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Margaret Sims
United States Election Assistance Commission
1225 New York Avenue N.W., Suite - 1100
Washington, DC 20005

Dear ~~Ms. Sims~~: Peggy

Please see enclosed for your review the SF 269A financial status report and narrative report regarding Title II, Section 251 HAVA funds.

Please let me know at (406) 444-2034 if you need anything else.

Sincerely,

Elaine

Elaine Graveley
Elections Deputy

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT
(*Long Form*)
(*Follow Instructions on previous pages and next page*)

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1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted. **Election Assistance Commission**	2. Federal Grant or Other Identifying Number Assigned By Federal Agency **90.401 Title II, Section 251**	OMB Approval No. **0348-0039**	Page 1 of **3 Pages**

3. Recipient Organization (*Name and complete address, including ZIP codes*

Montana Secretary of State/PO Box 202801/Helena, MT 59620-2801

4. Employer Identification Number **81-0302402**	5. Recipient Account Number or Identifying Number **03715**	6. Final Report __Yes _X_No	7. Basis __Cash _X_ Accrual

8. Funding Grant Period (*See instructions*) From: (Month, Day, Year) **6/17/04** To (Month, Day, Year) **Open**	9. Period Covered by This Report From: (Month, Day, Year) **October 1, 2004** To: (Month, Day, Year) **September 30, 2005**

10. Transactions:	I Previously Reported	II This Period	III Cumulative
a. Total outlays	$593,285.85	$2,154,643.98	$2,747,929.83
b. Refunds, rebates, etc.			0.00
c. Program income used in accordance with the deduction alternative			0.00
d. Net outlays (Line a, less the sum of lines b and c)	$593,285.85	$2,154,643.98	$2,747,929.83
Recipient's share of net outlays, consisting of: e. Third party (in-kind) contributions			0.00
f. Other Federal awards authorized to be used to match this award			0.00
g. Program income used in accordance with the **matching or cost sharing alternative**			0.00
h. All other recipient outlays not shown on lines e, f, or g.	$216,480.00		$216,480.00
i. Total recipient share of net outlays (sum of lines e, f, g, and h)	$216,480.00		$216,480.00
j. Federal share of net outlays (line d less line i)	$376,805.85	$2,154,643.98	$2,531,449.83
k. Total unliquidated obligations			0.00
l. Recipient's share of unliquidated obligations			0.00
m. Federal share of unliquidated obligations			0.00
n. Total Federal share (sum of lines j and m)	$376,805.85	$2,154,643.98	$2,531,449.83
o. Total Federal funds authorized for this funding period	$4,153,705.00	$4,153,705.00	$4,153,705.00
p. Unobligated balance of Federal funds (Line o minus line n)	$3,776,899.15	$1,999,061.02	$1,622,255.17
Program income consisting of: q. Disbursed program income shown on lines c and/or g above			0.00
r. Disbursed program income using the addition alternative			0.00
s. Undisbursed program income			0.00
t. Total program income realized (Sum of lines q, r, and s)			0.00

11. Indirect Expenses	a. Type of Rate (Place "X" in appropriate box) ___ Provisional ___ Predetermined ___ Final ___ Fixed			
	b. Rate	c. Base	d. Total Amount	e. Federal Share

12. Remarks: *Attach any explanations deemed necessary or information required by Federal sponsoring agency in compliance with governing legislation*

Due to pooling of interest earned, we were not able to determine which portion of interest earned should be included in this report, so the report does not reflect interest earned.

13. Certification: **I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that this report is correct and complete and that all outlays and unliquidated obligations are for the purposes set forth in the award documents.**

Typed or Printed Name and Title **Elaine Graveley, Elections Deputy**	Telephone (area code, number and extension) **(406) 444-5376**
Signature of Authorized Certifying Official x Elaine Graveley	Date Report Submitted x 5-2-06

State of Montana EAC HAVA Section 251 Report for October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005

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1) A list of expenditures made with respect to each category of activities described for the use of funds.

Title II, Section 251(b)(2): *The expenditures during the applicable period were for polling place accessibility grants, which were placed under Title II.*

Amount: $**187,403.04**.

Title III, Section 303: *The expenditures under this section were to pay expenses for the initial implementation of the computerized statewide voter registration list.*

Amount: $**1,967,240.94.**

2) The number and type of articles of voting equipment obtained with the funds.

Neither the state nor the counties used Section 251 funds to purchase voting equipment during the applicable period.

3) An analysis and description of:

The activities funded to meet HAVA requirements:

The Section 251 payments were used in part to fund grants for accessible polling places, to supplement the amounts received under Section 261. Providing these grants under Section 251 payments is consistent with the purchase of accessible voting systems, which occurred in the fiscal year after the year covered in this report.

The payments for the computerized statewide voter registration list required under HAVA were extensive have been extensive and reflect the initial implementation of the list.

How such activities conform to the submitted State plan:

"Statewide Voter Management System (pages 20-21 of 2003 Montana HAVA Plan)

Amendments to the 2003 Montana HAVA Plan: Initial expenditures for the statewide voter system, known as Montana Votes, have been approximately $1,003,593.87.

Planned Action: The state plans to use $2,800,000 of the current $9,150,000 Federal payment to pay for the system. The state plans to use $1,500,000 of the expected $7,446,803 Federal payment to pay for ongoing maintenance and training."

The activities and expenditures so far have conformed to the submitted State plan, and will continue to conform to the plan as additional expenditures are made.

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"Voting Accessibility (page 19 of 2003 Montana HAVA Plan)

Amendments to the 2003 Montana HAVA Plan: The estimate of $350,000 was nearly exact. The cost of replacing county punch card systems was $360,000. The voting systems equipped for individuals with disabilities have not yet been purchased.

Planned Action: The state has completed the punch-card buyout. Our current estimate of the cost of voting systems equipped for individuals with disabilities is $2,800,000, all of which is expected to come from our original $9,150,000 Federal payment. Additional costs are estimated at $500,000 and will come from our expected $7,446,803 Federal payment. Costs for assessing and implementing polling place accessibility are estimated at $2,000,000 and will also come from the expected $7,446,803 Federal payment."

Consistent with the 2003 Montana HAVA Plan as amended, Section 251 funds were spent during the applicable period on making polling places accessible, in anticipation of the required use of voting systems equipped for people with disabilities. According to Section 251 (b)(2) of the Help America Vote Act, "A State may use a requirements payment to carry out other activities to improve the administration of elections for Federal office if the State certifies to the Commission that-- (A) the State has implemented the requirements of title III; or (B) the amount expended with respect to such other activities does not exceed an amount equal to the minimum payment amount applicable to the State under section 252(c)." We hereby certify that the amount expended with respect to such other activities (polling place accessibility grants) does not exceed an amount equal to the minimum payment amount applicable to the State under section 252(c).

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