

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) MS20101001				
3. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address including Zip code) SECRETARY OF STATE, MISSISSIPPI 401 MISSISSIPPI ST, JACKSON, MS 392011004								
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, 2020				
To: September 30, 2019								
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					\$9,521,137.00			
b. Cash Disbursements					\$2,000,814.00			
c. Cash on Hand (line a minus b)					\$7,520,323.00			
<i>(Use lines d-o for single grant reporting)</i>								
Federal Expenditures and Unobligated Balance:								
d. Total Federal funds authorized					\$9,521,137.00			
e. Federal share of expenditures					\$2,000,814.00			
f. Federal share of unliquidated obligations					\$6,520,086.00			
g. Total Federal share (sum of lines e and f)					\$8,520,900.00			
h. Unobligated balance of Federal funds (line d minus g)					\$1,000,237.00			
Recipient Share:								
i. Total recipient share required					\$1,232,928.00			
j. Recipient share of expenditures					\$43,347.12			
k. Remaining recipient share to be provided (line i minus j)					\$1,189,580.88			
Program Income:								
l. Total Federal share of program income earned					\$160,975.00			
m. Program income expended in accordance with the deduction alternative					\$0.00			
n. Program income expended in accordance with the addition alternative					\$107,601.00			
o. Unexpended program income (line l minus line m and line n)					\$53,374.00			
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: State Interest Earned: \$78,390; State Interest Expended: \$107,601; Program Income Earned: \$0; Program Income Earned Breakdown:								
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 Tschiffely, Emily Finance Director					c. Telephone (Area code, number, and extension)			
					d. Email Address			
b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official Tschiffely, Emily					e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) February 24, 2021			

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Federal Agency & Organization : ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Federal Grant ID : MS20101001

Recipient Organization : SECRETARY OF STATE, MISSISSIPPI
401 MISSISSIPPI ST, JACKSON, MS 392011004

DUNS Number :

DUNS Status when Certified :

EIN :

Reporting Period End Date : September 30, 2020

Status :

Remarks :

Federal Agency Review

Reviewer Name :

Phone # :

Email :

Review Date :

Review Comments :

EAC Progress Report

Response ID:124 Data

1. Login

Please enter your userword and password to begin the Progress Narrative. If you require assistance or have any questions, please contact grants@eac.gov

2. Verification

3. EAC Progress Report

1. State or Territory:

Mississippi

2. Grant Number:

MS20101001

3. Report:

Annual (Oct 1 - Sept 30)

4. Grant:

Please select only one.

Election Security

5. Reporting Period Start Date

10/01/2019

6. Reporting Period End Date

09/30/2020

7. DUNS/UEI:

8. EIN:

9. Recipient Organization:

Organization Name

Office Of The Secretary Of State

Street Address

401 Mississippi Street

City

Jackson

State

MS

Zip

39205

4. Progress and Narrative

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

During the reporting period, the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office used Election Security Funds to upgrade infrastructure to our Statewide Election Management System at both sites with new hardware and software. A total of \$221,559.94 was spent by our office. The majority of our funds have been allocated to counties in the form of a reimbursement grant, and many counties have used their allocations to upgrade polling places for ADA compliance, purchase new voting equipment, or perform maintenance on existing voting equipment totaling \$866,728.90.

11. Provide a timeline and description of project activities funded to meet HAVA requirements. Provide an analysis of how such activities conform to the submitted State Plan or Program Narrative as applicable.

Our office plans on pursuing a statewide bulk purchase of voting machines in 2021 ahead of the 2022 midterm elections. While many counties in Mississippi have upgraded voting machine systems to paper based systems, the majority of counties still use direct recording equipment purchased with the original HAVA funds in 2005-2006. Our goal is to transition all remaining counties to voting systems with voter verified paper trails before the next federal election.

12. Describe any significant changes to your program during the course of the project, or if the project was implemented differently than described in your original State Plan or Program Narrative.

Otherwise enter - no significant changes during this period.

No significant changes during this period.

13. Describe any favorable developments which enabled meeting time schedules and objectives sooner or at less cost than anticipated or producing more or different beneficial results than originally planned.

Otherwise enter N/A.

