

Appropriations Request

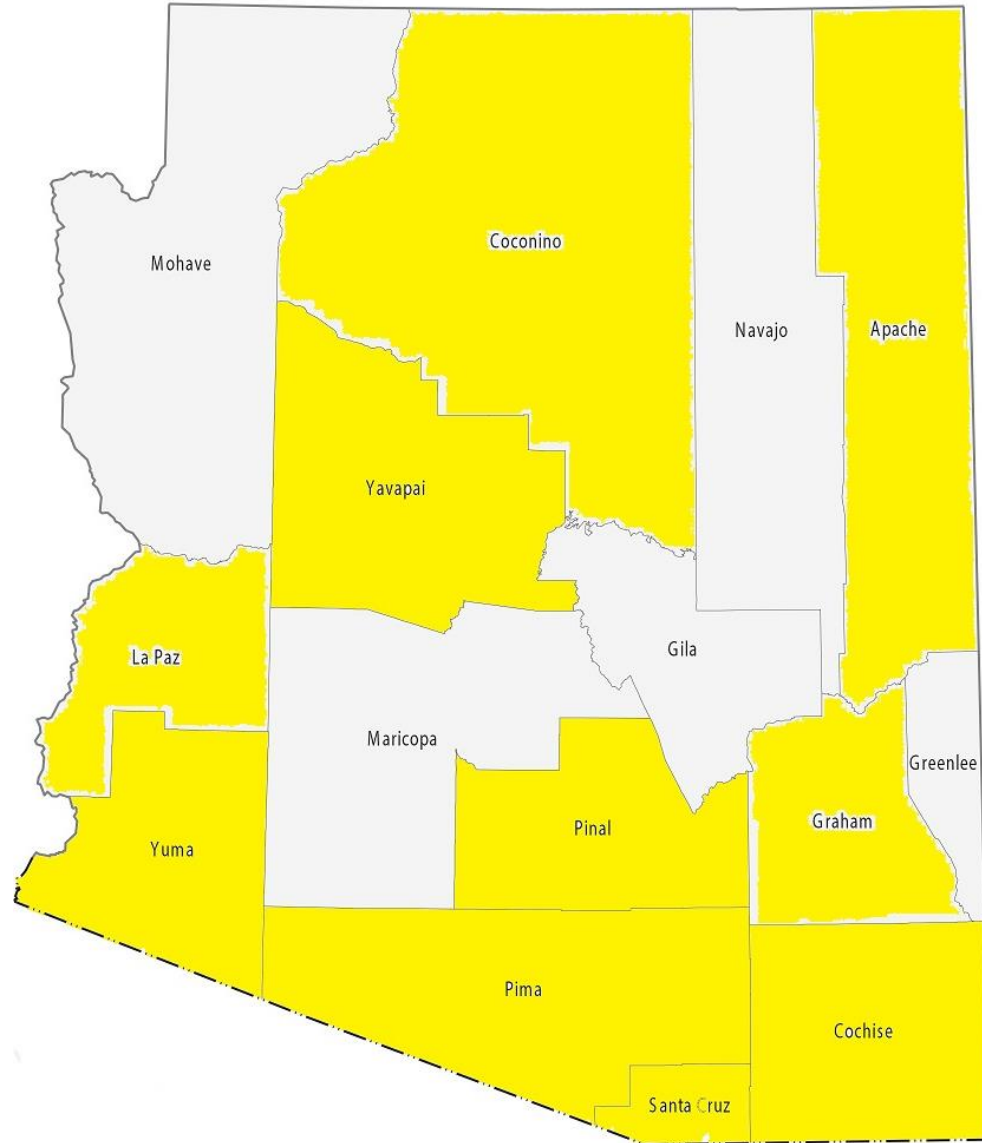
House Appropriations Subcommittee
on Fiscal Accountability

Thursday, March 30, 2023



3 Priorities

- To support the counties that run our elections
- To protect our voting systems from attack by foreign & non-state actors
- To strengthen Arizona's economy



10 out of 15 Counties Have Lost Top Elections Officials

- Republicans, Democrats and Independents
- Threats of violence and intimidation a daily reality for elections workers throughout state, and nation
- Counties run our elections and they need our support

\$16.50 an hour
6 months

- The average hourly wage and tenure for non-managerial employees at our [Business Services Department](#)
- Entrusted with making decisions on millions of dollars in investments in Arizona's economy



Trade Names and Trademarks

Register a Trade Name, Trademark, or a Slogan



Notary Public

A notary public witnesses signatures, verifies identities of signers, and must be impartial.



Apostille and Document Authentication

Apostilles are notarized or certified documents by a public official that are going to a Foreign country only.



Uniform Commercial Code (UCC)

Uniform Commercial Code ("UCC") establishes a standard for recording liens across the country. The Secretary of State processes liens which protect financial interests on, for example, consumer goods or commercial equipment.



Partnerships

The Arizona Secretary of State files limited partnerships for the state of Arizona. Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) Title 29 governs the filing and recording of limited partnerships.



