

Vote-by-Mail Estimate  
Revised May 4, 2020

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>FY 2020 Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Vote-by-Mail Estimate</u>
<b>Seasonal Temps</b>	<b>\$674,145</b>	<b>\$515,595</b>	<b>\$85,200</b>
– Ballot Scanners			\$82,560
– Center Managers			\$2,640
<b>Other Professional Services (includes EJ Stipends)</b>	<b>\$933,820</b>	<b>\$270</b>	<b>\$295,678</b>
– Pay EJ Training Stipends			\$104,008
– EJ Stipends with Hazard Pay			\$40,470
– Canvassers (48)			\$151,200
<b>Furniture Rental</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>
– Chairs/Tents/Tables			\$6,000
<b>Bldg/Space Rental</b>	<b>\$35,355</b>	<b>\$1,150</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
– Vote Centers (4)			\$10,000
<b>Other Supplies &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>\$47,719</b>	<b>44,648</b>	<b>\$10,000+</b>
– Vote Center Coronavirus Construction/Set-up			10,000
<b>Keys and Locks</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$600</b>
<b>Sample Ballot Printing (Newsprint Storage Fees)</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>State Board of Election Fees</b>	<b>\$1,656,816</b>	<b>\$1,666,563</b>	<b>\$756,720+</b>
– 4Q Invoice with Vote-by-Mail Charges: VMB ballot, postage for ballot, advertising costs, VBM bilingual postcards, ballot boxes, etc.			\$756,720+
<b>Outside Postage</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$136,350 - \$212,706</b>
– Return Postage on VBM [225,000 -351,000]			\$136,350 - \$212,706

- Election Judge Stipends – The account line used to pay Election Judge (EJ) stipends will fund training pay for all EJs that attended training; Election Day hazard pay for all EJs staffing Vote Centers; and EJ stipends required to conduct the canvass in accordance with Md. Election Code Ann. § 11-301 - 11-309 and regulation established by the Maryland State Board of Elections.
- State Board of Elections (SBE) Fees – The Board of Elections received the third quarter invoice from SBE. Year-to-Date fees exceed the FY20 budgeted amount, and the fourth quarter invoice remains outstanding. Prior to COVID-19, SBE anticipated billing to Montgomery County would be \$2,423,256 in FY20. The Department anticipates higher expenditures due to the impact of Vote-by-Mail.
- Outside Postage – The Department estimates based on prior participation levels, 225,000 – 351,000 ballots may be returned by mail. Although, these costs will be shared 50/50 by Maryland State Board of Elections (SBE), the Board of Elections is required to pay the United States Postal Service directly. Invoices will be provided to SBE for reimbursement.
- Reduced Costs – The Board of Elections is expecting reduced expenditures in the account lines for the previous mentioned election judge stipends, sample ballot, locksmith services, and polling place rentals, these surpluses will be used to offset other deficits related to the cost of Vote-by-Mail chargebacks by the State Board of Elections; that are not covered by the supplemental appropriation funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.