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Margaret Sims
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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) 444-5376 if you need anything else.

Sincerely,

Elaine Graveley

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Elections Deputy

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

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*

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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) June 17, 2004 To (Month, Day, Year) Open	9. Period Covered by This Report From: (Month, Day, Year) October 1, 2005 To: (Month, Day, Year) September 30, 2006

10. Transactions:	I Previously Reported	II This Period	III Cumulative
a. Total outlays	2,747,929.83	7,348,380.97	10,096,310.80
b. Refunds, rebates, etc.		646.52	646.52
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)	2,747,929.83	7,347,734.45	10,095,664.28
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)			9,879,184.28
k. Total unliquidated obligations			
l. Recipient's share of unliquidated obligations			
m. Federal share of unliquidated obligations			
n. Total Federal share (sum of lines j and m)			9,879,184.28
o. Total Federal funds authorized for this funding period			12,052,942.11
p. Unobligated balance of Federal funds (Line o minus line n)			2,173,757.83
Program income consisting of: q. Disbursed program income shown on lines c and/or g above			
r. Disbursed program income using the addition alternative			
s. Undisbursed program income			
t. Total program income realized (Sum of lines q, r, and s)			

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*
There is no interest on matching funds since these funds came from the counties. All interest from HAVA funds was pooled and not originally allocated separately to Title I and II, but it was estimated based on spending and included on Line 10o in the amount of $324,309.60 earned, along with the $8,102.82 included in the 2004 report and the $123,726.69 included in the 2005 report. In FY 2000, our election expenditures totaled $160,288.17. For the state fiscal year July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006, non-HAVA MOE totaled $256,287.99.

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 4-3-07

State of Montana EAC HAVA Section 251 Narrative for October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006

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

Title III, Section 301(1): *The expenses under this section were for voting systems such as precinct counters to permit the voter to verify (in a private and independent manner) the votes selected by the voter on the ballot before the ballot is cast and counted and to allow the voter to correct the ballot before it is cast and counted:*

Amount: **$408,701.00**

Title III, Section 301(3): *The expenses under this section were for payment of the costs associated with the purchase, training, travel, administrative and related costs for voting systems equipped for people with disabilities.*

Amount: **$3,805,766.07**

Title III, Section 303: *The expenditures under this section were to pay expenses for the continuing implementation of the computerized statewide voter registration list, including the list itself, consulting, travel, training, administrative and related costs.*

Amount: **$3,134,560.42, in addition to $646.52 in refunds.**

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

The state used Section 251 funds to purchase voting equipment during the applicable period. The state purchased 725 Election Systems and Software AutoMARKs for use as voting systems accessible to people with disabilities. The state provided to counties matching funds for equipment purchases of approximately 165 precinct counters, which meet the requirements of Title III, Section 301(1).

3) An analysis and description of:

The activities funded to meet HAVA requirements:

The largest expenses for the computerized statewide voter registration list required under HAVA were primarily incurred in FY 2006, as were the expenses for reimbursing counties for portions of precinct counter purchases. Similarly, the AutoMARK voting systems equipped for people with disabilities were purchased in FY 2006.

How such activities conform to the submitted State plan:

"Precinct Counters Matching Funds (page 21 of 2003 Montana HAVA Plan)

Amendments to the 2003 Montana HAVA Plan: The state spent a total of approximately $440,887.30 to help counties to purchase precinct counters.

Planned Action: The state plans to use $1,400,000 of the expected $7,446,803 Federal payment to assist counties in the ongoing purchases of precinct counters.

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

"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. . . ."

Although the AutoMARK voting systems equipped for people with disabilities cost more than initially expected, the costs were able to be paid fully from available funds, as expected. The activities and expenditures so far have conformed to the submitted State plan, and will continue to conform to the plan as additional expenditures for precinct counters are made.

"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 for the statewide voter management system so far have conformed to the submitted State plan, and will continue to conform to the plan as additional expenditures are made.