Other Services

Veterans Charities Organizations, Telephonic Sellers, Professional Employer Organizations

Funding We Are Asking For:

- Critical Election Workforce – Add critically needed positions to support counties
- Physical & Cyber Security Infrastructure – Security detail for the Secretary, protect SOS & counties from IT vulnerabilities, create Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) position
- Business Services Enhancement – Professionalize staff in charge of making decisions on millions in job-creating investment
- Voter Information Effort – Allow us to use already allocated Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funding to help counties get the word out about Presidential Preference Election, less than a year away
- Address Confidentiality Program – Stabilize revenue stream to keep our promises to victims

Critical Election Workforce

Helping counties get the job done

- Provide Much Needed Support & Training for Counties
 - 6 FTEs
- Campaign Finance, Lobbyist Registration, Public Records Requests, and Legal/Compliance
 - 4 FTEs
- Upgrade IT Systems
 - Legislatively mandated changes to AVID
 - Campaign Finance Reporting Platform
 - Lobbyist Registration and Reporting

GF – On Going	GF – One Time	Federal Funds
\$1,166,500	\$ 500,000	

Physical & Cyber Security

Elections infrastructure is critical infrastructure

- Create election Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) position
 - 1 FTE
- Cyber security and PEN study
- Identify and correct vulnerabilities to attack
- Publicly accessible election window at 2nd Floor of Executive Tower
- Security detail for Secretary (specifics TBD)

GF – On Going	GF – One Time	Federal Funds
\$1,037,600	\$450,000	

Business Services Enhancement

Improving Arizona business connections

- Business One Stop (B1S) = Provides a single online location to plan and start business registration & licensing
 - AZ Corp Comm
 - AZ Dept. of Revenue
 - AZ SOS
- B1S relies on SOS Business Services Division
 - IT infrastructure improvement needed to realize vision of B1S
 - Professionalize and lower turnover by increasing salaries for 11 FTEs

GF – On Going	GF – One Time	Federal Funds
\$110,000	\$250,000	

Voter Information Effort

Helping counties get the word out

- Federal Helping America Vote Act (HAVA) funds are available to Arizona but must be appropriated to:
 - Educate voters statewide about changes to election process—many of which are being proposed by Legislature
 - Get word out about rules on Presidential Preference Election, now less than a year away
- All counties—especially rural counties—need help

GF – On Going	GF – One Time	Federal Funds
		\$3,000,000

Address Confidentiality Program

Keep our commitment to victims

- Need for stable funding for statutorily-mandated program to protect victims
- Recent loss of federal Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funding
- Additionally, OSPB Budget calls for elimination of fines that help fund program

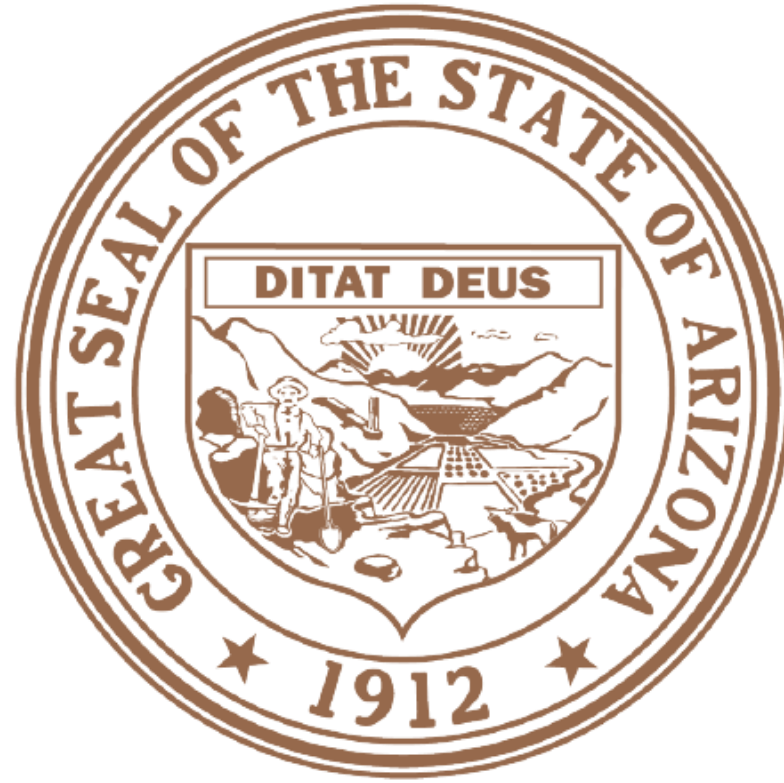
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\$250,000		

Other Top Priorities

- Presidential Preference Election – *FY24 supplemental issue
- Talking Book Library for the blind, people with low vision & other disabilities
 - Running out of donation funds, need stable funding source to remain open
- Library & Archives
 - Building Feasibility Study needed to research cost of space to meet present & future needs
- Budget Analyst to maximize & efficiently manage federal funding
- Professional Employer Organization Registry
 - Passed in 2005
 - Industry requesting delayed implementation to July 1, 2024; SOS to work on all-digital platform

GF – On Going	GF – One Time	Federal Funds
\$155,000	\$300,000	

Thank you



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