



## CARES ACT PRIMARY ELECTION NARRATIVE

STATE OF UTAH

OFFICE OF THE UTAH LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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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](mailto:elections@utah.gov) no later than July 16, 2020.**

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

Sevier County purchased and installed 24-hour drop boxes available in three locations to allow Voters to drop voted ballots without contact with Election Department Personnel. The County mailed an informational postcard on May 12, 2020, to each household informing voters of the changes to the election process due to CoVid-19. An information sheet was also included with every ballot sent reminding voters of the changes due to CoVid-19 and listing the ways voters could return the ballots safely without contact to ensure all involved were protected in response to CoVid-19 concerns.

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

One of the major challenges was in getting the information out to the Voters in a timely fashion about the effects of the pandemic on the Primary Election. We sent out an information postcard, included information with each ballot, put ads on facebook, the radio, and on the County webpage. Quarantining ballots also challenged our timeliness of processing the returned voted ballots.