GOVERNMENT OF
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

Election System of the Virgin Islands

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February 28, 2006

State HAVA Funding Report
U. S. Election Assistance Commission
1225 New York Avenue – NW Suite 1100
Washington, D. C. 2005

ATTENTION: Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist

Attached is Financial Report (Standard Form 269A) covering Title 1, Section 101 funding for the Election System of the Virgin Islands. This report covers the period January 01, 2005 – December 31, 2005. The report was faxed and is being followed by the mailed original.

Sincerely,

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FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT
(Short Form)
(Follow instructions on the back)

1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted	2. Federal Grant or Other Identifying Number Assigned By Federal Agency	OMB Approval No.	Page	of
U.S. Election Assistance Comm.	39.011 (Election Reform) P.L. 107-252	0348-0039		pages

3. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address, including ZIP code)
Virgin Islands Election System
Government of the Virgin Islands
P.O.Box 1499
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4. Employer Identification Number	5. Recipient Account Number or Identifying Number	6. Final Report	7. Basis
660-431678	395100 (V.I. Election Fund)	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Cash ☒ Accrual

8. Funding/Grant Period (See Instructions) From: (Month, Day, Year)	To: (Month, Day, Year)	9. Period Covered by this Report From: (Month, Day, Year)	To: (Month, Day, Year)
February 28,2006	open	1/1/05	12/31/05

10. Transactions	I Previously Reported	II This Period	III Cumulative
a. Total outlays	$374,778	$366,402	$741,180
b. Recipient share of outlays	-0-	-0-	-0-
c. Federal share of outlays	$374,778	$366,402	$741,180
d. Total unliquidated obligations	$431,472	$413,189	$413,189
e. Recipient share of unliquidated obligations	-0-	-0-	-0-
f. Federal share of unliquidated obligations	$431,472	$413,189	$413,189
g. Total Federal share (Sum of lines c and f)	$806,250	$779,591	$1,154,369
h. Total Federal funds authorized for this funding period	$1,000,000	$2,319,361	$3,319,361
i. Unobligated balance of Federal funds (Line h minus line g)	$193,750	$1,539,770	$2,164,992

11. Indirect Expense	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.

No indirect rate applicable

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	Telephone (Area code, number and extension)
John Abramson, Jr. CFP Supervisor of Elections	(340)-773-1021
Signature of Authorized Certifying Official	**Date Report Submitted**
	February 28,2006

Standard Form 269A (REV 4-88)
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ELECTION SYSTEM OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
HAVA NARRATIVE REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2005 – DECEMBER 31, 2005
TITLE 1 SEC. 101 (b)

This narrative report details expenditures for the Territory of the Virgin Islands to meet HAVA requirements for the period January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005, and is presented by the applicable Section of Title 1 Sec. 101(b).

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

The major activities outlined in the Virgin Islands State Plan are Voting Systems Standards, Centralized Voter Registration, Voter Information, Education and Outreach, Verification and Identification of Voters, Provisional Voting and Administrative Complaint Procedures. We continue to work vigorously to meet deadlines in these areas. Some are progressing more rapidly than others.

PROVISIONAL VOTING:

- Provisional Voting is in place. Guidelines are established, application forms with elector affirmation was designed, and free access to notification of vote count is provided through mail and internet website. Balloting started with the 2004 election. Additional voter education of the process and for web site use will be conducted in 2006.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT PROCEDURES:

- Administrative Complaint Procedures have been adopted and complaint forms will be developed.

VERIFICATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF VOTERS:

- Voters' Registration Identification cards are being issued at time of registration. However, with the implementation of our new Territory-Wide Voter Registration System, new and unique registration numbers will be assigned to electors which will require re-issuance of identification cards and education on the new processes.

CENTRALIZED VOTER REGISTRATION:

- The V. I. Election system is engaged in contractual services with Election Systems and Software (ES&S) for the implementation of our computerized statewide registration program. This report will reflect financial activity in this category as hardware is in place, software conversion is in progess and training is due to start in March, 2006.

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VOTER EDUCATION, INFORMATION AND OUTREACH:

- This report will focus on expenditures for this component of HAVA as part of the production phase of our education program is completed. Through contractual services with the local firm of Video Audio Communications Inc. media voting materials have been developed. This includes a vote logo for the Virgin Islands, television and radio spots, set on CD's and DVD's, and some printed material. The public education and outreach component is now scheduled to commence through demonstration and educational materials.

VOTING SYSTEM STANDARDS:

- Additional voting machines were added to increase the number of polling places available to electors and to reduce waiting time at the polls on Election Day.
- The Pilot Program for testing new equipment and technology was put on hold awaiting the release of the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines by the Election Assistance Commission and national certification by voting system vendors.
- Danaher, the manufacturers of our electronic voting machines, has recently received certification for their visual and audio disability adaptor. This device will meet the alternate language accessibility requirement, in our case for English and Spanish. This mechanism should be in place for our September 2006 election.

<u>AREAS OF HIGH CONCENTRATION FOR 2006</u>:

1. TRAINING: Extensive training of election officials, poll workers and volunteers will be conducted. Special training on methods to best assist voters with disabilities will occur. Partnerships will be developed with the local Disability Rights Center and civic organizations to accomplish this. This activity will also result in the redesigning and restructuring of existing poll worker manuals.
2. POLLING PLACE OPERATION: Research and review of converting to poll book operation is in process.
3. DISABILITY ACCESS: Partnering with the V. I. Dept. of Education to improve polling place accessibility for persons with disability is scheduled.
4. MAIL-IN REGISTRAATION: Presently the Virgin Islands do not allow voter registration by mail. This will first have to proceed as election reform to the Body for legislative process.

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ELECTION SYSTEM OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
HAVA FINANCIAL REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005
EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM
TITLE 1 SEC. 101(b)

SECTION	EXPENDITURE
(A) Payments made applicable to this section met the requirements of Title 111, particularly for progress to our Computerized Statewide Voter Registration System. Funds were also utilized to upgrade and make available, in all districts, photo equipment and supplies for complying with voter identification and verification at the polls. Payments were made for addressing provisional voting web site access and provisional ballot preparation.	**$137,944**
(B) To continue to advance the implementation of HAVA and the overall administration of elections, we continue to employ two individuals and reimburse our general fund for time spent by management staff in complying with HAVA. Funds were also utilized to supply and equip staff with an environment that best supports them in executing proper procedures and voter registration processes. Staff received training, to include attendance at Election Center activities in order to keep abreast with trends in elections and best practices for election officials. Staff time was also expended in developing good public policy to assist in promoting proper use of election data which should increase participation in the election process.	**$154,407**
(C) Expenditures in this category mainly supported our Voter Information, Education and Outreach Program. In complying with the Voter education segment of this program, we accomplished work in developing sets of Rules and Regulations governing Write-In candidates, Absentee voting procedures, Provisional Voting Procedures and Governance	**$74,0501**

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Policy for improved efficiency of our Boards. Through contractual services we have completed the production of radio and television voter education spots. We have begun efforts to partner with civic and community organizations to promote voter participation. Survey tools have been developed to reach the disabled community to best determine how to respond to their needs in bringing them closer to the process. As part of our work on this component, public machine demonstrations are scheduled for next year and will occur at major sites and activities where all groups of our community gather.

EXPENDITURE TOTAL	**$366,402**