

FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORT

(Follow form instructions)

1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION					2. Federal Grant or Other Identifying Number Assigned by Federal Agency (To report multiple grants, use FFR Attachment) DC20101001		
3. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address including Zip code) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GOVERNMENT OF 441 4TH STREET, NW, SUITE 250N, WASHINGTON, DC 200012714							
4a. DUNS Number 1-800-368-5878		4b. EIN 13-0000000		5. Recipient Account Number or Identifying Number (To report multiple grants, use FFR Attachment) 25000000		6. Report Type <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Semi-Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Final	
7. Basis of Accounting <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual							
8. Project/Grant Period (Month, Day, Year) From: March 28, 2018 To: September 30, 2019					9. Reporting Period End Date (Month, Day, Year) March 31, 2021		
10. Transactions						Cumulative	
(Use lines a-c for single or combined multiple grant reporting)							
Federal Cash (To report multiple grants separately, also use FFR Attachment):							
a. Cash Receipts						\$6,000,000.00	
b. Cash Disbursements						\$6,000,000.00	
c. Cash on Hand (line a minus b)						\$0.00	
(Use lines d-o for single grant reporting)							
Federal Expenditures and Unobligated Balance:							
d. Total Federal funds authorized						\$6,000,000.00	
e. Federal share of expenditures						\$4,868,051.20	
f. Federal share of unliquidated obligations						\$0.00	
g. Total Federal share (sum of lines e and f)						\$4,868,051.20	
h. Unobligated balance of Federal funds (line d minus g)						\$1,131,948.80	
Recipient Share:							
i. Total recipient share required						\$750,000.00	
j. Recipient share of expenditures						\$150,000.00	
k. Remaining recipient share to be provided (line i minus j)						\$600,000.00	
Program Income:							
l. Total Federal share of program income earned						\$97,946.49	
m. Program income expended in accordance with the deduction alternative						\$0.00	
n. Program income expended in accordance with the addition alternative						\$0.00	
o. Unexpended program income (line l minus line m and line n)						\$97,946.49	
11. Indirect Expense							
a. Type		b. Rate		c. Period From		Period To	
d. Base		e. Amount Charged		f. Federal Share			
g. Totals:		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	
12. Remarks: Attach any explanations deemed necessary or information required by Federal sponsoring agency in compliance with governing legislation: Please provide the following information:							
13. Certification: By signing this report, I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the report is true, complete, and accurate, and the expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and intent set forth in the award documents. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)							
a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official Moore, Orsheka Senior Budget Analyst					c. Telephone (Area code, number, and extension) 202-724-8111		
b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official Moore, Orsheka					d. Email Address moore.orsheka@dc.gov		
					e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) May 28, 2021		

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Federal Agency & Organization : ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Federal Grant ID : DC20101001

Recipient Organization : DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GOVERNMENT OF
441 4TH STREET, NW, SUITE 250N, WASHINGTON, DC 200012714

DUNS Number :

DUNS Status when Certified : ACTIVE (as of 05/28/2021)

EIN :

Reporting Period End Date : March 31, 2021

Status : Awarding Agency Approval

Remarks : Please provide the following information:

State interest earned (current fiscal year): \$0

State interest expended (current fiscal year): \$0

Program income earned (current fiscal year): \$0

Program income earned breakdown (current fiscal year): \$ Source: e.g. Sale of registration list

Program income expended (current fiscal year): \$0

Federal Agency Review

Reviewer Name : [REDACTED]

Phone # : [REDACTED]

Email : [REDACTED]

Review Date : [REDACTED]

Review Comments :

EAC Progress Report

Response ID:339 Data

3. EAC Progress Report

1. State or Territory:

District of Columbia

2. Grant Number:

DC20101001-01

3. Report:

Semi-Annual (Oct 1 - March 31)

4. Grant:

Please select only one.

Election Security

5. Reporting Period Start Date

10/01/2021

6. Reporting Period End Date

03/31/2021

7. Recipient Organization:

Organization Name

District Of Columbia

Street Address

1015 Half Street Se, Suite 750

City

Washington

State

DC

Zip

20003

4. Progress and Narrative

8. Describe in detail what happened during this reporting period and explain how you implemented the approved grant activities.

The District of Columbia Board of Elections (DCBOE) team had to materially change in almost every way its operations to continue to meet the agency's mission to provide the best opportunity for DC Voters to cast their ballots. Each DCBOE team member recognized the criticality of insuring a successful 2020 election, and risked their and their family's health and safety by reporting to work to insure all went well. As the election cycle progressed, we all learned a great deal about what worked

and didn't work in this new environment.

DCBOE faced the following challenges during the election cycle: recruiting and training election workers, identifying polling locations, safely operating polling sites, maintaining social distancing in polling sites and in the work place, instituting telework successfully, messaging, offering multiple options for voting, working under stressful circumstances, and other high-level unforeseen encounters associated with conducting the November Presidential election.

DCBOE put in place an action plan that addressed the many challenges associated with conducting an effective election for the voters of the District of Columbia. The plan provided for ballots to be mailed to every eligible registered voter, a ballot drop box voting system, a reduction in the number of individual polling places, an expansion of vote center locations to larger facilities to allow for social distancing for in-person voting options and an altered training program to train election workers and staff on how to conduct an election during the pandemic. To assist with notifying voters of the pandemic voting options, DCBOE implemented a full scale messaging campaign that included social media, radio, PSA's, television, email and other means of communications to provide continuous information to District residents regarding the change in the voting process and the methods for voting during the General Election.

