



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

**Received: 02/18/2026**

**Request #: 2163**

Requestor Information

Department name: Health & Human Services  
 Department number: 325  
 Name of contact person: Donna Aukland  
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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
32530 - Operating	\$1,189,769

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? No  
 Does the request require a general fund match in this bienium? No  
 Will the request require general fund support in the next biennium? No

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:  
 HHS is required to determine eligibility for SNAP recipients. This SNAP Process & Technology Grant will reduce manual errors in data entry of eligibility data in the SPACES system.

Other Information

Statutory provisions that relate to this request:  
 N/A

Provide an explanation as to how the request supports state priorities, improves state efficiencies, and promotes effective state government:  
 HR1 - One Big Beautiful Bill Act shifts more of the responsibility for the cost of the SNAP program from the federal government to states based on the SNAP payment error rate. This grant will allow HHS to update technology to reduce the amount of manual entry, reducing errors and the payment error rate.

Provide any other relevant information:  
 N/A

Signature

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



*Donna Aukland*

*02/17/2026*

Sign Here

Date