

Elections Finance & Government Operations - Budget Overview



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Elections Change Items

- OSS is requesting \$200,000 in one-time funds for the state match for the latest round of federal Help American Vote Act (HAVA) funds. The state funds will meet the 20 percent match requirement needed to access \$1 million in federal funds.
- [Minnesota Statutes 5.30](#)

Presidential Primary

- Open statutory appropriation provides funding for state and local government costs for administering the presidential primary. The appropriation is for every other even year. The FY 2028 forecasted amount is \$15.25 million
- [Minnesota Statutes 207A.15](#)

Campaign Finance Board & Public Disclosure Board

[Campaign Finance Board Agency Profile & Base Budget Pages](#)

Board Operations – General Fund base: \$3.59 million for FY 2026-27

Public Subsidy Program

- Statutory general fund appropriation of \$2.432 million for transfer to the general account of the state elections campaign account
- Open general fund appropriation equal to the amount of designated income tax checkoffs. Total FY 26-27 amount forecasted at \$1.3 million for the biennium
- [Minnesota Statutes 10A.31 Subd 4\(b\)](#)

2023 Session Change: Voting Operations, Technology and Elections Resources (VOTER) Account Established

[Minnesota Statutes 5.305](#)

The VOTER account was established in the 2023 session to provide resources to local governments for certain election related costs. Base funding for the account is \$3 million each year from the general fund. The general fund appropriations are transferred to a dedicated account in the special revenue fund.