

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Instructions: Complete all information in Parts A and B. Have Director/ Department Head sign and date on appropriate lines in Part C. Forward original to OPM Director, 10th Floor. OPM Director will forward to the Boards. Submit to OPM by the 20th of the month in order to be included on the next Board of Finance and Representatives meeting agendas.

Part A - Account Information

		Grant Year	FY23
Project #	S33NEW	Dept. Name	Town Clerk
Revenue #	243S0003322000	Account Title	State Assistance
Expend. #	244XXX3601 \$13,200.00	Account Title	Election Funding
	244XXX6100 \$ 750.92		
	244XXX6710 \$5,800.00		
	244XXX7307 \$15,000.00		

Source: CT Secretary of the State

Request Amount \$34,750.92

Previous Year's Expenditure	
Department Request	<u>\$ 34,750.92</u>
Approved by Mayor	<u></u>
Approved by Finance Board	<u></u>
Approved by Board of Reps.	<u></u>
Revised Budget	<u></u>
Balance in Account	<u></u>
Projected Exp. & Enc.	<u></u>

Part B - Request Description and Supporting Calculations

The City of Stamford has received election funding from the CT SOT Office. The Town Clerk will use this funding for the following expenses to support election activities: Website – sub-site dedicated to Town Clerk, Contractor as liaison with Granicus for layout, Divider wall to protect security and privacy of election space, 4 wall units to add shelving and storage, Dupont shelving system library style, 3 Laptops, Printer for election room, Automatic envelope opener, and Supplies. This is 100% grant funded.

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Part C - Approvals

Lyda Ruijter Sep 21, 2022
Lyda Ruijter (Sep 21, 2022 07:40 EDT)
Lyda Ruijter, City and Town Clerk

Anita Carpenter Sep 21, 2022
Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer

Elda Sinani Sep 22, 2022
Elda Sinani (Sep 22, 2022 10:11 EDT)
Elda Sinani, OPM Director

Sandy Dennies Sep 22, 2022
Sandy Dennies (Sep 22, 2022 10:27 EDT)
Sandy Dennies, Director of Administration

Caroline Simmons Sep 27, 2022
Caroline Simmons (Sep 27, 2022 13:36 EDT)
Caroline Simmons, Mayor

BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR SOTS GRANT September 2022

Grant amount	\$ 34,750.92
Website – sub-site dedicated to Town Clerk	\$ 6,700.00
Contractor as liaison with Granicus for layout	\$ 6,500.00
Divider wall to protect security and privacy of election space	\$ 5,000.00
4 wall units to add shelving and storage	\$ 6,000.00
Dupont shelving system library style	\$ 4,000.00
3 Laptops	\$ 4,000.00
Printer for election room	\$ 700.00
Automatic envelope opener	\$ 1,100.00
Supplies	\$ 750.92
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$ 34,750.92</u>

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Press Releases



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Absentee Ballot Support Grant to provide town clerks with resources needed for potentially larger numbers of absentee ballots returned

HARTFORD – Secretary of the State Mark Kohler announced today that more than \$1 million will be sent directly to Connecticut's 169 towns to help assist with absentee ballots in the 2022 general election in November.

The federally funded Absentee Ballot Support Grant will be given to towns so town clerks will have the resources needed to process, mail, and count what is expected to be a high number of absentee ballots returned in 2022.

"The Absentee Ballot Support Grant will be available for every town to ensure every voter has access to participating in November's election," Secretary Kohler said. "However, with the unprecedented number of absentee ballots returned in 2020 and the recent expansion of the eligibility for absentee balloting, I don't believe that towns have enough financial support going forward. State and federal officials should step it up and fully fund elections."

The 2020 election was the first in state history in which every voter was able to vote by absentee ballot if they wanted, and more than 665,000 Connecticut residents did due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To ensure every voter was able to exercise their constitutional right to vote, access to absentee ballots was made accessible to every voter in 2020 and 2021.

This past year, the Connecticut General Assembly passed legislation that expanded the valid reasons for absentee voting to include out-of-town commuters and caretakers of those who are ill or have a disability, to be able to vote by absentee ballot as well.

"It is imperative we ensure that every eligible voter can cast their ballot in the method of their choosing," Kohler said. "Our vote is our voice."

The amount of aid the towns will receive is proportional to an average of the number of absentee ballots received in 2018 and 2020. No town will receive less than \$1,000.00.

"The Connecticut Town Clerks Association is grateful to Secretary of the State Mark Kohler for providing this grant to every