



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
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Mr. Frid:

Please accept this letter as the required program narrative for the Notice of Grant Award, Agreement # KY20101001-01, for activities consistent with the laws described in section 906 of HAVA. The purpose of this award is to “improve the administration of elections for Federal office, including to enhance election technology and make election security improvements” to the systems, equipment and processed used in federal elections. The Commonwealth of Kentucky is prepared to satisfy the requirements for the state match to implement the program. The federal share of the grant would be \$1,000,000.00, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky will provide the required 20% match, \$200,000.00.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky, and I as its chief election official, recognize the importance of safeguarding our election systems and providing improvements to the voter experience. We have made upgrades to the Voter Registration System (“VRS”) over the past three years, but because of increased scrutiny and expansion of voting opportunities, additional upgrades and security are needed.

The Kentucky VRS is an internal product of the State Board of Elections (“SBE”) and they take great pride in its continued improvement and performance. With Kentucky law changes in 2021 and 2022, the VRS now handles the request and tracking of absentee ballots. Further law changes also allow for the online delivery of ballots to those with disabilities so that they may mark and complete their ballots independently. This federal funding will provide financing for personnel and associated licensing and software programs within IT staff dedicated to the security of the VRS. The State Board of Elections provides Citrix licenses to its staff and county election officials to increase security of the access to the VRS. Finally, additional voter education about Kentucky’s new early voting law is needed in order to prevent excessive lines at the polls on election day. The totality of the state match will be redistributed to county governments, under a Memorandum of Agreement, to provide reimbursable state grants for the purchase of certified voting equipment.

The money allocated through the Notice of Grant Award will continue to maintain and further enhance the Commonwealth's in-house VRS.

Budget Narrative

Category	Federal	State
Voter Registration System	\$700,000	
Citrix Licenses	\$180,000	
Voter Education	\$120,000	
Subgrants		\$200,000
Total	\$1,000,000	\$200,000

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Adams

EAC FY23 HAVA GRANT - BUDGET WORKSHEET

OMB#: 3265-0023 Expiration Date: 9/30/2025

GRANTEE NAME:	Kentucky Secretary of Commonwealth	MATCH %:	20%
AWARD TYPE:	FORMULA	INDIRECT COST %	
PROJECT PERIOD START DATE:	3/23/2018	(IF APPLIED):	
PROJECT PERIOD END DATE:	Until Expended	INDIRECT COST TYPE:	

SECTION A: GRANT BUDGET	YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO	YEAR THREE	YEAR FOUR	YEAR FIVE	TOTAL:
FEDERAL AMOUNT	\$ 5,773,423.00	\$ 6,491,766.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00		\$ 14,265,189.00
NON FEDERAL MATCH	\$ 288,671.00	\$ 1,298,353.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00		\$ 1,987,024.00
TOTAL:	\$ 6,062,094.00	\$ 7,790,119.00	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ -	\$ 16,252,213.00

SECTION B: BUDGET CATEGORIES (Federal Only)	Voting Equipment	Voting Processes	Voter Registration Systems	Election Auditing	Cyber and Physical Security	Voter Education	Accessibility	Other (Provide description in this box)	Other (Provide description in this box)	TOTALS	% Fed Total
PERSONNEL			\$ 500,000.00							\$ 500,000.00	4%
FRINGE RELATED TO SALARY										\$ -	0%
EQUIPMENT	\$ 4,000,000.00		\$ 1,500,000.00							\$ 5,500,000.00	39%
TRAINING		\$ 50,000.00	\$ 250,000.00			\$ 220,000.00				\$ 520,000.00	4%
CONTRACTUAL										\$ -	0%
OTHER (Describe) Citrix Authentication Licenses			\$ 350,000.00							\$ 350,000.00	2%
OTHER (Describe)UOCAVA Platform							\$ 140,000.00			\$ 140,000.00	1%
OTHER (Describe) Software and Developer Licenses			\$ 755,189.00							\$ 755,189.00	
SUBGRANTS	\$ 6,500,000.00									\$ 6,500,000.00	46%
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$ 10,500,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 3,355,189.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 140,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,265,189.00	100%
INDIRECT COSTS (if applied)										\$ -	0%
TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET	\$ 10,500,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 3,355,189.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 140,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,265,189.00	100%
PERCENTAGE BY CATEGORY	74%	0%	24%	0%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%		

SECTION C: NON FEDERAL MATCH RESOURCES	STATE FUNDS	OTHER	TOTAL:
State General Funding line itemed in	\$ 400,000.00		\$ 400,000.00
HB 1 for the purchase of voting equipment		\$ -	\$ -
by the County Clerk's		\$ -	\$ -
Other State Funding from Annual Budget	\$ 1,587,024.00		\$ 1,587,024.00
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TOTAL:	\$ 1,987,024.00	\$ -	\$ 1,987,024.00