



SECRETARY OF STATE FY26 OPERATING BUDGET PRESENTATION

PRESENTED TO LFC

NOVEMBER 18TH 2024



FY25 Highlights

- Successfully fulfilled its statutory and regulatory obligations, with nearly all performance measures meeting or surpassing set targets.
- Managing the ongoing replacement of the Agency's Business Filing System set to fully go live on December 9th, 2024.
- Managing ongoing enhancements to the Campaign Finance (CFIS) and Voter Information (SERVIS) Systems.
- Managed a Successful General Election Cycle
 - Ranked Number 1 in the county for Election Administration by MIT. The Office continues to run successful elections in a highly charged political environment combatting misinformation and threats to election systems and election administrators.
 - No Regular Local Election in FY25, but there will be in FY26 (November 2025).
 - Confident that the funding mechanisms through SB108 will stabilize election funding going forward.

FY26 Initiatives



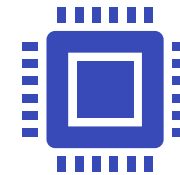
Enhancing public service delivery.

- Elections Outreach Program, with a particular emphasis on civics education.
- Streamlining the voter registration and campaign filing reporting process.
- Implementing new efficiencies for election administrators.



Upholding the integrity of New Mexico's electoral process.

- Driving innovative technological advancements to improve data access.
- Establishing standardization and uniformity in critical areas of election administration.



Continued election security efforts.

- Enhancement to election security and business continuity preparedness across all election processes.
- Enhancement to all public facing systems to bolster security measures
- Continuing implementation of the Ballot Drop Box initiative with monitoring.



FY26 Operating Budget Highlights

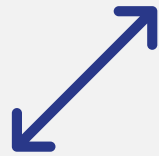
- FY26 is the first fiscal year where all Direct Election Costs have been removed from the base Operating Budget and HB2 through SB 108.
- Conducted an extensive internal review of Operational Costs vs. Direct Election Costs.
- Absorbing additional costs of ownership to the base budget owing to several new IT system implementations.
- Incorporating necessary enhancement work to the OpBud for existing public-facing systems to reduce the need for future one-time requests.



FY26 Budget Request Overview



Total Base Budget Request from the General Fund: \$14.2M



Expansion Request:
One (1) FTE, a STRM to PERMchange.



Seven (7) one-time appropriation requests.

Request Overview

	2023-24	2024-25	----- FY 2026 Agency Request -----		
	Opbud	Opbud	Base	Expansion	Total
REVENUE					
<i>General Fund Transfers</i>	16,212.1	17,172.2	12,785.8	0.0	12,785.8
<i>Other Transfers</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Federal Revenues</i>	0.0	856.3	1,369.3	0.0	1,369.3
<i>Other Revenues</i>	103.6	80.0	90.7	0.0	90.7
<i>Fund Balance</i>	525.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	16,841.5	18,108.5	14,245.8	0.0	14,245.8
TOTAL REVENUE	16,841.5	18,108.5	14,245.8	0.0	14,245.8
EXPENDITURE					
<i>Personal Services and Employee Benefits</i>	5,783.1	6,353.4	7,276.5	75.9	7,352.4
<i>Contractual services</i>	1,642.2	900.7	3,721.0	0.0	3,721.0
<i>Other</i>	9,416.2	10,854.4	3,248.3	0.0	3,248.3
	16,841.5	18,108.5	14,245.8	75.9	14,321.7
TOTAL EXPENSE	16,841.5	18,108.5	14,245.8	75.9	14,321.7
FTE					
<i>Permanent</i>	60.00	64.00	65.00	1.00	66.00
<i>Term</i>	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Temporary</i>	4.00	4.00	4.00	0.00	4.00
	65.00	69.00	69.00	1.00	70.00
TOTAL FTE POSITIONS	65.00	69.00	69.00	1.00	70.00

P-Code	Cat	FY24	FY25	FY26	ΔFY25
P642 (Administration & Operations)	200	\$3,911.1	\$4,341.3	\$4,875.7	12%
	300	\$177.9	\$177.9	\$1,246.4	601%
	400	\$722.6	\$722.6	\$1,623.5	125%
P783 (Elections)	200	\$1,872.0	\$2,012.1	\$2,476.7	23%
	300	\$1,464.3	\$722.8	\$2,474.6	242%
	400	\$8,693.6	\$10,131.8	\$1,624.8	-84%
Total		\$16,841.5	\$18,108.5	\$14,321.7	-21%

Dollars in thousands.

Budget Request Year-to-Year

Expansion Request



One (1) Additional FTE

- Position: Elections Outreach Coordinator
- Areclassification of a current Term (STRM) position to a Permanent (PERM) FTE position due an increased need and role in the Office.
- Continuation of a federally funded initiative to increase elections outreach efforts across the state with a particular emphasis on civics education among youth in underserved areas in New Mexico.

Working to Re-fill All Vacant Positions in FY25

- Currently at 69 FTE(4 Temp) in FY25.
- Current Vacancy Rate: Administration & Operations: 21% Elections: 24%
- Actively hiring all budgeted FTE.

Section 5 & 6 Requests

Specials & Supplemental Requests

Section 5 Requests

- \$300,000 – to implement identity verification & multi-factor authentication for public-facing Business Services websites.
- \$400,000 – for consultation work in support of a migration to the DoIT Environment.
- \$5,500,000 – to the Election Fund to ensure its full solvency for future elections.

Section 6 Requests

- \$65,000 – to true up a negative cash standing from a historical capital outlay project.
- \$2,100,000 – to the Election Fund to true up a negative cash standing due to prior year requests.

Section 7 Requests

C2 Projects



\$1,960,000 – for an Election People, Property, and Process Management System (EPPMS) Project.



\$5,000,000 – for an Ethics e-File Campaign Finance System Project.

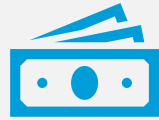
A New Election Funding Mechanism

Senate Bill 108

Amended 1-11-19 NMSA 1978 through Laws 2024, Ch. 24, § 2.

- Removed all Direct Election Costs from the Office's Base Operating Budget.
- Replenishes up to \$15 Million directly to the fund on a reimbursement basis within ninety days of an Election Day starting with the 2024 General Election.
- Stabilizes future appropriation requests by promoting budget consistency and eliminating the year-to-year variability observed in the past.

Cost Impact to Elections following Legislative Changes in 2023



Implementation Costs:

~\$1.4 Million



Cost-Per-Election Increases:

~\$2.3 Million



Annual Cost Increases:

~\$50K

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