Budget Savings Options 2025

Dollars in Thousands

Agency: 085-Office of the Secretary of State

Agency Priority H, M, L	Impact 1-5	Program/Activity	GF-S					Other Funds					FTE Change					Brief Description and Rationale	Effective Date (MM/YY)	Impacts of Reductions and Other Considerations	Law/Reg. Change Required (cite)
			FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY28	FY 29	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY28	FY 29	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY28	FY 29				
M	1	060 - Archives – Return of Unused GF-S Grant Funds	25	25	25	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	The agency is relinquishing General Fund-State (GF-S) grant funding that is no longer required. These funds were previously allocated for a specific purpose that is no longer applicable, and returning them aligns with the state's budget efficiency objectives	7/1	This reduction has no operational or service impact, as the relinquished funds were designated for a specific use that is no longer necessary. Returning these funds ensures efficient allocation of state resources without disrupting archival services.	N/A
M	1	040 - Administration – Reduction of Overhead Discretionary GF-S Spending	216	216	216	216	216	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	The agency is reducing discretionary overhead spending within Administration by returning GF-S funding. This reduction focuses on non-essential operational costs to ensure fiscal responsibility while maintaining core administrative functions	7/1	Reducing discretionary overhead spending limits the agency's ability to absorb unforeseen cost increases and constrains operational flexibility. This may reduce the agency's ability to respond quickly to emerging needs and could place additional pressure on remaining resources.	N/A
M	1	090 - Library – Removal of Non-Appropriated 14E-6 Funds Due to WTBBL Lease Expiration	0	0	0	0	0	373	373	373	373	373	0	0	0	0	0	The agency is removing $746,000 in non-appropriated funding from the 14E-6 account, which was originally associated with lease revenue from the WTBBL facility. Since the agency no longer receives lease payments, retaining and spending these funds would create an unsustainable financial burden on the 14E account.	7/1	The primary impact of this reduction is on staffing within the Library Program. Since the 14E account is already experiencing revenue challenges, the agency has already reduced its FTE footprint. The removal of these funds further restricts hiring capacity, reinforcing existing constraints on library operations.	N/A
M	1	040 - Administration – Reallocation of 24E Funds for Archives and Library Planning	0	0	0	0	0	353	677	353	677	353	0	0	0	0	0	The agency is reallocating available funds from the 24E Library Archives Building Account to support feasibility and predesign work while contributing to the required 6% budget reduction target. This approach ensures that planning efforts for future infrastructure continue without disruption while also addressing immediate fiscal constraints	7/1	The reallocation of 24E funding to support the feasibility study and predesign work for the new Archives and Library Building ensures that critical planning efforts continue while also contributing to the 6% budget reduction target. However, this reduces available funding for other potential uses within 24E, which may limit flexibility for unforeseen needs. Additionally, while this funding mitigates the impact of the reduction exercise, long-term funding strategies will be required to fully support the project beyond the initial planning phase.	N/A

Priority:

L = Low priority agency activity or program
M = Medium priority agency activity or program
H = High priority agency activity or program

Impact:
1 = Allows continuation of the program/activity at a reduced level
2 = Eliminates the ability to perform program objectives
3 = Eliminates agency function
4 = Long term implications (moves the problem to next

Bien Target	2,258
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Development Notes from OSOS Budget Office:

The Office of the Secretary of State is committed to responsibly meeting the governor's budget reduction target while ensuring that core services remain funded.

The agency's General Fund-State (GFS) budget begins with a balance of $76 million. However, a significant portion of this funding—$38 million—is allocated for state-share election costs, which serve as a direct pass-through to counties for election reimbursement. Since these funds do not represent discretionary spending, they were be excluded from the reduction calculation.

After backing out election costs, the remaining budget subject to the 6% reduction exercise is $37 million. Applying the 6% reduction to this adjusted total results in a revised target of $2.2 million.