10873 Election Reform	\$1,000,000

Funding Information

What is the source of funds for the requested increase? Federal  
 Is the funding source a pass-through from another agency? No  
 Will continued funding be required if Federal funds are no longer available? Yes  
 Estimate of funding required: \$1,200,000  
 Does the request require a general fund match in this bienium? No  
 Will the request require general fund support in the next biennium? Yes  
 Amount of funding match required: \$200,000

Background Information

Was any portion of the request presented during the previous legislative session? No  
 Is the request for a new program? No  
 Does the request require an FTE increase? No  
 Does the request conform with legislative intent? Yes  
 Provide explanation:  
 Request authorization to receive and expend federal funds of \$1,000,000 from the Federal Election Assistance Commission for the Federal HAVA fund line (\$1,000,000), as appropriated through the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024 (CAA) which has been adopted by Congress and signed by the President on March 09, 2024 (Public Law 118-47).  
 The CAA requires a state match of 20% or \$200,000, Sect of State will be seeking a GF appropriation for the match either through a deficiency appropriation or the 2025 budget cycle.

Other Information

Statutory provisions that relate to this request:  
 16.1-01-15. Secretary of state to establish and maintain an election fund.  
 The secretary of state shall establish and maintain a fund, known as the election fund, in the state treasury for the purpose of depositing payments and grants made to the state under the provisions of sections 101, 101 (c), and 906, and title III of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 [Pub. L. 107-252; 116 Stat. 1666; 42 U.S.C. 15301, 42 U.S.C. 15545, 42 U.S.C. 15481-15502] and funds appropriated by the state. The moneys in the election fund and any interest earnings on the election fund must be used for the exclusive purpose of carrying out activities of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and are subject to chapter 54-16.



Provide an explanation as to how the request supports state priorities, improves state efficiencies, and promotes effective state government:

The request supports the state's responsibility for election administration. The funding will be used to improve administration of elections for Federal office, maintain voting systems, enhance election technology, and make election security improvements for voter to ensure elections and voting processes are transparent, secure, accurate, accessible, efficient, and effective.

Provide any other relevant information:

The interest earned from HAVA funds can be used for future allowable expenditures. Therefore, the funds received with this request may be expended as soon as appropriated and they will earn interest upon receipt as provided in NDCC § 16.1-01-15.

Signature

I, the undersigned, have read this Request, know the contents, and believe the statements contained within to be true.

*Evaliz Parent*

*05/23/2024*

Sign Here

Date