

# Help America Vote Act (HAVA) 2018 – 2020 Grant Funding Update, 6/3/2020



# Federal Awards

2020 HAVA CARES Act Grant

2018 HAVA Election Security Grant

2020 HAVA Election Security Grant

# Sub-grants to Counties

## GRANT AGREEMENTS

Federal Portion

Required Match

### 2020 HAVA CARES Act Grant

Awarded based on 2020  
Chapter 19 allocations (voter  
registration statistics)

20%  
May use 2020 Chapter 19  
funds or county funds

### HAVA Election Security Grant

\$120,000

(Federal Amount - \$40,000)  
\* 20%

# Grant Periods

## GRANT AGREEMENTS

2020 HAVA CARES  
Act Grant

HAVA Election  
Security Grant

Submission Deadline

6/15/2020

TBD

Grant Period Start Date

3/28/2020

12/21/2019

Grant Period End Date

11/30/2020

12/31/2021

# Grant Process

SOS sends grant award notice to County Judge via DocuSign

- Commissioners Court must pass resolution prior to agreement being signed by the judge
- Same resolution can be used for both grant award agreements

SOS issues grants funds upon receipt of signed award agreement

- All necessary fields in award agreement must be completed
- Resolution must be attached
- Single Point of Contact (SPOC) must be identified

SPOC submits reports upon SOS request

- Expenditure reports will be required on a periodic basis
- Unexpended funds, including interest, must be returned to SOS at the end of the grant period

## Current Status

### 2020 HAVA CARES ACT

- Over 60 grant award agreements submitted
- Over 50 payments made

### HAVA Election Security Grant

- US EAC has combined the 2018 and 2020 election security grants
- Counties with election security assessment (ESA) will receive a notice of grant award

# 2020 HAVA CARES Act Funding Purposes

- **Voting Processes:** Additional costs for printing and mailing ballots, ballot tracking software, high speed scanners, letter opening equipment, registration list activities to improve the accuracy and currency of registrant addresses
- **Staffing:** Additional poll workers, election office staff diverted to pandemic response, temporary staff
- **Security and Training:** Pre- and post-election cleaning of polling places, staff and poll worker training on prevention processes
- **Communications:** Notifying public of voter registration requirements, ballot request options, precautions or voting procedures
- **Supplies:** Additional laptops, mobile IT equipment, cleaning supplies, personal protective equipment (PPE)



# HAVA Election Security Funding Purposes

- **Voting Equipment:** Upgrades and replacement equipment – must be HAVA-compliant and paper verifiable
- **Election Auditing:** Costs to conduct review after polls close for the purpose of determining whether the votes were counted accurately
- **Voter Registration Systems:** Costs to enhance voter registration system security

- **Cyber Security:** Security enhancements to protect the election process (e.g., remediation from election security assessments)
- **Communications:** Costs needed to communicate with the public regarding election security



# Common Errors and Cautions

Communication costs may NOT include “get out the vote” campaigns

The mail code is 3-digits and tells the comptroller where to send payment

Matching funds can only be used for grant-eligible activities

For CARES Act, do not enter more Chapter 19 funds than is required for match

Be sure to attach resolution from Commissioners Court

# Receipt of Funds



Funds must be deposited into an interest-bearing account in a fund designated for HAVA



Interest earned and any net program income shall be retained and used for HAVA-allowable activities



Program income is defined as revenue received from a grant-supported activity during the grant period



# General Eligibility

Allowable

- Must be consistent with federal and state law as well as terms and conditions of the grant

Allocable

- Must be used exclusively for eligible activity under the grant or prorated

Reasonable and  
Necessary

- Must be documented and justifiable

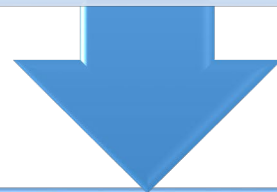
# Eligibility Questions to Ask?

## HAVA Cares Act

Is it in response to COVID-19's impact on federal elections?

Is it outside of the county budget?

Is it consistent with all applicable federal and state law?



## HAVA Election Security

Is it in response to election security needs?

Is it outside of the county budget?

Is it consistent with all applicable federal and state law?



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