

NM Secretary of State FY23 Budget Request

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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2020 Election Cycle

- ▶ General Election - November 2020
 - ▶ 62% turnout, highest in state history
 - ▶ Conducted safely with COVID precautions and protocols
 - ▶ CARES from state helped to implement ballot box project and provide PPE
- ▶ Special Congressional District 1 Election - May 2021
 - ▶ Successful election in 5 counties
 - ▶ Conducted safely with COVID precautions and protocols

Overall Budget Request

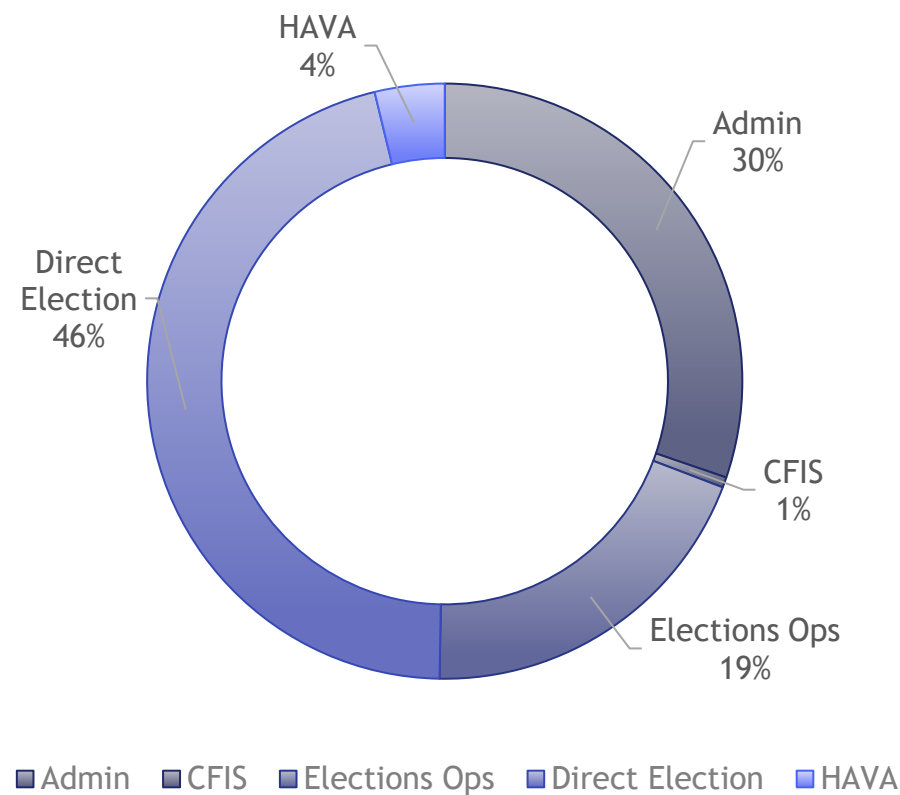
- ▶ Total request is \$15,084,100
- ▶ Overall decrease from FY22 Operating Budget
 - ▶ No Regular Local Election in odd fiscal years
 - ▶ Consideration for funding every fiscal year
- ▶ Increases in personal services
 - ▶ Incorporating Election Security Program staff into operating budget
 - ▶ Repurposing and funding vacant positions
- ▶ Increases in IT Costs
 - ▶ Increasing costs in maintaining licenses and warranty