N/A

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

Otherwise enter - No articles of voting equipment purchased during this period.

DeSoto County - 10 Electronic Poll Books from ES&S

Hancock County - 55 Electronic Poll Books from ES&S

Harrison County - 10 DS200 Voting Machines from ES&S

Hinds - 115 Express Vote Ballot Marking Devices from ES&S

Itawamba County - 10 TSX (DRE) Voting Machines from ES&S

Lauderdale County - 20 DS200 Voting Machines; 2 Ballot on Demand ballot printers; 2 Express Vote BMD; All from ES&S

Madison County - 1 Ballot on Demand ballot printer from ES&S

Monroe County - 5 Electronic Pollbooks, 1 Optical Mark central scanner from ES&S and 1 GEMS server from ES&S

Neshoba County - 27 DS200 Voting Machines and 25 Express Vote Ballot Marking Devices from ES&S

Newton County - 18 DS200 Voting Machines and 17 Express Vote Ballot Marking Devices from ES&S

Pearl River County - 31 DS200 Voting Machines and 28 Express Vote Ballot Marking Devices from ES&S

Rankin County - 16 Hart Verity Scanners and 50 Electronic Poll books from KnowInk

Quitman County - 1 GEMS Server from ES&S

Winston County - 15 DS200 Voting Machines and 12 Express Vote Ballot Marking Devices from ES&S

Yalobusha County - 1 Ballot on Demand printer and 2 DS200 Voting Machines from ES&S

15. Provide a description of any security training conducted and the number of participants.

Otherwise enter - no security training conducted during this period.

The Mississippi Secretary of State's Office offered election security training as part of our annual certification of all 410 election commissioners, and many of our 82 county circuit clerks (county registrars) attended as well, along with deputy clerks. The security training covered general information on cybersecurity, including password protection, multi-factor authentication, email security (spoofing, spam, phishing, scams, etc.), general internet security (spyware, adware, malware, ransomware), and we also encouraged all counties to consider moving to .gov domains.

16. 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.

The Mississippi Secretary of State's Office made available \$4,000,000.00 from the 2018 grant and \$5,000,000.00 from the 2020 grant to our 82 counties as subgrants. The counties can use these funds to upgrade voting machines to voter verifiable paper based voting systems, make ADA improvements to polling places, enhancements to election technology, improvements to election security, cybersecurity audits, and other election-related technology upgrades.

17. Match (if applicable):

Describe how you are meeting the matching requirement.

Otherwise enter - match not required.

The Mississippi Legislature appropriated \$950,000 in the 2020 General Session as matching funds to be split, as needed, between the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and Coronavirus Aid, Relieve, and Economic Security Act (CARES). The funds not used as match for CARES are being used for the development of our Statewide Election Management System (VR System), and other HAVA related expenses.

18. Issues Encountered:

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

Otherwise enter - no issues encountered.

No issues encountered.

19. Upcoming Activities:

Provide a timeline and description of upcoming activities.

In 2021, the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office plans on issuing a voting machine request for proposal to do a bulk purchase of voting machines to replace the remaining direct recording equipment machines still in use. We plan to have these machines replaced by the 2022 mid-term elections.

5. Expenditures

20. Current Period Amount Expended and Unliquidated Obligations

GRANT COST CATEGORIES

	Federal	Match
Voting Equipment:	\$622,838.81	\$0.00
Post-Election Auditing:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Voter Registration Systems:	\$221,559.94	\$0.00
Cyber Security:	\$51,058.20	\$0.00
Communications:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$1,088,288.84	\$0
ADA Compliance at polling places	\$28,656.27	\$0.00
New Computers for use with VR System	\$10,973.18	\$0.00
Annual/Preventative Maintenance on Voting Systems	\$59,475.22	\$0.00
Precinct Supplies (ADA Voting Booths, memory cards, encoders, ballot boxes)	\$82,687.14	\$0.00

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6. Certification

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

First Name

Hawley

Last Name

Robertson

Title

Assistant Secretary of State, Elections Division

Phone Number

Email Address

Signature of Certifying Official:



Signature of: Hawley Robertson

7. Report Submitted to EAC



Thank you, your progress report has been submitted to EAC. Please keep the PDF download of your submission as grant record.