

Funding Request for Modern Voting System

Utah needs a new and modern voting system. Utah’s counties need help from the State to pay for it.

Utah’s last voting system was purchased in 2006. Then Lt. Gov. Herbert was instrumental in obtaining \$27 million for that system. That system served us well, but needs to be replaced. The new system is expected to last another ten years, but at half the cost (only \$13 million). And, we only need a fraction of that amount up front, with additional funding spread out over the life of the system.

What We Need

Please note that Utah’s counties already spend approximately \$3.9 million to administer a single statewide election. The essential assistance from the State for a new voting system will not pay for ongoing elections administration - counties will continue to shoulder those costs independently.

One-time allocation of \$4.5 million in 2018.

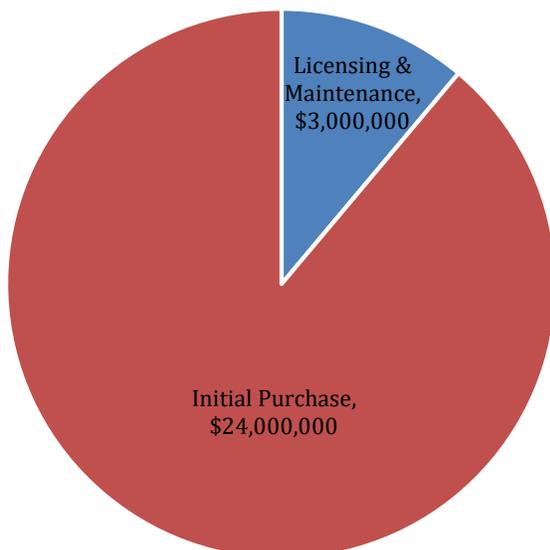
This will cover the initial purchase of voting systems for the first 20 counties. This purchase includes training, installation, software, and hardware (voting machines, ballot scanners, printers, computers for election programming, etc.). In short: everything needed to run an election.

Ongoing annual allocation of \$500K.

This will cover the initial purchase of voting systems for the remaining counties (including Salt Lake and Utah counties, estimated in 2021). It will also cover approximately 73% of the annual software licensing and maintenance agreements for all counties using the system.

Counties are not required to purchase the system from ES&S, the statewide-approved elections vendor. State funding will help ensure voting system consistency across counties, and will also qualify counties for an 8% discount on the cost of equipment.

Old Voting System - \$27 Million



New Voting System - \$13 Million