Consideration of Funding Regular Local Election Fund Annually

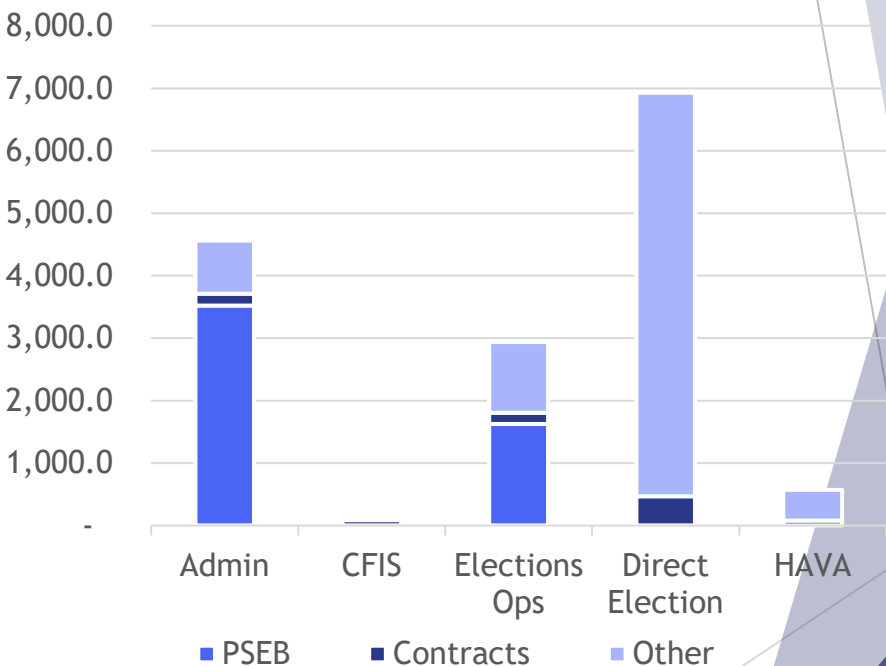
- ▶ Provide funding of \$3 million each fiscal year
- ▶ Expenditures only in even fiscal years, estimate of \$6 million
- ▶ SOS will have a more predictable year to year budget
- ▶ RLE is not unknown, unplanned or a one-time expenditure as with Special Appropriations

Budget request by Fund and Category

Percentage by Fund



Fund by Category



Structural Changes to SOS Funding

- ▶ New Funds Established

- ▶ Established by Election Code in 2018 and 2019

- ▶ Regular Local Election Fund

- ▶ Only used in even fiscal years for Regular Local Elections in November of odd years
 - ▶ Pays for all direct election costs incurred at both state and county levels

- ▶ Statewide Election Fund

- ▶ Used for General and Primary Elections every fiscal year
 - ▶ Pays for all direct election costs incurred at both state and county levels

- ▶ Operating Funds

- ▶ Elections Operations and Administration Operations

- ▶ All PSEB and contractual and other office operational costs

Increases to Personal Services

- ▶ No additional FTE requested
- ▶ Repurposing vacant unfunded positions
 - ▶ Auditor to support disclosure compliance
 - ▶ Finance staff for grant funding structure to counties for election costs
 - ▶ IT staff to maintain and support election and business services systems
- ▶ Incorporating Election Security Program into Operations
 - ▶ 5 staff members, currently term positions
 - ▶ Essential to the integrity and security of elections
 - ▶ Continues the program beyond the grant funding
 - ▶ Demonstrates the State's commitment to fair and secure elections

Special and Supplemental Requests

- ▶ Operating Budget Supplemental
 - ▶ Admin & Operations Budget
 - ▶ Personal services underfunded for current staffing levels
 - ▶ Hire finance and IT staff
 - ▶ Additional contractual services
 - ▶ Elections Operations Budget
 - ▶ Personal services underfunded for current staffing levels
 - ▶ Hire disclosure auditor
 - ▶ Statewide Election Fund
 - ▶ Underfunded for the 2022 Primary Election
- ▶ Special Appropriations
 - ▶ Redistricting Costs - Notice to registered voters \$1.5 million
 - ▶ Document Imaging Project \$80,000
 - ▶ Replacement scanners for mail ballot tabulators \$170,000
 - ▶ SERVIS Enhancements (and match for HAVA funds) \$100,000
- ▶ Reauthorization Request
 - ▶ Balance of Special Appropriation for CD1 Election for use in the Primary Election

Questions

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