



Michael Watson
SECRETARY OF STATE

February 28, 2023

Mr. Mark Robbins, Interim Executive Director
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
1335 East-West Highway, Suite 4300
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Re: 2022 Mississippi HAVA Narrative Statement

Dear Mr. Robbins,

The *Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023* appropriated \$1,000,000.00 in additional grant monies made available through the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) to the State of Mississippi. The State is required to match twenty percent of federal grant allocation, either in cash or in-kind, totaling \$1,431,696.00, for a total grant of \$10,521,138.00

Pursuant to Section 23-15-211.1, Miss Code Ann., the Secretary of State is the State's Chief Elections Office for the purpose of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993. The Mississippi Secretary of State's Office (MSOS) conducts all training of local election officials and is charged under Mississippi law to certify said officials to conduct all primary, general, and special elections. The MSOS also manages and houses the Statewide Election Management System, which is Mississippi's centralized voter roll implemented in 2004 in compliance with HAVA. The MSOS Elections Division assists the Secretary with his statutory duties.

The MSOS intends to use the \$1,000,000.00 appropriation to enhance cybersecurity surrounding SEMS. This will include internal and external penetration testing of SEMS and internal and external penetration testing of county election official cyber infrastructure. In addition to the penetration testing, we will implement additional cybersecurity training and education for county election officials, extended detection and response security solutions, and make needed improvements to the virtual and physical infrastructure of SEMS.

Sincerely,

Kyle Kirkpatrick
Assistant Secretary of State, Elections Division

HAVA ELECTION SECURITY GRANT

Budget Information	
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Name of Organization:	State of Mississippi - Secretary of State's Office
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Budget Period Start:	3/23/2018
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Budget Period End:	Until Funds are expended
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SECTION A: GRANT BUDGET	YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO	YEAR THREE	YEAR FOUR	TOTAL:
FEDERAL AMOUNT	\$4,483,541.00	\$5,037,597.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$11,521,138.00
NON FEDERAL MATCH	\$224,177.00	\$1,007,519.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$1,631,696.00
TOTAL:	\$4,707,718.00	\$6,045,116.00	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,200,000.00	\$13,152,834.00

PROGRAM CATEGORIES	
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BUDGET CATEGORIES	(a) Voting Equipment	(b) Election Auditing	(c) Voter Registration Systems	(d) Cyber Security	(e) Communications	(f) Polling Place Improvements	(g) Other (Cyber and Physical Security)	TOTALS	% Program Budget
1. PERSONNEL (including fringe)								\$ -	
2. EQUIPMENT		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 662,597.00	\$ 275,000.00				\$ 942,597.00	7%
3. SUBGRANTS- to local voting jurisdictions	\$ 7,025,883.00	\$ 52,508.00		\$ 200,150.00		\$ 1,500,000.00		\$ 8,778,541.00	67%
4. TRAINING								\$ -	
5. All OTHER COSTS							\$ 1,800,000.00	\$ 1,800,000.00	14%
6. TOTAL DIRECT COSTS (1-6)	\$ 7,025,883.00	\$ 57,508.00	\$ 662,597.00	\$ 475,150.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,800,000.00	\$ 11,521,138.00	
7. INDIRECT COSTS (if applied)								\$ -	
8. Total Federal Budget	\$ 7,025,883.00	\$ 57,508.00	\$ 662,597.00	\$ 475,150.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,800,000.00	\$ 11,521,138.00	
11. Non-Federal Match	\$ 224,177.00		\$ 1,162,373.00	\$ 45,146.00			\$ 200,000.00	\$ 1,631,696.00	12.41%
12. Total Program Budget	\$ 7,250,060.00	\$ 57,508.00	\$ 1,824,970.00	\$ 520,296.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 13,152,834.00	
13. Percentage By Category	55%	0%	14%	4%	0%	11%			

Proposed State Match	12.41%
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