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2023 HAVA Grant Program Narrative

Purpose: As authorized under Section 101 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-252) (HAVA) and provided for in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-103), Oregon’s portion of this grant appropriation is \$1,000,000. The language of the 2023 Act requires a state match of 20 percent be made available within two years of the award for a total program budget of \$1,200,00. The Oregon Elections Division plans to meet the match with expenses already planned for elections technology and security improvements over the next biennium. This narrative lays out how Oregon will use these funds to “improve the administration of elections for Federal office, including to enhance election technology and make election security improvements” to the systems, equipment and processes used in federal elections, as required by the Act.

The Oregon Secretary of State serves as Oregon’s Chief Elections Official. The Secretary’s mission is to build trust between Oregonians and their state government so Oregonians can trust the public services and the public servants who can make a difference in their everyday lives. The proposed use of the 2022 Elections Security grants will help increase trust in our electoral process by providing a safe, secure, and protected elections infrastructure.

Background: The Elections Division used HAVA funds from the original appropriation in 2006 to create a statewide voter registration and election management system – Oregon’s Centralized Voter Registration application (OCVR). This system, although stable and secure, is over fifteen years old and needs to be modernized to meet the demands of today’s vote-by-mail elections. Beginning in 2021, Oregon embarked on a new project to implement a modernized and expanded version of the statewide voter registration and election management system, in collaboration with its 36 counties, called Oregon Votes. Previous HAVA grants provided funds to begin this project, which is currently under development. The project includes voter registration and elections management and is expected to include integrated petition management as well as a user-centered public portal. Oregon Votes also establishes data standards for elections statistics, participation, results, and reporting across the state. These improvements will make information easier to access and analyze by the public. The goal of Oregon Votes is to implement a new and thoroughly tested system, available for use in both state and local elections in late 2023.

Project Funding Overview – Contractual Services: The Secretary of State’s Office (SOS) plans to use 100 percent of the total award on services and materials to complete the overhaul to its Elections Management System described above, Oregon Votes. The allocation will help offset costs related to development, testing, and security assessments for the new system. In addition, the SOS plans to use funds as necessary to transition from and simultaneously ensure the maintenance and continued functionality of its current voter registration and elections system through 2023.

Please contact Molly Woon, Elections Division Director at (971) 375-2640 or molly.woon@sos.oregon.gov should you have any questions or require additional information.

EAC HAVA GRANT - BUDGET WORKSHEET

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

SECTION A: GRANT BUDGET	YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO	YEAR THREE	YEAR FOUR	YEAR FIVE	TOTAL:
FEDERAL AMOUNT	\$ 5,362,981.00	\$ 6,029,048.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00		\$ 13,392,029.00
NON FEDERAL MATCH	\$ 268,149.05	\$ 1,205,809.60	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00		\$ 1,873,958.65
TOTAL:	\$ 5,631,130.05	\$ 7,234,857.60	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,265,987.65

SECTION B: BUDGET CATEGORIES (Federal Only)	Voting Equipment	Voting Processes	Voter Registration Systems	Election Auditing	Cyber and Physical Security	Voter Education	Accessibility	Communications	Security	TOTALS	% Fed Total
PERSONNEL			\$ 702,717							\$ 702,717	5%
FRINGE RELATED TO SALARY										\$ -	0%
EQUIPMENT	\$ 15,000		\$ 52,290							\$ 67,290	1%
TRAINING										\$ -	0%
CONTRACTUAL			\$ 11,767,669							\$ 11,767,669	88%
TECHNOLOGY NEEDS					\$ 95,441					\$ 95,441	1%
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES			\$ 1,720							\$ 1,720	0%
SUBGRANTS					\$ 757,192					\$ 757,192	6%
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 12,524,396	\$ -	\$ 852,633	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,392,029	100%
INDIRECT COSTS (if applied)										\$ -	0%
TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 12,524,396	\$ -	\$ 852,633	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,392,029	100%
PERCENTAGE BY CATEGORY	0%	0%	94%	0%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%		

SECTION C: NON FEDERAL MATCH RESOURCES	STATE FUNDS	OTHER	TOTAL:
Elections Division General Funds	\$ 1,873,959		\$ 1,873,959
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			\$ -
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	\$ 1,873,959	\$ -	\$ 1,873,959