

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)			
3. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address including Zip code) SECRETARY OF STATE, GEORGIA 237 COLISEUM DR, MACON, GA 312173805							
4a. DUNS Number	4b. EIN	5. Recipient Account Number or Identifying Number (To report multiple grants, use FFR Attachment)		6. Report Type	7. Basis of Accounting		
				<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Annual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual		
8. Project/Grant Period (Month, Day, Year) From: March 28, 2018				9. Reporting Period End Date (Month, Day, Year) September 30, 2021			
To: September 30, 2029							
10. Transactions					Cumulative		
<i>(Use lines a-c for single or combined multiple grant reporting)</i>							
Federal Cash (To report multiple grants separately, also use FFR Attachment):							
a. Cash Receipts					\$21,907,178.00		
b. Cash Disbursements					\$19,334,167.52		
c. Cash on Hand (line a minus b)					\$2,573,010.48		
<i>(Use lines d-o for single grant reporting)</i>							
Federal Expenditures and Unobligated Balance:							
d. Total Federal funds authorized					\$21,907,178.00		
e. Federal share of expenditures					\$19,334,167.52		
f. Federal share of unliquidated obligations					\$0.00		
g. Total Federal share (sum of lines e and f)					\$19,334,167.52		
h. Unobligated balance of Federal funds (line d minus g)					\$2,573,010.48		
Recipient Share:							
i. Total recipient share required					\$2,835,568.00		
j. Recipient share of expenditures					\$1,070,763.82		
k. Remaining recipient share to be provided (line i minus j)					\$1,764,804.18		
Program Income:							
l. Total Federal share of program income earned					\$34,670.58		
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)					\$34,670.58		
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 Sterling, Robert COO/CFO				c. Telephone (Area code, number, and extension)			
b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official Sterling, Robert				d. Email Address			
e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) January 21, 2022							

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Federal Agency & Organization : ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Federal Grant ID

Recipient Organization

DUNS Number

DUNS Status when Certified

EIN

Reporting Period End Date : September 30, 2021

Status : Awarding Agency Approval

Remarks : "Please provide the following information:

State interest earned (current fiscal year): \$

State interest expended (current fiscal year): \$

Program income earned (current fiscal year): \$

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

Program income expended (current fiscal year): \$

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The state is still reviewing the revenue produced from the absentee ballot fulfillment program run in the General Election and the General Election Runoff for the counties that opted in. It was funded mainly through HAVA Security dollars.

Federal Agency Review

Reviewer Name

Phone #

Email

Review Date

Review Comments

2021-2022 EAC Progress Report

3. EAC Progress Report

1. State or Territory:

Georgia

2. Grant Number:

GA20101001

3. Report:

Annual (Oct 1 - Sept 30)

4. Grant:

Election Security

5. Reporting Period Start Date

10/01/2020

6. Reporting Period End Date

09/30/2021

4. Progress and Narrative

7. Describe in detail what happened during this reporting period and explain how you implemented the approved grant activities in accordance with your State Plan/Program Narrative. (Note: Your activities should align with your Grant Cost Categories Table.)

This period included both the 2020 General Election and the January 5 Federal runoff for 2 US Senate seats. Most dollars were expended to educate voters on the use of the new, paper ballot based Ballot Marking Device (BMD) system. The state also used the existing law surrounding the no excuse absentee by mail voting to enhance safe voting during the COVID pandemic. Sub-grants were awarded to counties, who are the entities that actually conduct elections, in 3 main areas; Security (both cyber

and physical), Accessibility, and General Election Administration (to aid in the implementation of the new voting system.

The state rolled out a line time management tracking system using geo location for each precinct in all 159 counties. It allowed us to know if there were any long lines on Election Day. There were not. The average wait time throughout the day was only 3 minutes.

We did, the for first time, a post election audit. The intention was to do a Risk Limiting Audit, but due to the closeness of the Presidential election, which was the audited election chosen by Secretary of State Raffensperger to audit, the audit became a manual hand tally that was completed in 5 days. The outcome proved the new voting equipment properly tallied the ballots cast. The margin of difference from the reported number of ballots and the hand tallied count was only 0.1053% and the difference from the margin of victory was only 0.0099%.

We continued to make investments in enhancing cyber security around the voting systems and the voter registration system.

The state also joined the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) to provide more robust list maintenance. This additional information will allow for overall cleaner, more up to date voter registration lists for both Georgia and the other member states.

8. 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.

