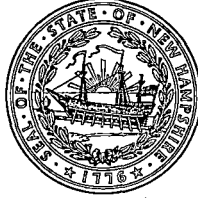


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Mark Robbins, Interim Executive Director  
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633 3rd Street, NW, Suite 200  
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U.S. Election Assistance

Re: Narrative and Budget for the 2023 HAVA Security Funds

Dear Mr. Robbins:

The State of New Hampshire is pleased to receive the funds authorized under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 (Public Law 117-328), to "improve the administration of elections for Federal office, including to enhance election technology and make election security improvements". New Hampshire's grant amount is \$1million. The Act requires a state match of twenty percent (\$200,000) which New Hampshire plans to meet by the deadline.

These funds will be utilized to upgrade voting equipment and will be used for the continued maintenance, security and upgrade of the statewide voter registration system.

Maintenance:

The Election Assistance Commission has advised states that expenditures made to protect election security generally is a justifiable way to spend HAVA Election Security Funds. This includes maintaining systems and continuing efforts to conduct orderly and trustworthy elections in a range of scenarios.

The Secretary of State will continue to spend HAVA Election Security Funds to achieve technology and security goals and maintain systems in a manner that enables it to comply with the 12X maintenance standard established by New Hampshire state law. (RSA 5:6-d.) HAVA Election Security Funds are required by federal law to be deposited in the State's Election Fund. RSA 5:6-d applies to this fund and requires the state not to expend "any monies in the Election

*Fund unless the balance in the fund following such expenditures shall be at least 12 times the estimated annual cost of maintaining the programs established to comply with (HAVA)."*

As effectively required under RSA 5:6-d, some of the 2023 spending of HAVA Election Security Funds will be for the cost of maintaining programs established to comply with HAVA, referred to hereafter as "maintenance costs." Election Fund maintenance costs have risen to support a new accessible voting system that enables persons with print disabilities to mark and print a ballot using a computer and printer of their choosing.

Maintenance costs are rising to enable accessible navigation and use of election-related material on the State's website, to train staff and prepare vendors to create and present accessible documents throughout the website and to update the statewide voter registration system.

Annual Election Fund maintenance costs are estimated to be about \$975,000. The January 31, 2023 balance in the dedicated fund for Election is \$12,782,364. Using the 12X multiplier required by state law, this amount would accommodate annual spending of \$1,065,197 per annum. HAVA Election Security Funds will continue to provide a substantial portion of Election Fund maintenance costs.

State Match:

New Hampshire plans to meet its state required match of \$200,000 with payments from the General Fund for contractual costs for its new Statewide Voter Registration System that is expected to go live before the 2024 Presidential Primary.

Sincerely yours,



David Scanlan

cc: Kinza Ghaznavi, U.S. Election Assistance Commission

EAC FY23 HAVA GRANT - BUDGET WORKSHEET

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

GRANTEE NAME: New Hampshire Department of State  
 AWARD TYPE: Formula  
 PROJECT PERIOD START DATE: 3/23/2018  
 PROJECT PERIOD END DATE: Until Expended  
 MATCH %:  
 INDIRECT COST % (IF APPLIED):  
 INDIRECT COST TYPE:

SECTION A: GRANT BUDGET	YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO	YEAR THREE	YEAR FOUR	YEAR FIVE	TOTAL:
FEDERAL AMOUNT	\$ 3,102,253.00	\$ 3,480,380.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00		\$ 8,582,633.00
NON FEDERAL MATCH	\$ 155,113.00	\$ 696,076.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00		\$ 1,251,189.00
TOTAL:	\$ 3,257,366.00	\$ 4,176,456.00	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ -	\$ 9,833,822.00

SECTION B: BUDGET CATEGORIES (Federal Only)	Voting Equipment	Voting Processes	Voter Registration Systems	Election Auditing	Cyber and Physical Security	Voter Education	Accessibility	Other : Improve Administration of Elections	Other : Election Officials Education	TOTALS	% Fed Total
PERSONNEL		\$ 76,270.00	\$ 943,686.00		\$ 699,600.00		\$ 211,717.00	\$ 660,000.00	\$ 249,811.00	\$ 2,841,084.00	33%
FRINGE RELATED TO SALARY		\$ 50,847.00	\$ 486,141.00		\$ 360,400.00		\$ 109,067.00	\$ 340,000.00	\$ 128,690.00	\$ 1,475,145.00	17%
EQUIPMENT	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 6,689.00					\$ 202,671.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 710,860.00	8%
TRAINING										\$ -	0%
CONTRACTUAL		\$ 469,970.00	\$ 745,699.00		\$ 1,078,750.00		\$ 332,912.00	\$ 765,000.00	\$ 17,937.00	\$ 3,410,268.00	40%
OTHER (Describe)		\$ 24,735.00	\$ 26,089.00		\$ 46,250.00		\$ 12,258.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 944.00	\$ 145,276.00	2%
OTHER (Describe)										\$ -	0%
SUBGRANTS										\$ -	0%
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 628,511.00	\$ 2,201,615.00	\$ -	\$ 2,185,000.00	\$ -	\$ 868,625.00	\$ 1,800,000.00	\$ 398,882.00	\$ 8,582,633.00	100%
INDIRECT COSTS (if applied)										\$ -	0%
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET</b>	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 628,511.00	\$ 2,201,615.00	\$ -	\$ 2,185,000.00	\$ -	\$ 868,625.00	\$ 1,800,000.00	\$ 398,882.00	\$ 8,582,633.00	100%
<b>PERCENTAGE BY CATEGORY</b>	6%	7%	26%	0%	25%	0%	10%	21%	5%		

SECTION C: NON FEDERAL MATCH RESOURCES	STATE FUNDS	OTHER	TOTAL:
SOURCE DESCRIPTION			
Contractual Expenses paid by General Fund	\$ 1,118,189.00		\$ 1,118,189.00
Direct Cost Allocation	\$ 133,000.00		\$ 133,000.00
			\$ -
Total Non Fed Match	\$ 1,251,189.00	\$ -	\$ 1,251,189.00