

BUDGET REQUEST FY 2025-2026



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Alachua

KIM A. BARTON
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS



April 30, 2025

Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
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To: Charles "Chuck" Chestnut, IV, Chair, Alachua County Board of County Commission
Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
Michele L. Lieberman, County Manager
Tommy Crosby, Assistant County Manager for Budget & Fiscal Services

RE: FY 2025-2026 Budget

Commissioners and Staff:

In accordance with F.S. 129.201 and F.S. 129.03(2), I submit the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections budget request for FY 25-26. I respectfully request that any changes made to this proposed budget be provided to me in writing.

The Supervisor of Elections Office is a constitutional office and must operate in accordance with county, state, and federal laws. Florida Statutes define and direct not only the administration of elections, but also the voter registration process, retention of public records, candidate and petition services and the voter education and outreach activities performed by this office.

The Supervisor of Elections budget varies annually depending upon number and type of elections contained in each budget cycle, as well as anticipated voter turnout. The 2026 Primary Election is contained in this budget cycle. As we prepare for this election, the cost to administer elections continue to increase.

This budget is prepared based on the following:

- Expenses to conduct one Countywide Election (Primary Election)
- The Cost for EViD Cart Stations (electronic pollbooks)
- Increase in Elections Worker Pay
- COLA increases for Employees

- Increases in Vendor Costs
- New County Warehouse Needs

I have provided justifications for required expenditures for the efficient operations of the Supervisor of Elections Office as well as sufficient funds to conduct the 2026 Primary Election in August.

Other Items for Discussion

Our website vendor, VR Systems, Inc., recently notified all SOE customers in Florida that they would no longer host our websites. Due to this, we must find a new vendor and have our new website in place by December 31, 2025. Our office is currently interviewing several vendors. We do not know the cost but may need to bring the cost of this expenditure back to the board for approval, if needed.

As always, this budget does not include a request for funds for potential recounts. We will need to come back to the BOCC to request additional funds if a recount is called.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions and thank you in advance for your consideration of this proposed budget request.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim A. Barton
Supervisor of Elections
Alachua County

Requests for FY 2025 – 2026

- **Electronic Pollbook Stations**

We are requesting funds to fabricate Electronic Pollbook stations, a solution to streamline our equipment deployment and usage of space within our polling locations to allow for better processing of voters and a more efficient utilization of the available space.

Materials	\$166,000	171.12.1200.513.52.00
Tooling	\$4,000	171.12.1200.513.52.00
Total Cost	\$170,000	

- **County Warehouse Materials**

To support the process the County has started with the purchase of additional warehouse space for use by the Supervisor of Elections, we request funds that will support the organizational and operational needs within that space.

Materials	\$20,000	171.12.1200.513.52.00
Total Cost	\$20,000	

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

FY26 OFFICE BUDGET

	FY26		FY26		FY26	
	Base Req Budget		Department Total Req		Recurring	One Time
* Personal Services	\$	2,700,631	\$	2,750,687	\$ 50,056	\$ -
* Operating Expenditures	\$	1,242,257	\$	1,440,057	\$ 7,800	\$ 190,000
* Capital Outlay	\$	85,000	\$	85,000	\$ -	\$ -
Totals	\$	4,027,888	\$	4,275,744	\$ 57,856	\$ 190,000