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SECRETARY OF STATE

April 8, 2020

The Honorable Mona Harrington
Acting Executive Director
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
1335 East-West Highway, Suite 4300
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Ms. Harrington:

The purpose of this letter is to certify that the State of Alabama will use the funds provided under the Notice of Grant Award, Agreement #AL20101CARES, for activities consistent with the laws described in Section 906 of HAVA and will not use the funds in a manner that is inconsistent with the requirements of Title III of HAVA.

We further certify that we have reviewed and accept the terms of the award as specified in the Notice of Grant Award. Our UEI number (formerly DUNS) is 079333469 and the signed Certifications are enclosed.

We are requesting \$6,498,674.00. We will use the funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, for the 2020 Federal election cycle. To address the effects of the coronavirus on the elections, to be held in Alabama on July 14, 2020 (Primary Runoff Election), and November 3, 2020 (General Election), we shall utilize the funds, as follows:

1. Due to an extended period of absentee voting for the March 31, 2020 Primary Runoff Election, the election being changed to July 14, 2020 and the determination that absentee voting continue, provide funding to Alabama's 67 Alabama counties by and through their respective county governing bodies (called County Commissions) to pay for increased absentee election costs.
2. In preparation for possible increased absentee election activity related to the November 3, 2020 General Election, possibly provide funding to Alabama's County Commissions to pay for increased absentee election costs.
3. In preparation for additional duties, regarding the perpetual sanitization of a polling place during the July 14, 2020 Primary Runoff Election and possibly during the November 3, 2020 General Election, provide funding to Alabama's County Commissions to pay each Poll Worker an additional \$25.00 only on July 14, 2020 and November 3, 2020.

4. To enable Alabama's County Commissions to apply to the Alabama State Chief Election Official (Secretary of State) for funding to secure items, services or other to prevent, prepare for or respond to the coronavirus related to the July 14, 2020 Primary Runoff Election and November 3, 2020 General Election.

The funding approved by Congress and the President is greatly appreciated by Alabama. We have funding available to meet our maximum match commitment of \$1,294,722 as necessary and no later than December 31, 2020. The above funding purposes are aligned to support Alabama's County Commissions as they serve as the legislative bodies of their respective counties which are each responsible for paying for costs related to the administration of the July 14, 2020 and November 3, 2020 elections in Alabama. The State of Alabama appreciates the support to meet the challenge the coronavirus will present to our local county governing bodies as they assist not only the administration of the elections aforesaid, but also care for the monetary needs of the various local election officials.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact my Chief of Staff, David Brewer, at 334-242-2707 or david.brewer@sos.alabama.gov.

Sincerely,



John H. Merrill
Secretary of State

cc. Kinza Ghaznavi, Grants Manager