Colorado Department of the Treasury Technology Presentation







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Treasury Mission & Vision

MISSION STATEMENT: The Colorado State Treasury is the constitutional custodian of the public's funds. It is the Treasury's duty to manage and account for the citizen's tax dollars from the time they are received until the time they are disbursed. The Treasury's staff is committed to safeguarding and managing the people's monies with the same diligence and care as they do their own. The mission of the Unclaimed Property Section is to reunite all owners or heirs with their unclaimed or abandoned property.

VISION STATEMENT: The Colorado State Treasury staff will continually strive to better serve the citizens of Colorado. Central to this goal is the continued introduction and use of new technologies to provide improved access to services for both citizens and other governmental agencies.





S2: Deferred Property Tax Expansion

Through SB21-293, the Legislature expanded the property tax deferral program to allow homeowners of a primary residence to defer any increase in their property tax bill over 4% growth in that tax. The deferral is done in the form of a loan on the property.

The bill significantly expands the reach of an existing Treasury deferral program for seniors and active military.

A study was conducted as per SB21-293, which recommended using a centralized state administrator to scale the existing program and the expansion.





S2: Deferred Property Tax Expansion (continued)

This ensures consistent messaging and administration statewide which should create operational efficiencies and promote participation. Technology, centralization, and a turn-key solution are all key elements of the study's recommendation.

This supplemental request is for \$718,000 to build and/or purchase the IT online application and loan processing system. This includes \$55,000 for initial license fees, \$650,000 for customization, and \$13,000 for ongoing support and maintenance. The full IT build is included in this supplemental to give the state/vendor time to develop and test in advance of the go-live date of January 2023.





R3: FY23 Treasury Technology Budget Requests

R3 Technology: First increase in the technology budget in 18 years.

- Technology needs for the entire department for hardware and software
- Technology needs for the investment and unclaimed property divisions







R3 & S4: IT Penetration Audit

This request is for one-time funds for a penetration audit of department practices and processes in order to establish a baseline of cybersecurity and identify additional security needs that must be addressed in collaboration with the Office of Information Technology. Recent events, such as the Log4j vulnerability, have raised the level of urgency and have made clear that time is of the essence when it comes to cyber safety. This is why the Department has shifted what was a FY23 budget request to a supplemental request.

Treasurer Dave Young and Treasury CFO/COO Charles Scheibe worked closely with Davyd Smith, Trace Ridpath, and others at OIT over several months to develop this request. The request is recommended by OIT.





FY23 Treasury Technology Budget Request questions

Written responses to questions from members of the JTC have been provided. The Treasury team is happy to respond to any additional questions the members may have regarding these FY23 budget and FY22 supplemental requests.



