**CARES Act Primary Election Narrative**

State of Utah

Office of the Utah Lieutenant Governor

The federal government requires a report after each primary and general election that includes a full accounting of the uses of the CARES Act and an explanation of how the funds were used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. **Please submit this narrative to elections@utah.gov no later than July 16, 2020.**

1. **How did the county use the funds to address the pandemic?**

Tooele County ran a drive through election to assist voters who did not receive ballots in the mail. The money from the CARES act help fund the expenses of the drive through, plus the extra PPE that was required in handling the ballots, additional mailing expenses, extra staff to accommodate drive through and safe ballot counting. Tooele County also mailed post cards and flyers to homes to encourage unaffiliated voters to have an opportunity to participate in the election, as well as an additional postcard informing voters there would be no early voting or normal polling locations. The county mailed flyers and ran several newspaper ads to educate voters on how the election would be ran during a pandemic. There was also extra expense to include information with the ballot about safe election practices during the pandemic.

1. **What were some challenges and major issues the county faced in responding to the pandemic?**

The expense and extra burden of remailing multiple times (more than usual) was difficult with limited office staff. But this also reduced the amount of traffic that came through the election day drive through. Some delays in mail caused ballots to not arrive in a timely fashion.