The major changes happened since the initial security grant was awarded. One, a new paper based BMD system has been implemented statewide and began being used in every voting jurisdiction in March of 2020. Two, COVID hit in March of 2020 and continues to the date of the report. Three, an unprecedented attack of disinformation and misinformation on the Presidential election outcome and processes in Georgia.

These challenges did lead to improved processes, but also a lot of voter education. The disinformation and misinformation continue to undermine the confidence in the overall election system.

9. 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.

Despite the many challenges Georgia faced, very successful elections, from an election administration perspective, were conducted in the period. Record registration was achieved with approximately 95% of eligible citizens being registered to vote. Georgia saw record turnout in the Primary (moved from March and May to June), the General Election, and General Election Runoff. With the full adoption of the Statewide BMD, paper ballot based voter system, we saw lines virtually disappear.

Even through COVID, the state kept all three options for voting fully available to Georgia voters; 3 weeks of early voting, no excuse absentee by mail, and election day voting. We did this through leveraging both CARES and HAVA dollars.

10. Provide a description of any training conducted, including security training.

We updated all training manuals and deployed a field tech in all precincts to achieve smooth voting in the November and January elections. Also, cyber training is now required for any voting official, employee, or contractor to access to voter registration system.

11. Subgrants:

Did your office provide subawards to local jurisdictions during this reporting period?

Yes

12. Describe the activities carried out by your subgrantees during the reporting period.

Enhanced the security around the voting equipment at the county level where it is held. We also had some grants expended on enhancing accessibility for voters with disabilities. Further, some sub awards were for late COVID response like PPE or plexiglass shields.

Other 1: Election Management/Covid Response

Other 2: Accessibility

Provide a breakdown of aggregate subawards expenditures across major categories.

Voting Equipment : \$94,364.45

Election Auditing : \$0.00

Voter Registration Systems : \$0.00

Security : \$121,937.48

Communications : \$0.00

Other (Voter Reg. Security Equipment) : \$0.00

Other (Specify above) : \$21,387.54

Other (Specify above) : \$36,108.50

Total : \$273797.97

13. Match:

Describe how you are meeting or have met the matching requirement.

The state purchased a statewide voting system for all 159 counties expending over \$130 million. And the state is replacing and enhancing the former voter registration system, eNet, with a new one called the Georgia Registered Voter Information System (GARVIS; pronounced JAR-vis).

14. Report on the number and type of articles of voting equipment obtained with the funds. Include the amount expended on the expenditure table.

The equipment purchased by the counties through the subgrants are a variety of items intended to aid the counties in providing support for the new statewide BMD, paper ballot system. Items include carrying cases, security cages, voting "booths", tables, extension cords, etc.

5. Expenditures

15. Current Period Amount Expended and Unliquidated Obligations

GRANT COST CATEGORIES - FEDERAL

Voting Equipment and Processes: : \$3569356

Post-Election Auditing: : \$121377

Voter Registration Systems: : \$163800

Cyber Security: : \$591595

Voter Education/Communications: : \$4587427

Subgrants: : \$273798

Other (Specify below) : \$9090

Other (Specify below) : \$287379

Other (Specify below) : \$1811596

Total : \$11415418

Comments: Other 1: Grants Administration Other 2: Security and Election Enhancements Other 3: Absentee Ballot Program

16. GRANT COST CATEGORIES - MATCH

Voting Equipment and Processes: : \$0
Post-Election Auditing: : \$0
Voter Registration Systems: : \$0
Cyber Security: : \$0
Voter Education/Communications: : \$0
Accessibility: : \$0
Staffing: : \$0
Training: : \$0
Subgrants: : \$0
Indirect Costs (If applicable, FFR Line 11): : \$0
Unliquidated Obligations (If applicable, FFR Line 10f): : \$0
Other (Specify below) : \$0
Other (Specify below) : \$0
Other (Specify below) : \$0

Total : \$0

Comments: N/A

7. Expenditures

17. Confirm Total Grant Expenditure Amounts

Federal : \$11415418

Match : \$0

Total : \$11415418

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 3265-0020

8. Certification

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

First Name

Gabriel

Last Name

Sterling

Title

COO/CFO

Phone Number

Email Address

18. Add another contact to send a copy of submission confirmation and edit link?

Signature of Certifying Official:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gabriel Sterling". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gabriel" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Sterling".

Signature of: Gabriel Sterling

9. Report Submitted to EAC



Thank you. Your Annual (Oct 1 - Sept 30) progress report for Election Security has been submitted to the EAC. Please keep the PDF download of your submission as grant record.