

Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State

FY24 – FY25 Elections Budget Requests

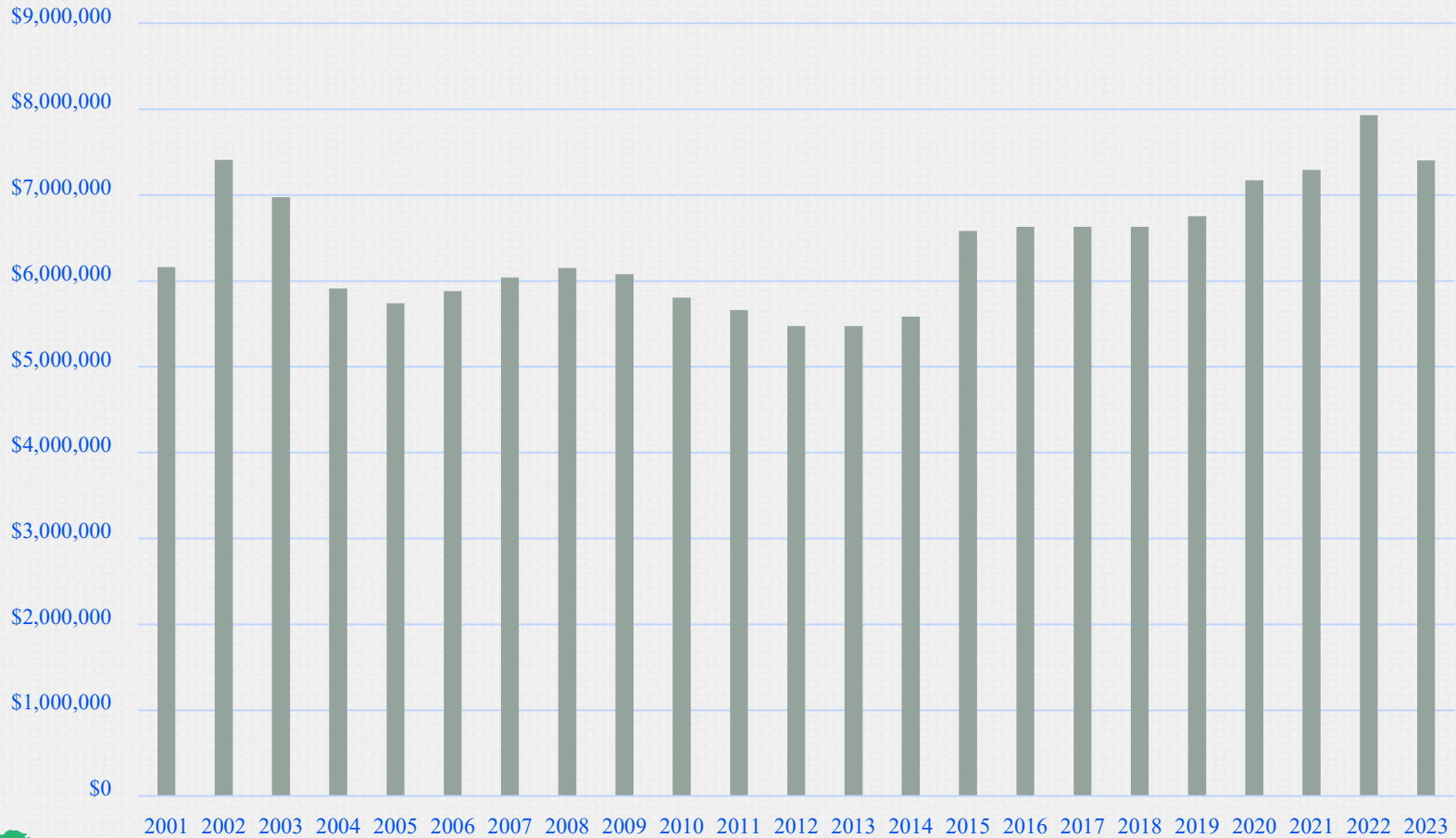
Contributor to the General Fund

\$27 million per biennium (net)

