
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2021

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Voter Registration System Update — TRF

Purpose

These appropriations will support an upgrade of the IVOTERS application. IVOTERS is Iowa's election management system. The funding will also support changes that are required to implement 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter [110](#) (Regulation of Election and Voting Act), which authorized 17-year olds to vote in a primary election if they will be 18-year olds at the time of a general or regular city election.

The IVOTERS application contains Iowa's voter information and is the central application for elections management. The current system was created in 2005, and the Secretary of State has identified a need to upgrade the system. Specifically, the Secretary of State identified a need to withstand cyberattacks, correct for human error, better support absentee voting, and provide additional analytical capabilities.

Funding

In total, the General Assembly appropriated \$7.4 million to IVOTERS from the Technology Reinvestment Fund (TRF) over the next five fiscal years. Funding supports the implementation of 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 110, a request for proposals (RFP) to upgrade IVOTERS; and the upgrade of the IVOTERS application.

Appropriation Uses

2017 Iowa Acts, ch. 110	\$	190,000
IVOTERS RFP		160,000
IVOTERS Upgrade		7,000,000
Total	\$	7,350,000

Appropriations by Year

FY 2019	\$	1,050,000
FY 2020		2,100,000
FY 2021		1,400,000
FY 2022		1,400,000
FY 2023		1,400,000
Total	\$	7,350,000

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