

Brian Newby, Executive Director
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
1335 East-West Highway, Suite 4300
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Mr. Newby:

This letter serves as the narrative for the state of Kansas as it relates to the expenditure of 2018 HAVA Election Security Grants. This narrative serves as a guide for how the election security grants may be used during the five year budget cycle. The majority of the funds will be expended by an administration subsequent to mine, which may alter the proposed budget that I am submitting.

The funds will be allocated as follows:

1) VOTING EQUIPMENT- Funds will be expended to ensure every voting machine used in the state of Kansas has a voter verifiable paper audit trail. Although the vast majority of counties already use a paper-based system, these funds will ensure all counties have a paper ballot that is verifiable by the voter before casting. In addition, funds will be used to train county election officials and local board workers on securing voting machines and ballots during the time machines are being deployed at polling places on Election Day. Lastly, funds will be used to ensure every piece of voting equipment is stored securely between elections to prevent any unauthorized access to voting equipment when not in use.

2) ELECTION AUDITING – Beginning January 1, 2019, the state of Kansas will be conducting post-election audits after every election. Funds used in this category will be utilized to implement to implement the new auditing procedures at both the state and county level. In addition, a significant training program will be implemented through-out this budget cycle to train local officials as well as interested observers to ensure the accuracy and integrity of all election results.

3) VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEMS – Funds will be used during the course of the program to supplement, and where necessary, improve the security of the statewide voter registration system. This will be done in conjunction with the state’s vendor for the system, as well as state and local county officials.

4) CYBER-SECURITY – The largest portion of funds will be used to increase and supplement cyber-security efforts at all levels of election administration. The state will supplement existing

staff with dedicated security experts who are outside of state or local government and bring different perspectives and skill sets. Additional monitoring, testing and implementing of new strategies that will develop between now and the end of the five years are also included in this budget. Assuming there will be advances that are not yet known, Kansas will set aside some money for to-be-determined improvements in the latter years of the five year budget cycle. Funds will be made available to local units of government to upgrade and supplement existing security resources and also for regular training for county election and IT personnel.

5) COMMUNICATION – Funds will be made available to create, maintain, and train local election officials on a comprehensive security communications plan. This plan will center on how to interact with the voting public and media, as well as with national, state and local partners including DHS, the FBI, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and government leaders.

It is important to note this is a one-time infusion of HAVA funds to address specific areas of election infrastructure. With the apparently-permanent designation of election administration as critical infrastructure by the Department of Homeland Security, state and local units of government may be required to maintain these effort levels in later years. Many jurisdictions will not have the ability to do so after the expenditure of these funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kris W. Kobach". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kris W. Kobach
Kansas Secretary of State

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2018 HAVA ELECTION SECURITY GRANT

Budget Information

CFDA # 90.404

Non-Construction Program

Name of Organization: Kansas Secretary of State

Budget Period Start: 3/23/2018

Budget Period End: 3/23/2018

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY FEDERAL & NON-FEDERAL FUNDS (Match)

*(Consolidated Budget for total project term--
up to 5 years as defined by grantee)*

PROGRAM CATEGORIES

BUDGET CATEGORIES	(a) Voting Equipment	(b) Election Auditing	(c) Voter Registration Systems	(d) Cyber Security	(e) Communications	(f) Other	(g) Other	TOTALS	% Fed Total
1. PERSONNEL (including fringe)		\$ 100,000.00		\$ 500,000.00				\$ 600,000.00	14%
2. EQUIPMENT	\$ 600,000.00		\$ 100,000.00	\$ 300,000.00				\$ 1,000,000.00	23%
3. SUBGRANTS- to local voting jurisdictions		\$ 100,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 700,000.00				\$ 1,100,000.00	25%
4. TRAINING	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 250,000.00		\$ 500,000.00	\$ 150,000.00			\$ 1,000,000.00	23%
5. All OTHER COSTS	\$ 150,000.00		\$ 333,595.00	\$ 200,000.00				\$ 683,595.00	16%
6. TOTAL DIRECT COSTS (1-6)	\$ 850,000.00	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 733,595.00	\$ 2,200,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,383,595.00	
7. INDIRECT COSTS (if applied)								\$ -	0%
8. Total Federal Budget	\$ 850,000.00	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 733,595.00	\$ 2,200,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,383,595.00	
11. Non-Federal Match	\$ 219,180.00							\$ 219,180.00	
12. Total Program Budget	\$ 1,069,180.00	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 733,595.00	\$ 2,200,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,602,775.00	
13. Percentage By Category	19%	10%	17%	50%	3%	0%	0%		

Proposed State Match 5.0%

A. Do you have an Indirect Cost Rate Agreement approved by the Federal government or some other non-federal entity? No

If yes, please provide the following information:

B. Period Covered by the Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (mm/dd/yyyy-mm/dd/yyyy):

C. Approving Federal agency:

D. If other than Federal agency, please specify:

E. The Indirect Cost Rate is: