

**Secretary of State
Budget No. 108
House Bill No. 1002**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2021-23 legislative appropriation	33.00	\$5,521,552	\$8,305,574	\$13,827,126
2019-21 legislative appropriation	<u>32.00</u>	<u>5,623,063</u>	<u>15,480,857</u>	<u>21,103,920</u>
2021-23 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2019-21 appropriation	1.00	(\$101,511)	(\$7,175,283)	(\$7,276,794)

Item Description

File 2.0 computer project - Technology project exemption - Section 3 of House Bill No. 1002 provides that any unexpended funds from the technology project appropriation in subdivision 1 of Section 1 of Chapter 36 of the 2015 Session Laws is not subject to the provisions of North Dakota Century Code Section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued into the 2021-23 biennium.

The 2021 Legislative Assembly did not provide additional funding for the project.

Tribal government administrative costs - Section 5 of House Bill No. 1002 identifies \$25,000 in the grants line item from the general fund for providing grants to each federally recognized tribal government located within the state during the 2021-23 biennium. The Secretary of State may provide grants of up to \$5,000 to each tribal government to reimburse administrative costs incurred by each tribal government to issue addresses and identifications for voting purposes.

Audit of contributions to candidates - House Bill No. 1295 (2021) clarified the authority for the Secretary of State or the Ethics Commission to arrange for an audit of a candidate's personal use of contributions upon having substantial reason to believe any person has knowingly violated the law.

Status/Result

Through March 2022, the Secretary of State has expended \$226,830 of the \$490,287 continued from the 2015-17 biennium appropriation for technology projects.

As of March 2022, the Secretary of State has not received any requests for reimbursements from any tribal government.

As of March 2022, the Secretary of State has not audited any candidates.