Overview

The Maryland State Board of Elections (SBE) is pleased to receive $1,226,483 in federal funds to continue to "improve the administration of elections for Federal office, including to enhance election technology and make election security improvements." With the State's 20% match of funds, SBE will have an additional $1,472,328 available to fulfill Congress' intent to improve election security and technology.

Securing systems and data is a continuous effort in Maryland's elections community, and the systems and data we use are protected by the industry accepted best practices for critical information systems. From the voter registration process to the voting process to the posting of election results, we have ways to protect, monitor, test, and restore the systems and processes. We are constantly looking for ways to enhance how we protect these systems and respond to new risks, and these funds will enable Maryland's election community to enhance election technology and the security measures protecting the systems and data we use to conduct elections.

Proposed Election Security Activities

U. S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), proposed activities are assigned to six categories. SBE will use the HAVA 2023 election security additional grant funds for cyber and physical security.

Voting Process

1. **2024 and Future Election Activities:** Identifying and mitigating vulnerabilities will continue to be a top priority for State and local elections officials. Assessing and mitigating vulnerabilities is a continuous task, and SBE will continue to perform these assessments regularly and address any identified issues immediately.

2. **Budget Narrative:** SBE will allocate the $1,472,328 of the 2022 HAVA additional security grant to identify and mitigate cyber security risks. These actions include acquiring and upgrading pollbook equipment and software.

   - Software - SBE will purchase software to help manage authentication and access control to new pollbooks leading up to and during elections.

   - Equipment – SBE will purchase Merlin mini-computer hardware devices to control and limit secure network access to pollbook network at every voting location similar to a firewall.

Grant Administration
SBE has deposited into an interest-bearing account all federal funds. Interest earned on these funds will be retained in the account and used for only allowable activities.

Annual Performance Reports and Quarterly Financial Reports
SBE will file annually program narrative and quarterly expenditure reports covering activities and expenditures during the federal fiscal year. Each narrative report will include a summary of expenditures aligned with budget categories in SBE's plan, a list of equipment obtained with these funds, and a description of how the funded activities meet the goals of the plan.

Title to Property
SBE understands that it acquires title to any property purchased using these funds and retains ownership of this property if SBE has the property.

EAC HAVA GRANT - BUDGET WORKSHEET

GRANTEE NAME:	**Maryland State Board Of Elections**
AWARD TYPE:	**REVISION/CONTINUATION**
PROJECT PERIOD START DATE:	**03/23/2018**
PROJECT PERIOD END DATE:	**Until Expended**

MATCH %:	**14%**
INDIRECT COST % (IF APPLIED):	
INDIRECT COST TYPE:	

SECTION A: GRANT BUDGET

	YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO	YEAR THREE	YEAR FOUR	TOTAL:
FEDERAL AMOUNT	$ 7,063,699.00	$ 7,946,380.00	$ 1,226,483.00	$ 1,226,483.00	$ 17,463,045.00
NON FEDERAL MATCH	$ 353,185.00	$ 1,589,276.00	$ 245,845.00	$ 245,845.00	$ 2,434,151.00
TOTAL:	$ 7,416,884.00	$ 9,535,656.00	$ 1,472,328.00	$ 1,472,328.00	$ 19,897,196.00

SECTION B: BUDGET CATEGORIES (Federal Only)

SECTION B: BUDGET CATEGORIES (Federal Only)	Voting Equipment	Voting Processes	Voter Registration Systems	Election Auditing	Cyber and Physical Security	Voter Education	Accessibility	Cyber Security	Other (Provide description in this box)	TOTALS	% Fed Total
PERSONNEL										$ -	0%
FRINGE RELATED TO SALARY										$ -	0%
EQUIPMENT	$ 303,895.00	$ 778,463.00	$ 2,313,778.00		$ 2,478,186.00					$ 5,874,322.00	34%
TRAINING								$ 3,173,500.00		$ 3,173,500.00	18%
CONTRACTUAL					$ 2,000,000.00					$ 2,000,000.00	11%
SOFTWARE AND LICENSES		$ 448,020.00			$ 5,967,203.00					$ 6,415,223.00	37%
OTHER (Describe)										$ -	0%
SUBGRANTS										$ -	0%
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	$ 303,895.00	$ 1,226,483.00	$ 2,313,778.00	$ -	$ 10,445,389.00	$ -	$ -	$ 3,173,500.00	$ -	$ 17,463,045.00	100%
INDIRECT COSTS (if applied)										$ -	0%
TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET	$ 303,895.00	$ 1,226,483.00	$ 2,313,778.00	$ -	$ 10,445,389.00	$ -	$ -	$ 3,173,500.00	$ -	$ 17,463,045.00	100%
PERCENTAGE BY CATEGORY	2%	7%	13%	0%	60%	0%	0%	18%	0%		

SECTION C: NON FEDERAL MATCH RESOURCES

SOURCE DESCRIPTION	STATE FUNDS	OTHER	TOTAL:
State Appropriation	$ 2,434,151.00		$ 2,434,151.00
			$ -
			$ -
			$ -
	$ 2,434,151.00	$ -	$ 2,434,151.00