

# Wyoming Secretary of State

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July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

US Election Assistance Commission  
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Members of the US Election Assistance Commission:

The Wyoming Secretary of State's Office stands ready to utilize the recently awarded 2018 HAVA Elections Security Grant Funds in a manner that will address the most pressing needs as they relate to the security of elections and the perception of the integrity of the election process.

In November of 2017, our Office partnered with the Wyoming County Clerk's Association to initiate the formation of the Plan for Aging Voting Equipment (PAVE) Task Force. This Task Force is comprised of members from the Wyoming Secretary of State's Office, state legislators, county clerks, and county commissioners - those best suited to discuss the dire need of updating our aging voting equipment. The objective of the Task Force has been to "determine how best to identify, acquire, and fund the replacement of voting equipment." Since our Office has already started the process of assessing the needs of Wyoming counties, we will continue to work with the PAVE Task Force to effectively appropriate the 2018 HAVA Elections Security Grant Funds.

The Wyoming Secretary of State's Office has been allocated \$3,000,000 with a five percent state match requirement of \$150,000 totaling \$3,150,000. Wyoming will use these funds to replace outdated voting equipment originally purchased with HAVA Funds in 2005, and enhance the state and county cybersecurity infrastructure, where necessary.

The majority of funds received, \$2,850,000, which includes the \$150,000 state match, will be utilized in conjunction with the ongoing efforts of the PAVE Task Force to purchase new voting equipment for Wyoming counties. The goal is to replace outdated voting equipment prior to the 2020 election year cycle, barring no changes to the current voting method. If there are changes to the voting method, the goal would be to have the equipment replaced prior to the 2022 election year cycle. The new voting equipment would be certified at the most current Voluntary Voting Systems Guidelines as adopted by the Election Assistance Commission.

The remaining \$300,000 of federal funds will be used towards enhancing cybersecurity infrastructure throughout the State. Our Office will continue working with counties in an effort to identify cybersecurity issues at the county level. If vulnerabilities are identified, the Secretary of State's Office will work with counties to analyze the findings, determine the level of priority, and use these funds to address those vulnerabilities. Depending on several factors, the funds may be used immediately or in a timeframe more appropriate to the specific vulnerability. Due to the

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ongoing nature of cybersecurity vulnerabilities, we anticipate using these funds over the course of the next 5 years.

Investing in the future of elections is of the utmost importance and these funds will be used to further substantiate the commitment of the Wyoming Secretary of State's Office to ensure that the manner in which we conduct elections remains free, fair accurate and secure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward A. Buchanan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "B" for Buchanan.

Edward A. Buchanan  
Wyoming Secretary of State

**2018 HAVA ELECTION SECURITY GRANT**

**Budget Information** CFDA # 90.404 Non-Construction Program

**Name of Organization:** Wyoming Secretary of State's Office

**Budget Period Start:** 3/23/2018 **SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY** *(Consolidated Budget for total project term-- up to 5 years as defined by grantee)*

**Budget Period End:** 3/23/2023 **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)								\$ -	0%
2. EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,700,000.00							\$ 2,700,000.00	90%
3. SUBGRANTS- to local voting jurisdictions								\$ -	0%
4. TRAINING								\$ -	0%
5. All OTHER COSTS				\$ 300,000.00				\$ 300,000.00	10%
6. TOTAL DIRECT COSTS (1-6)	\$ 2,700,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000.00	
7. INDIRECT COSTS (if applied)								\$ -	0%
8. Total Federal Budget	\$ 2,700,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000.00	
11. Non-Federal Match	\$ 150,000.00							\$ 150,000.00	
12. Total Program Budget	\$ 2,850,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,150,000.00	
13. Percentage By Category	90%	0%	0%	10%	0%	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: