



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

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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	\$462,135

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: \$100,000  
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: \$100,000

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:  
The legislature has an ongoing history of accepting federal funds to support election administration through the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). Funds were most recently appropriated during the 2023 Legislative Session, S.B. 2002. SOS requests authorization to receive and expend federal funds of \$462,135 from a new source; the Department of Defense for the federal Electronic Absentee Systems for Elections (EASE 3.0) Grant as appropriated under the DoDGARS 22.315. 10 U.S.C. 2358 which allows for the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP).

Other Information

Statutory provisions that relate to this request:  
Implementation of a secure balloting portal compliant with Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act and requirements set forth in NDCC16.1-07-08 (2)(3). Electronic Absentee Systems for Elections (EASE 3.0) Grant as appropriated under the DoDGARS 22.315. 10 U.S.C. 2358.

Provide an explanation as to how the request supports state priorities, improves state efficiencies, and promotes effective state government:  
The receipt of EASE 3.0 Grant dollars augments the funds available to support the state's responsibility for election administration. The funding will be used to improve the voting process for absentee voters, specifically related to Electronic Absentee Voting Systems for the acquisition and implementation of a secure ballot delivery portal for Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) population.



Provide any other relevant information:

The North Dakota Secretary of State represents over 2,500 eligible UOCAVA voters identified in our 53 counties. We recognize that UOCAVA voters traditionally have a lower voting percentage than domestic voters and that the MOVE act was passed to narrow the turnout gap between UOCAVA and domestic voters.

Signature

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

*Evaliz Parent*

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*08/28/2023*

Date