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“Off-budget” funds are accounts that are not included in the appropriations process. In 2013, the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA) completed a review of these funds and made recommendations to improve transparency and management of these funds. The EOCJ subcommittee adopted these recommendations, which in many cases involved annual reporting on fund status to the subcommittee. This report provides a follow-up to off-budget funds within the Governor's Office, provided by the office.

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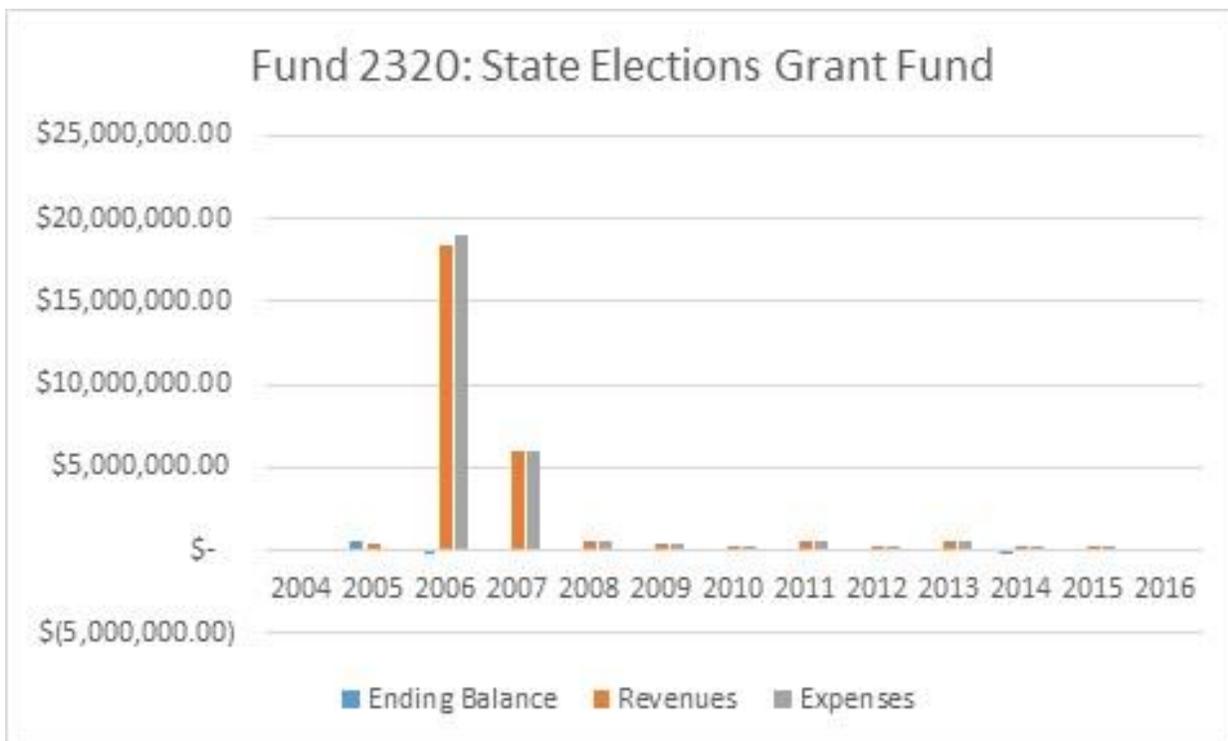
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Fund 2320 – State Elections Grant Fund

On October 29, 2002 the Federal Help America Vote Act was signed into law. The State receives federal funds to improve and reform the State's voting processes and equipment.

This fund was established to account for Federal funds that support various state and county efforts to improve and reform voting processes and equipment throughout the State so that voting is accessible to as many Utahns as possible



Fund 8160 – Lieutenant Governor - Election File Fee Fund

The purpose of fund is to collect candidate filing fees. Those fees are then paid out to the counties based on a statutory formula. The bulk of the revenue is collected every other year due to the election cycle. For example, FY 2016 was a large collection year. The Lieutenant Governor's Office is preparing to pay out all of the filing fees for this current cycle to the counties, but likely won't make the payments until sometime after the election. Since you never know how many candidates will file or how early or late they are going to file it would be fairly difficult to estimate collections form one year to the next.

The fund is in compliance with statute regarding transfers and disbursements. In the 2013 report on “off-budget” funds the LFA recommended a periodic audit/review by the State Auditor. Because this fund is subject to the regular financial auditing process, a specific audit is not necessary.

