



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?

Utah County used the funds for hazard pay for poll workers, disinfecting vote centers after their use, checking-in voters so they can remain in their vehicles and not congest vote centers, COVID-19 ballot inserts, flyers to direct voters to the closest drop box once they picked-up their ballot on Election Day, poll worker training videos for a virtual training, telecommuting expenses to isolate any potential COVID-19 cases in the office, and personal protective equipment supplies.

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

The primary challenges faced by Utah County in responding to the pandemic were: voter education on vote-by-mail, addressing the circulation of misinformation, staffing poll workers that were not at high risk, recruitment of poll workers that were not at high risk, preparing to replace poll workers that were symptomatic, identifying vote centers that would comply with government mandates, unpredictable public behavior in response to the pandemic, maintaining social distancing in the office, managing workflow to ensure social distancing, and protecting members of the public and our staff from exposure to the virus.