For this reporting period, DCBOE relied heavily upon grant funding for the recruitment, training, and hiring of additional poll workers and temporary election workers. DCBOE expected an increase in personnel costs due to the Vote Center expansion program and the need to process returned ballots during the COVID-19 pandemic.

9. Describe any significant changes to your program during the project, including changes to your original State Plan/Program Narrative or favorable developments that improved program efficiency and/or service delivery.

Otherwise enter N/A.

The DCBOE significantly altered its voting program to expand in-person voting from individual polling place locations to vote center locations that allowed for social distancing during in-person voting.

DCBOE also expanded its absentee voting program to a full blown vote by mail program, wherein, the agency mailed a ballot to every registered voter in the District

10. Issues Encountered:

Describe all major issues that arose during the implementation of the project and the reasons why established goals were not met, if applicable. Address each issue separately and describe whether and how the issues were resolved. Also, briefly discuss the implications of any unresolved issues or concerns.

Otherwise enter N/A.

DCBOE acknowledge there were challenges in conducting the 2020 November Presidential General Election. The Covid-19 pandemic presented the following challenges: limitation of time - new voting processes often take years to plan and even longer to effectively test and implement.; staffing and training election workers; communication challenges; logistical challenges associated to voting locations due to social distancing; and USPS mail delivery issues.

For the November Presidential General election cycle, DCBOE implemented the additional activities listed below to address issues that arose at the vote centers during the 2020 June Primary and to mitigate absentee voting issues that strained the DCBOE's IT system from the voluminous email communications and ballot request applications submitted from voters requesting a mail-in ballot:

- Mailed a ballot to every registered voter in the District of Columbia using a private mail house.
- Messaged heavily for voters to update their registration information so that they could receive a ballot in the mail.
- Created a Vote-By-Mail program, hiring temporary workers to assist staff.
- Opened 32 Vote Centers 7 days before Election Day for early voting and 95 Vote Centers on Election Day. There were 32 Early Voting Sites that opened from October 27th for Election Week through November 2nd. On the last day to vote, November 3rd, the Board opened 95 Vote Centers, fifteen more than District legislation required. Voters were able to vote at any vote center for the entire voting period.
- Identified private facility Vote Center locations in addition to the traditional school or recreational center locations.

- Prioritized areas where more Vote Centers would be needed, especially adding more in Wards 7 and 8.
- Worked closely with community groups focused on seniors and to find innovative ways to allow seniors to cast their ballot in a quarantined situation.
- Identified and implemented a temporary solution for the Board's mobile app.
- Recruited more poll workers for Vote Centers during early voting period and on Election Day.
- Heavily messaged to voters about changes in the voting processes, voting locations and early voting.
- Upgraded in-house technology to accommodate and process the large number of returned ballots.
- Opened Vote Centers including "super centers" instead of traditional voting precincts.
- Purchased drop boxes and placed them in locations that were under 24-hour surveillance cameras and in heavily trafficked, well lit areas.

Based on feedback from the public gathered mostly via social media and community meetings, Vote Centers (and Super Vote Centers) and drop boxes were a huge success with voters appreciating in particular the ease of being able to vote at any location as opposed to the voter's specific precinct.

Further, there has been near universal agreement by the public to continue with the automatic mailing of ballots to every registered voter and to use the mail drop boxes in future elections.

In closing, 80,959 people voted in-person. 234,758 voters utilized mail-in voting. Our experienced poll workers were reduced by more than 75% but younger, more tech savvy poll workers stepped up to work on the front lines of the November 2020 election. DCBOE staff and their families were hit hard by Covid-19. What normally would have taken 18 months was accomplished, with some difficulties, in 8 weeks or so. Nevertheless, DCBOE rose to meet an unprecedented challenge. We believe that improvements such as the use of the mail house to send every registered voter a ballot, the unique ballot tracker system associated with the mail house, the utilization of USPS Intelligent Mail Barcodes (IMB), a better, more focused communications plan, drop boxes and other upgrades to our process led to a more positive voting experience for the District of Columbia voters.

11. Provide a description of any security training conducted.

Otherwise enter N/A.

N/A

12. Subgrants (if applicable):

Describe how you made funds available to local jurisdictions.

Provide a description of the major categories of subgrant activities local voting districts will accomplish with the funds.

Otherwise enter N/A.

N/A

13. Match (if applicable):

Describe how you are meeting the matching requirement.

Otherwise enter - match not required.

DCBOE plans to track eligible activities from our local operating budget to meet the state match obligation.

5. Expenditures

14. Current Period Amount Expended and Unliquidated Obligations

GRANT COST CATEGORIES

	Federal	Match
Voting Equipment and Processes:		
Post-Election Auditing:		
Voter Registration Systems:		
Cyber Security:		
Communications:		
Total	\$380,652.90	
Others (Personnel)	\$128,423.38	
Others (Contract Services)	\$252,229.52	

6. Certification

Name and Contact of the authorized certifying official of the recipient.

First Name

Orsheka

Last Name

Moore

Title

Senior Budget Analyst

Phone Number

Email Address

Signature of Certifying Official:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Orsheka P. Moore". The signature is stylized with large, bold letters and a prominent "P".

Signature of: ORSHEKA P MOORE