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SECRETARY OF STATE



STATE OF MONTANA

September 19, 2018

US Election Assistance Commission
1335 East-West Highway, Suite 4300
Silver Spring, MT 20910

Dear Members of the US Election Assistance Commission:

The Montana Secretary of State's Office appreciates the opportunity represented by the 2018 HAVA Election Security Grant Funds to enhance the security and integrity of elections in Montana. The Office will be using the granted funds to replace an aging statewide voter registration system, fund required upgrades to the existing voter registration system while the state transitions to a new system, fund various cybersecurity enhancement programs, fund transitional personnel costs for an elections management position with cybersecurity credentials, and fund a subgrant program for counties to replace aging equipment and enhance elections security.

Montana's total grant award was \$3,000,000 with a 5% state match of \$150,000 for a total fund amount of \$3,150,000. The funds will be allocated as follows:

1. Replace Statewide Voter Registration System - \$2,150,000

Montana used the 2003 HAVA grant money to implement a statewide voter registration and elections management system in 2005. This system is aging and nearing functional end-of-life on key components. The Montana Secretary of State's Office with input from Montana's 56 counties is currently evaluating various potential replacement systems. This cost estimate also includes a potential upgrade of the existing system to ensure on-going compatibility with underlying IT infrastructure and a potential new system. Montana is currently evaluating election management systems.

2. County subgrant program - \$750,000

A portion of the HAVA money will be used to fund a subgrant program for counties to replace aging equipment and related elections systems. The grant program will be a merit-based award system with a 50% county match requirement. Each grant request will be evaluated with the purpose of getting the best value and security enhancements for the money spent. These funds will allow the counties to fund the replacement of some of their most outdated election equipment and systems.

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3. Enhance IT Security - \$150,000

The funds will also be used for various IT security enhancements and programs for statewide elections activities. These activities include enhancement and extension of the State's multi-factor authentication system to various election systems, cyber security training for state and county election personnel, development and enhancement of state and county elections IT security and DR plans, and expenses to address any specific security issues if found by on-going security reviews. Montana is participating in various election systems security assessments, including partnering with the Department of Homeland Security and the Montana National Guard.

4. Election and Voter Services Security Personnel - \$100,000

An elections management and security staff position will be funded. The Office is evaluating statewide election staffing for other needed enhancements for elections security and integrity. Montana recently hired a new Elections and Voter Services Manager to oversee the statewide elections staff. The position required IT security and systems management experience. The individual has a CISSP certification and extensive IT management and systems implementation experience with the State of Montana.

Thank you again for the opportunity to enhance the integrity and security of Montana's elections. Please contact Dana Corson with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



GOREY STAPLETON
Secretary of State

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2018 HAVA ELECTION SECURITY GRANT

Budget Information CFDA # 90.404 Non-Construction Program

Name of Organization:

Budget Period Start: **SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY** *(Consolidated Budget for total project term-- up to 5 years as defined by grantee)*

Budget Period End: **FEDERAL & NON-FEDERAL FUNDS (Match)**

BUDGET CATEGORIES	PROGRAM CATEGORIES							TOTALS	% Fed Total
	(a) Voting Equipment	(b) Election Auditing	(c) Voter Registration Systems	(d) Cyber Security	(e) Communications	(f) Other	(g) Other		
1. PERSONNEL (including fringe)				\$ 100,000.00				\$ 100,000.00	3%
2. EQUIPMENT								\$ -	0%
3. SUBGRANTS- to local voting jurisdictions	\$ 750,000.00							\$ 750,000.00	25%
4. TRAINING				\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00			\$ 100,000.00	3%
5. All OTHER COSTS			\$ 2,050,000.00					\$ 2,050,000.00	68%
6. TOTAL DIRECT COSTS (1-6)	\$ 750,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,050,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000.00	
7. INDIRECT COSTS (if applied)								\$ -	0%
8. Total Federal Budget	\$ 750,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,050,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000.00	
11. Non-Federal Match			\$ 100,000.00	\$ 50,000.00				\$ 150,000.00	
12. Total Program Budget	\$ 750,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,150,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,150,000.00	
13. Percentage By Category	25%	0%	68%	5%	2%	0%	0%		

Proposed State Match

A. Do you have an Indirect Cost Rate Agreement approved by the Federal government or some other non-federal entity?

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: