

SECRETARY OF STATE

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2023 EXPENDITURE	FY 2024 APPROPRIATION	FY 2025 GOVERNOR RECOMMENDS
Administration	\$ 14,627,963	\$ 20,595,537	\$ 22,796,703
Elections	26,333,911	26,704,496	39,434,496
Record Preservation Programs	117,611	475,000	475,000
Missouri Library Programs	15,228,368	14,988,251	14,988,251
TOTAL	\$ 56,307,853	\$ 62,763,284	\$ 77,694,450
General Revenue Fund	35,278,400	26,183,408	39,212,311
Federal Funds	16,710,606	27,536,217	27,557,278
Other Funds	4,318,847	9,043,659	10,924,861
Total Full-time Equivalent Employees	202.39	267.30	267.30

Article IV, Section 14 of the Missouri Constitution sets forth the responsibilities of the Secretary of State.

ADMINISTRATION

The Office of the Secretary of State provides services as follows:

Administrative Services – Provides central budgeting, payroll, human resources, accounting, supplies, and mailroom services for all areas of the office. Responsibilities also include publication of the official manual of the State of Missouri, the Constitution, corporation laws, securities laws, the uniform commercial code manual, notary public laws, trademark laws, primary election returns, and the state and general assembly roster.

Elections Services – Prepares ballots, certifies candidates, canvasses election returns, certifies initiative petitions, and maintains the statewide voter registration database.

Record Services – Provides for the maintenance, retention, preservation, and disposal of official records of the state and local governments of Missouri.

Administrative Rules and Legal Services – Serves as the central filing office for all rules and regulations promulgated by departments of the State of Missouri.

Securities Services – Works to protect Missouri investors from fraud and maintains an orderly securities market in the state. The Securities Commissioner administers the Missouri Uniform Securities Act.

Business Services – Administers the laws and filings of corporations and non-profit organizations. The division is the central filing office and custodian of all filings on business and professional loans. Additionally, the division commissions public notaries.

Missouri State Library – Supports or works in concert with public, academic, and institutional libraries of the state with grant support, consultant services, development of criteria for establishment of libraries, collection development, and resource sharing. The library serves as a research and reference library for state government and the legislature and as the central outlet for census data information.

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Wolfner Library - Provides a variety of Braille, large print books, audio books, and playback equipment for eligible citizens who are blind or have visual impairments, physical disabilities, or learning disabilities. The federal government, through the National Library Service, provides production of the materials, equipment, and postal charges for their distribution. The State of Missouri pays for staffing and the cost of housing the collections of material and equipment for staff to operate the service.

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- \$1,000,000 Secretary of State's Technology Trust Fund Account for information technology and connectivity maintenance and improvements.
- \$800,000 Investor Education and Protection Fund to support rulemaking to educate and protect investors.
- \$401,166 for pay plan, including \$298,903 general revenue.

ELECTIONS

Initiative, Referendum, and Constitutional Amendments Expenses - Funds are provided to allow for the publication of the texts of initiative petitions and referendums in newspapers prior to their consideration by the electorate of the State of Missouri.

Absentee Ballots – Funds are provided to allow for fees and costs for establishing and maintaining the business reply and postage-free mail for absentee envelopes returned by voters, in accordance with Section 115.285, RSMo.

Election Printing and Federal Election Reform – Provisional ballot envelopes must be provided for local election authorities to use in elections of federal candidates, statewide candidates, or statewide issues. In addition, the Elections Division must print and distribute voter registration applications in accordance with federal laws.

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- \$9,500,000 for state election administration costs and to reimburse local election authorities.
- \$3,100,000 for publishing the full texts of any statewide ballot measures in local newspapers throughout the state.
- \$130,000 for reimbursement to local election authorities for absentee ballot return postage costs.

RECORD PRESERVATION PROGRAMS

Local Records Grants – These funds are user fees designated for local records preservation. Missouri local governments submit proposals that address their specific needs in archive/records management. The Historical Records Advisory Board, in concert with the Local Records Program Fiscal Grants Officer, establishes and implements funding priorities and audit the return of money to local governments.

Document Preservation – These funds are private donations designated for preservation of documents of legal, historical, and genealogical importance to the State of Missouri.

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Continue funding at the current level.

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MISSOURI LIBRARY PROGRAMS

State Aid for Public Libraries – The Missouri Constitution authorizes the state to support and aid public libraries. Consistent with this authority and the procedure set out in Section 181.060, RSMo, the Missouri State Library distributes funds to eligible public libraries on the basis of population served by the library district. A public library becomes eligible for participation if it has voted for a local tax of at least ten cents per one hundred dollars assessed valuation. Local libraries use state funds to supplement local support.

Library Networking Fund – Section 143.183, RSMo, authorizes the transfer from general revenue of ten percent of the annual estimate of income taxes generated from nonresident athletes and entertainers to the Library Networking Fund for distribution to public libraries for the acquisition of library materials.

Federal Aid for Public Libraries – The Missouri State Library administers federal grants under the federal Library Services and Construction Act. The library distributes funds to local public libraries for personnel, books, other library materials, and for general operating expenses to develop and improve library services. In addition, funds are available to local groups of libraries for improving local library cooperation. All costs for cooperative projects, except book purchases and building construction, are eligible for funding.

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