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Mr. Brian Newby, Executive Director  
U.S Election Assistance Commission  
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Dear Mr. Newby:

This letter is in regard to Missouri's plan for the usage of 2018 HAVA Election Security grant funds. We are committed to securing elections and appreciate the opportunities these funds will provide to our local election authorities and the State of Missouri.

Please find attached our Program and Budget Narrative for the planned usage of these funds.

If you have any questions about this proposed budget, please contact Trish Vincent, Executive Deputy Secretary of State at (573) 751-8731 or [trish.vincent@sos.mo.gov](mailto:trish.vincent@sos.mo.gov) or Lori Hughes, Director of Fiscal, at (573) 751-1831 or [lori.hughes@sos.mo.gov](mailto:lori.hughes@sos.mo.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John R. Ashcroft".

John R. Ashcroft  
Missouri Secretary of State

Enclosure

## Missouri 2018 HAVA Program and Budget Narrative

Elections are the bedrock of our democratic republic and the integrity of those elections is of the utmost importance. As such, Missouri stands ready to bolster the security of our elections on all fronts, electronic, physical and social, through the utilization of the 2018 Help American Vote (HAVA) grant received from the Election Assistance Commission. In total, this will result in an investment of \$7,592,156 in our elections systems throughout the remainder of 2018 and beyond as Missouri seeks to inform, prepare and equip our state's election officials.

Below is the proposed use of the new federal funds. The implementation timeline shall be over the five-year grant award period.

Missouri HAVA Grant - \$7,230,625

The Missouri Secretary of State will utilize the federal funds for the purposes listed below, including but not limited to the following:

- Facilitate election security training for multiple chief election officials and local election authorities, including Missouri, to be held in St. Louis in September 2018;
- Modernize Missouri's Centralized Voter Registration System (MCVR);
- Enter into multi-year contract for 24-7 managed defense to thwart attempts to corrupt the MCVR;
- Upgrade election-related computer systems to modernize protections and reduce future vulnerabilities;
- Bolster physical and electronic election security best practices for election systems;
- Develop and implement a dual-factor authentication for permitted users to access MCVR;
- Assist with training and self-monitoring of local election authorities both physical and electronic security with best practices;
- Enhance state IT staff assistance for local election authorities to evaluate and aid in compliance with election security best practices;
- Fund other activities that will improve the security of elections for Federal office.

Additionally, the Missouri Secretary of State will award grants to local election authorities including but not limited to the following:

- Upgrade/enhance computer systems and equipment in order to address vulnerabilities and improve the security of elections;
- Perform election security audits and audits of election equipment security to establish or improve best practices for election systems;
- Training for post-election procedures and the improvement of election security, both electronic and physical;
- Link local election authorities with state and national resources that are available to aid in identifying and mitigating security threats;
- Enhance communications with local election authorities to ensure security updates and implementations.