**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?**

Beaver County used the CARES act funds to assist in keeping our voters and staff safe with minimal in-person interactions. We purchased a plexi-glass countertop sneeze guard barrier between the voters and staff.

We also included a sticker for sealing the envelopes and First Class postage, eliminating increased exposure to our staff at the Post Office and ensuring ballots arrived within the deadlines.

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

With a smaller county and a slower outbreak we were up against voters wearing masks, therefore we needed a secondary barrier for our staff in addition to our own PPE and the provided disposable masks for voters. (sneeze guard)

We went from our historical 1% to 2% in person voters this election, which increased the need for sanitizing voting booths and spreading out throughout the office.