



Wisconsin Elections Commission

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State of Wisconsin 2023 HAVA Election Security Grant Program Narrative

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2023 provides \$75 million for Election Security to the states and U.S. territories. On January 20, 2023, the U.S. Elections Assistance Commission (EAC) sent the State of Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) a notice of grant award announcing Wisconsin's portion of the Appropriations Act of 2022 of \$1,190,603 with a 20% state match requirement of \$238,121. Since expenses could be incurred against the 2023 HAVA Election Security grant from December 30, 2022, onward, the WEC has successfully met our required state match for this 2023 grant distribution.

In response, the WEC has developed and approved a plan at its March 3, 2023, meeting to utilize the new HAVA funds. The plan includes the following three programs:

Certificate Redesign Subgrant

The Wisconsin Elections Commission has earmarked \$600,000 for counties and municipalities in order to partially offset the cost of transitioning to new absentee ballot certificate envelopes now under development. The certificate envelope performs several functions – each essential to the security of the voter's choice, and the integrity of the wider electoral process. A successful transition to the new design is therefore in the interest of all participants.

The subgrant will be available to both counties and municipalities. While counties are required by statute to distribute ballots to municipalities, the printing of envelopes varies by jurisdiction. In some parts of the state, counties order and distribute certificate envelopes. In other regions, municipalities order their own envelopes. Subgrant reimbursements will be based on actual costs incurred, voting population, and funds available.

Accessibility Technology Subgrant

The Wisconsin Elections Commission has earmarked \$350,000 to be allocated to a municipal subgrant program to assist in the adoption of accessible voting equipment. All polling places must have accessible voting equipment, but equipment is costly – particularly for small jurisdictions. Common voting equipment in Wisconsin also sometimes lacks accessories necessary for voters with disabilities to cast their ballot independently and privately. The subgrant program would help municipalities purchase accessible voting technology and/or the accessories necessary to make existing equipment accessible.

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Inspector & Clerk Learning Center Modernization

The Wisconsin Elections Commission has earmarked not more than \$240,603 to modernize the Wisconsin Elections Training Center website, also known as The Learning Center. This website is used by nearly all Wisconsin clerks, their staff, and their poll workers to learn their roles and responsibilities with respect to Wisconsin elections. Modernizing the site will improve the effectiveness and tracking of elections training.

Administrative rules require election training to address a broad array of topics including:

- completing election-related forms and notices.
- handling confidential voter information and proof of residence documents.
- acquiring, testing, and auditing voting equipment.
- ensuring the security of ballots and voting equipment; and
- preparing and supplying polling places.

The site supports municipal clerks and other programs, from chief election inspector training to tabletop exercises. The site is also a repository for more than 80 training modules, more than five years of clerk training webinars, dozens of guides, several user manuals, and select forms. The modernization of the site will improve navigation, processing times and record keeping.

EAC FY23 HAVA GRANT - BUDGET WORKSHEET

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

GRANTEE NAME: Wisconsin Elections Commission
 AWARD TYPE: FORMULA MATCH %: 14%
 PROJECT PERIOD START DATE: 12/30/2022 INDIRECT COST % (IF APPLIED):
 PROJECT PERIOD END DATE: INDIRECT COST TYPE:

SECTION A: GRANT BUDGET	YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO	YEAR THREE	YEAR FOUR	YEAR FIVE	TOTAL:
FEDERAL AMOUNT	\$ 6,978,318.00	\$ 7,850,124.00	\$ 1,190,603.00	\$ 1,190,603.00		\$ 17,209,648.00
NON FEDERAL MATCH	\$ 348,916.00	\$ 1,570,025.00	\$ 238,121.00	\$ 238,121.00		\$ 2,395,183.00
TOTAL:	\$ 7,327,234.00	\$ 9,420,149.00	\$ 1,428,724.00	\$ 1,428,724.00	\$ -	\$ 19,604,831.00

SECTION B: BUDGET CATEGORIES (Federal Only)	Voting Equipment	Voting Processes	Voter Registration Systems	Election Auditing	Cyber and Physical Security	Voter Education	Accessibility	Administration	Other (Provide description in this box)	TOTALS	% Fed Total
PERSONNEL	\$ 204,000.00		\$ 1,700,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 522,000.00	\$ 1,066,800.00		\$ 655,000.00		\$ 4,156,800.00	24%
FRINGE RELATED TO SALARY	\$ 81,600.00		\$ 680,000.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 208,800.00	\$ 427,000.00		\$ 262,000.00		\$ 1,663,000.00	10%
EQUIPMENT			\$ 234,600.00		\$ 53,900.00					\$ 288,500.00	2%
TRAINING	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 240,603.00			\$ 67,900.00	\$ 49,700.00				\$ 359,703.00	2%
CONTRACTUAL	\$ 200,000.00		\$ 619,000.00	\$ 237,303.00						\$ 1,056,303.00	6%
Servers & data storage, software & licenses, etc.	\$ 3,200.00		\$ 271,300.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 2,389,100.00	\$ 343,600.00		\$ 394,342.00		\$ 3,402,942.00	20%
OTHER (Describe)										\$ -	0%
SUBGRANTS		\$ 600,000.00			\$ 5,332,400.00		\$ 350,000.00			\$ 6,282,400.00	37%
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$ 490,300.00	\$ 840,603.00	\$ 3,504,900.00	\$ 251,303.00	\$ 8,574,100.00	\$ 1,887,100.00	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 1,311,342.00	\$ -	\$ 17,209,648.00	100%
INDIRECT COSTS (if applied)										\$ -	0%
TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET	\$ 490,300.00	\$ 840,603.00	\$ 3,504,900.00	\$ 251,303.00	\$ 8,574,100.00	\$ 1,887,100.00	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 1,311,342.00	\$ -	\$ 17,209,648.00	100%
PERCENTAGE BY CATEGORY	3%	5%	20%	1%	50%	11%	2%	8%	0%		

SECTION C: NON FEDERAL MATCH RESOURCES	STATE FUNDS	OTHER	TOTAL:
SOURCE DESCRIPTION			
Existing budget authority	\$ 2,395,183.00		\$ 2,395,183.00
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