



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ELECTIONS
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The 2023 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Election Security Grant Program
Program Narrative for the DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 9, 2023

Mark Robbins, Interim Executive Director
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
633 3rd Street, N.W., Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. Robbins:

The District of Columbia seeks to utilize the HAVA grant funds (\$1,000,000.00), together with the State Match Share (\$200,000.00) to continue the progress made, under the initial HAVA Grant Program.

The District of Columbia intends to use the \$1,000,000.00 to pay temporary staff to process voted mail ballots (\$50,000), to pay election workers (\$50,000), and to strengthen our communications efforts (\$50,000).

DC will continue to use a paper-based voting system and electronic poll books for in-person voting during the 2024 election cycle. DC will also automatically mail a ballot to all registered voters in the District of Columbia. DC implemented a new statewide voter registration system in 2021. The functionality of this system along with the hardware and software upgrades have resulted in a more robust and secure system. The BOE intends to use these funds to add on several identified enhancements that will provide greater flexibility and efficiencies in the Voter Registration System. These enhancements will provide greater system monitoring, expanded system backup and business continuity capabilities; and continue to prioritize the protection of the Voter Registration System and voter data (\$100,000).

The District envisions using HAVA funds to improve the physical security at each of our offices, warehouses, and polling locations, including the purchase of security equipment such as security sensors, cameras, physical access keys and other items (\$250,000); to enhance cybersecurity on our elections systems (\$100,000); and to fund security enhancements for our network infrastructure (\$100,000). DCBOE will also use the HAVA security grant funds to upgrade equipment and software for its voter registration, candidacy, and election management system and online voter registration and ballot request system (\$300,000).


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