



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

Received:  
 10/30/2023

Request #: 2111

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	\$145,425

Funding Information

What is the source of funds for the requested increase? Federal  
 Is the funding source a pass-through from another agency? Yes  
 Agency name: Department of Emergency Services  
 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:  
 As part of the FY 2023 State Homeland Security Grant Program North Dakota is required to submit an investment for Enhancing Election Security of 3%. As required DES reached out to the Secretary of State's Office (State's Chief Election Official) to inquire if there are potential projects ND could submit as part of the state's application for DHS consideration to meet this requirement. Secretary of State has the following items planned:

- Online harassment and targeting prevention services
- Public awareness/preparedness campaigns discussing election security and integrity measures.

Other Information

Statutory provisions that relate to this request:  
 North Dakota Century Code Title 16.1 Elections



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

The request supports the Secretary of State's responsibility to create a public awareness/preparedness campaign to address voter confidence in election security and integrity. The campaign would seek to realize one overarching goal through three objectives:

- Goal: Increase voter confidence and awareness of the protocols and processes that ensure the security of North Dakota elections by reducing the perception that fraud or interference in elections is occurring from outside sources.
  - a. Develop long-tail, multi-platform resources that support voter awareness and access to voter information into the future.
  - b. Establish greater collaboration with stakeholders to enhance outreach to diverse voter groups, providing essential voting information and resources.
  - c. Establish training protocols and education materials for election officials and volunteer election workers to grow consistency of best practices, protocols, and knowledge for proper election administration.

Provide any other relevant information:

North Dakota Investment

Staffing/Travel – Investment \$50,000 - \$100,000

The North Dakota Secretary of State estimates between \$50,000 - \$100,000 in state investment to support the development and delivery and measurement of this program through staff time and travel in collaboration with statewide election officials and stakeholders.

Signature

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

*Liz Parent*

Sign Here

*10/30/2023*

Date