\$13.5 million per year

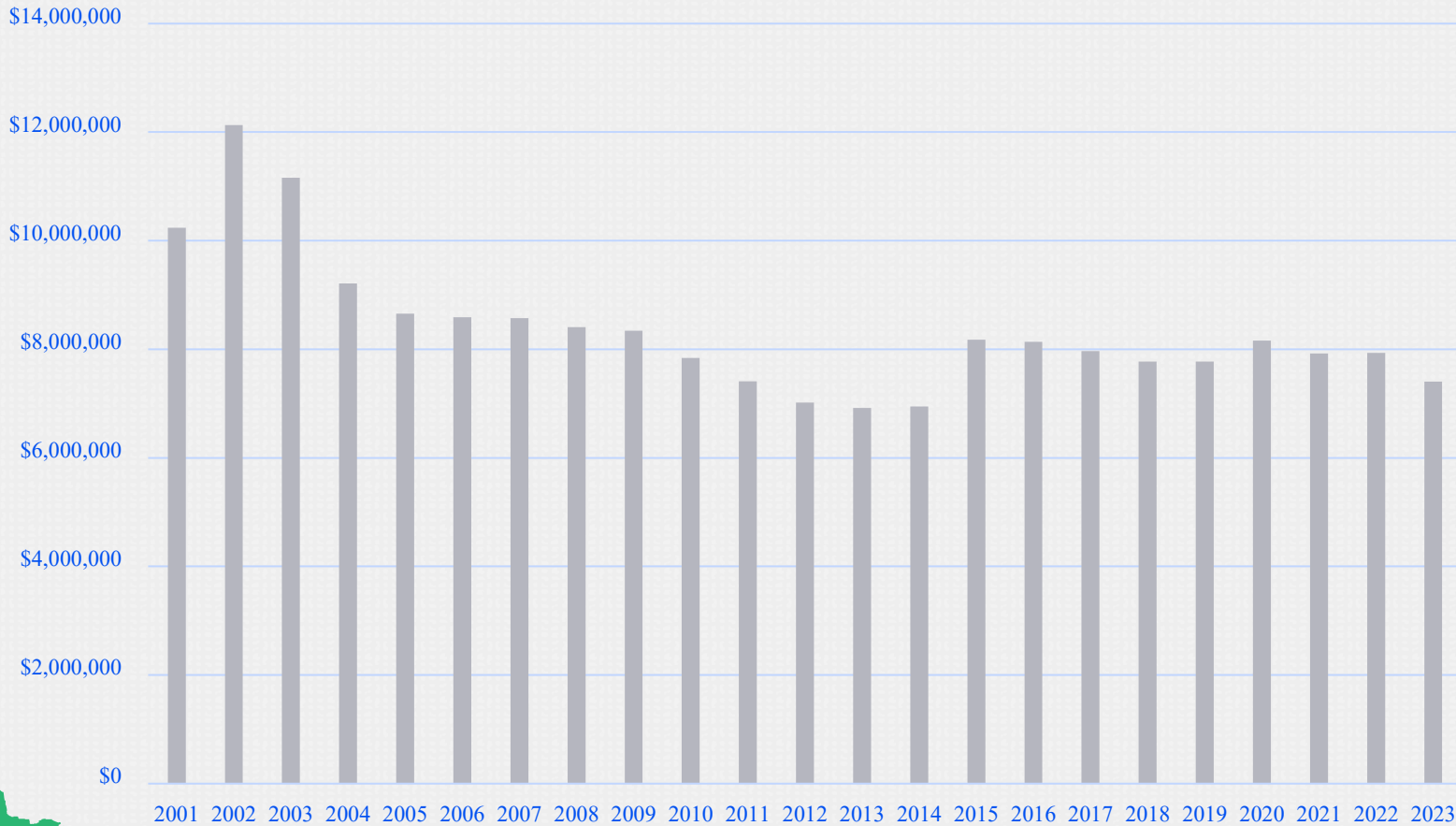


General Fund Operating Appropriation



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General Fund Operating Appropriation Inflation Adjusted



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Election Related Staffing

- 9 FTEs in Elections Administration
- 9 FTE in Elections IT Systems Development
- 2 FTE in Elections Cybernavigation Division
- 1 FTE and 1 temporary employee in Elections Outreach
- 1 FTE serving as General Counsel

Election Administration Budget Request

Change Item Title: Election Administration and Voter Information

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
General Fund				
Expenditures	559	559	559	559
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Other Funds				
Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	559	559	559	559
FTEs	6	6	6	6

Election Administration

Budget Request

Six Positions:

- 3 FTEs Supporting Election Administration
- 1 FTE Supporting Voter Outreach
- 1 FTE Supporting Election and Voter Communications and Information
- 1 FTE Supporting Compliance and Data Practices Requests

Election Administration

Budget Request

Ongoing and Increased Needs

Training for New Local Officials:

- 1 of 5 County Auditor or chief election official is new since 2020

Voting Equipment Certification:

- 4 current vendors with 12 pieces of technology

Election Administration

Budget Request

Ongoing and Increased Needs

Grant Administration:

- 2011-2017: administered less than \$1,000,000 in grant funds
- 2018-2022: administered over \$20,000,000 in grant funds, and over \$9,000,000 in reimbursements to locals

Election Physical Security Budget Request

Change Item Title: Enhancing Office Physical Security

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
General Fund				
Expenditures	200	200	200	200
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Other Funds				
Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	200	200	200	200
FTEs	0	0	0	0

Help America Vote Act Budget Request

Change Item Title: 2022 HAVA Election Security Funds State Match

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
General Fund				
Expenditures	230	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Other Funds				
Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	230	0	0	0
FTEs	0	0	0	0

Help America Vote Act Budget Request

The Consolidated Appropriations Acts of 2022 and 2023 provided \$75 million each year to the EAC to distribute to states.

Minnesota allocated \$1,151,122 in each year, for a total of \$2,302,244 in federal funds.

Minnesota is required to provide a 20% match, or \$230,225 per year, for a total of \$460,448.

Help America Vote Act Budget Request

Permissible Uses:

HAVA Security Funds can be used “for activities to improve the administration of elections for Federal office, including to enhance election technology and make election security improvements, as authorized under sections 101, 103, and 104 of HAVA.”

Accountability and Oversight:

- Required spending plan filed with the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) (published on their website).
- Quarterly financial reports are submitted to the EAC.

Redistricting Litigation Fees Budget Request

Change Item Title: Redistricting Litigation Fees

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
General Fund				
Expenditures	477	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Other Funds				
Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	477	0	0	0
FTEs	0	0	0	0

Redistricting Litigation Budget Request

Total Original Award:	\$477,006.16
Interest to Date:	\$8,991.24
Total as of Feb. 9:	\$485,997.40
Interest if Paid July 1:	\$18,269.99
Total if Paid July 1:	\$495,276.15

Redistricting Litigation Budget Request

“We are mindful that the attorney fees awarded here will be ‘paid in effect by state and local taxpayers.’ Perdue, 559 U.S. at 559. This expense becomes necessary when the legislature fails to complete redistricting and citizens must initiate litigation to protect their voting rights—a now familiar pattern in Minnesota. An award of attorney fees must balance these considerations, empowering Minnesotans to vindicate their rights in court, when necessary, while protecting public funds. We have done so by carefully scrutinizing the applications and awarding only demonstrably reasonable attorney fees.”

-August 31, 2022, Special Redistricting Panel

Questions

