

AK Election Security 2024 Annual FFR

SECTION I. DETAILS

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| FFR ID | Status | Report Type |
|------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 11137 | Approved | Annual |
| Due Date | Reporting Period From | Reporting Period To |
| 12/29/2024 | 10/1/2023 | 9/30/2024 |

PROJECT/GRANT PERIOD

| Federal Grant Name | Basis of Accounting |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Election Security | Accrual |

RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION DETAILS

| Organization Legal Name | Organization Type | UEI | EIN |
|--|-------------------|--------------|-----------|
| LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ALASKA, THE OFFICE OF | State | MJAVNYV4C4T1 | 926001185 |
| Street | City | State | Zip Code |
| P.O. Box 110001 | Juneau | AK | 99811 |

SECTION II. TRANSACTIONS

| FEDERAL CASH | |
|---|----------------|
| 10a. Cash Receipts | \$9,000,000.00 |
| 10b. Cash Disbursements | \$5,663,216.01 |
| 10c. Cash on Hand <i>(line a minus b)</i> | \$3,336,783.99 |
| FEDERAL EXPENDITURES AND UNOBLIGATED BALANCE | |
| 10d. Total Federal Funds Authorized | \$9,000,000.00 |
| 10e. Federal Share of Expenditures | \$5,663,216.01 |
| 10f. Federal Share of Unliquidated Obligations | \$0.00 |
| 10g. Total Federal Share <i>(sum of line e plus line f)</i> | \$5,663,216.01 |
| 10h. Unobligated Balance of Federal Funds <i>(line d minus g)</i> | \$3,336,783.99 |
| RECIPIENT SHARE | |
| 10i. Total Recipient Share Required | \$3,101,759.70 |
| 10j. Recipient Share of Expenditures | \$730,620.18 |
| 10k. Remaining Recipient Share to be Provided <i>(line i minus j)</i> | \$2,371,139.52 |
| PROGRAM INCOME | |
| 10l. Total Federal Program Income Earned | \$0.00 |
| 10m. Program Income Expended in Accordance with the Deduction Alternative | \$0.00 |
| 10n. Program Income Expended in Accordance with the Addition Alternative | \$0.00 |
| 10o. Unexpended Program Income <i>(line l minus line m and line n)</i> | \$0.00 |
| FEDERAL INTEREST | |
| 10p. Total Federal Interest Earned | \$424,739.90 |

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| 10q. Federal Interest Expenditures | \$0.00 |
| 10r. Remaining Federal Interest to be Expended (<i>line p minus q</i>) | \$424,739.90 |

SECTION III. INDIRECT EXPENSES

| 11a. Type | 11b. Rate (%) | 11c. Period From | 11c. Period To | 11d. Base | 11e. Amount Charged | 11f. Federal Share |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------------|
| AK Election Security 2024 Annual | | | | | | |
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| 11g. Total | | | | | | |

SECTION IV. STATE INTEREST

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| 12a. State Interest Earned | \$126,288.15 |
| 12b. State Interest Expended | \$0.00 |
| 12c. State Program Income Earned | \$0.00 |
| 12d. State Program Income Expended | \$0.00 |

SECTION V. CERTIFICATION

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AK Election Security 2024 Annual PROGRESS REPORT

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PROGRESS REPORT

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| 10811 | Approved | Annual |
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PROGRESS AND NARRATIVE

EXPENDITURES

6. For each of the following categories, briefly describe the activities carried out during the reporting period and how you implemented the approved grant activities in accordance with your Program Narrative. If you provided subawards to local jurisdictions, please include those activities and expenditures (you will be required to provide subaward expenditures in Section III).

| Category | Federal Amount | Match Amount | Description |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|--|
| Voting Equipment | \$208,689.42 | \$208,689.42 | During this reporting period grant funds continued to support AT&T's FirstNet connectivity services for the voting equipment. FirstNet service helped to ensure we could receive results transmissions timely by giving the division priority service on election night should there have been congestion issues on the network. Transmitting results in this manner is part of the division's security protocols. Funds were also expended for the annual licensing and maintenance costs for the voting equipment as well as parts and repairs costs. Expenses for the voting equipment category were \$417,378.83 (federal share \$208,689.42; state share \$208,689.42). Report on the number and type of articles of voting equipment obtained with the funds. During this reporting period, no additional voting machines were purchased and no significant changes. |
| Voting Processes | \$2,180.25 | \$2,180.25 | During this reporting period, funds were expended with Carahsoft Technologies for communications software licensing for communications between elections offices during the election cycle. Expenses for the voting process category were \$4,360.50 (federal share \$2180.25; state share \$2180.25). |
| Voter Registration Systems | \$2,082.46 | \$2,082.46 | During this reporting period, funds were expended for SQL Server licenses that support the voter registration system servers. Expenses for the voter registration system category were \$4164.92 (federal share \$2082.46; state share \$2082.46). |
| Election Auditing | | | |
| Cyber Security | \$120,549.46 | \$120,549.46 | During this reporting period grant, the division renewed the contract with Structured Communications to provide 24/7 network monitoring and reporting for the statewide voter registration and election management system. Additionally, the division contracted Structured to perform penetration tests against the new My Voter Portal application that went live in June. In March, the division purchased licenses for the Recorded Future Election Intelligence Kit. The kit provides election-related threats and alerts curated from a variety of sources such as mainstream news, social media, and dark web forums, as well as geopolitical and vulnerability intelligence. The platform also provided a sandbox environment where suspicious emails received by division staff could be inspected for authenticity and security. The sandbox environment proved especially useful during the election window. The division continued to leverage the State of Alaska's online training platform to provide |

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| | | | cybersecurity training to all division staff. Total expenses attributed to the election security category, cyber and physical, were \$291,241.88 (federal share principal \$145,620.94; state share principal \$145,620.94). Personnel expenses for the ES personnel equaled \$147,514.38 (\$73,757.19 federal share principal, \$73,757.19 state match principal). Other associated support cost for items such as contractors, business supplies, equipment, and services were \$143,727.50 (\$71,863.75 federal share principal, -\$71,863.75 state match principal). |
| Physical Security | \$25,071.48 | \$25,041.48 | During this reporting period grant, the division upgraded the CCTV monitoring systems installed at each regional office during FFY23 to a newer technology that provided access to the video streaming over the internet. As part of this upgrade, the Absentee and Petition office installed a video intercom which allows staff to view and talk with the public before granting them access to the secured building. The upgrade adequately addressed the shortcomings of the previously installed systems. The Department of Homeland Security representatives conducted walkthroughs of election spaces and updated SAFE assessment reports provided during the previous election cycle. Implementation of the suggested improvements is ongoing. Several division offices installed window film to protect employee privacy and lower the risk of injury in the event a window breaks. The division also purchased and installed wireless intercom systems in each of the regional offices that will allow division front-end staff to communicate and alert back-end staff in the event of a security issue. The Region 2 office added several electronic keycard accesses to their expanded space. Additionally, the division provided all division offices with updated contact information for law-enforcement support for the August Primary Election, the October Regional Attendance Area Elections, and the November General Election. The Election Security Officer also worked to the State emergency management personnel to develop a continuity of operations plan for division offices covering normal business operations. The plan is still under development and will continue into 2025. |
| Voter Education | (\$2,180.25) | (\$2,180.25) | During this grant reporting period an adjustment was made to changed costs that had been attributed to this category instead to the voting process category. This was done to adjust to the standardized EAC categories. Expenses for the communications/voter education category equaled -\$4360.50 (federal share principal -\$2180.25; state share principal -\$2180.25). |
| Accessibility | | | |
| Other () | | | |
| TOTALS | \$356,392.82 | \$356,362.82 | |

TRAINING

7. Briefly describe any training including cyber security and other election-related training that occurred during the reporting period.

During the reporting period the Division of Homeland Security provided in-person training on personal security and de-escalation techniques to all permanent and temporary election staff. Expenses for the training equaled \$288.43 (federal share \$144.22; state share \$144.22).

MATCH

8. Describe how you will or have made the match available and identify the source of your match. (Note: For Election Security grants there is a two-year deadline from the date of disbursement to make match funds available).

Match for the series of awards was met through five separate appropriations from the state. A first match of \$1,626,612 in general funds was appropriated in FY19 to the Election Fund as a result of a reappropriation in Ch. 19, SLA 2018, Sec. 15(b). A second match of \$600,000 in general funds was appropriated in 2020 to the Election Fund in HB 234, Section 19 (a); SB 174, Section 19 (a). A third match of \$200,000 in general funds was appropriated in 2022 to the Election Fund in HB 281, Section 27 (h) line 3. A fourth match of \$200,000 in general funds was appropriated in 2023 to the Election Fund in Alaska House Bill 39, Section 14, page 89, line 25; and Section 71(t), line 9. A fifth match of \$200,000 in general funds was appropriated in (2024) FY25 to the Election Fund in Alaska House Bill 268, section 23, page 96, line 12; and Senate Bill 187, section 4, page 50, line 21.

SUBAWARD INFORMATION

SUBAWARD DETAILS

9a. Briefly describe your subaward program, including how many subawards were made and how your program reflects the needs of local communities.

9b. Identify whether the subgrants were provided as an advance or on a cost-reimbursement basis. If provided as an advance, confirm whether funds were deposited in an interest-bearing account per HAVA 254(b)(1)(d) and the Uniform Guidance §200.305(b)(7,8) and §200.332(a)(2,3).

SUBAWARD EXPENDITURES

10. Provide a breakdown of aggregate subaward expenditures across major categories.

| Category | Federal Amount | Match Amount |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Voting Equipment | | |
| Voting Processes | | |
| Voter Registration Systems | | |
| Election Auditing | | |
| Cyber Security | | |
| Physical Security | | |
| Voter Education | | |
| Accessibility | | |
| Other () | | |
| TOTALS | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

CHALLENGES & CHANGES

ISSUES ENCOUNTERED

11a. Describe any issues that arose during the implementation of the project.

11b. Describe how and whether the issues were resolved. Also, briefly discuss the implications of any unresolved issues or concerns.

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| 12. Describe any significant changes to your program during the reporting period, including changes to your original State Plan or Program Narrative or favorable developments that improved program efficiency and/or service delivery. |
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FINAL

FINAL REMARKS

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| 15. Self-Assessment - Assess whether the goals set out in your State Plan and/or Program Narrative were met as intended during the grant program. Highlight any needs that were not met, ongoing, or under-resourced. |
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| 16. Impact and Achievements - Describe how this grant program impacted elections in your state/territory. Highlight your accomplishments and successes. |
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| 17. Lessons Learned - Describe any lessons learned during the grant that may be replicated, expanded, or used as a model for other state programs. |
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