

EAC CARES Progress Narrative Report

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1. EAC-CARES Progress Narrative Report Login

Please enter your userword and password to begin the CARES Funding Progress Narrative. If you require assistance or have any questions, please contact CARESFunding@eac.gov.

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3. EAC CARES Progress Narrative Report

1. State:

Enter the name of the state or territory that received the grant and is submitting this report.

Arkansas

2. Grant Number:

Enter the grant agreement number from the notice of grant award.

AR20101CARES

3. Report:

November 23 after general election

4. DUNS/UEI:

Enter the recipient organization's Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number or System for Award Management (SAM) extended DUNS Number or the Unique Entity Identifier.

5. EIN:

Enter the recipient organization's Employer Identification Number (EIN) provided by the Internal Revenue Services.

6. Recipient Organization:

Enter the name of the recipient organization and address, including zip code.

Organization Name

Arkansas Secretary Of State

Street Address

500 Woodlane Avenue Suite 256

City

Little Rock

State

AR

Zip

72201

7. Progress Narrative:

Progress During Reporting Period

The CARES Act requires states to submit a report after each primary and general election that includes a “full accounting of the State’s uses of the payment and an explanation of how such uses allowed the State to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.” Please provide a narrative report that describes how you used the funds to address the pandemic, the challenges you faced in responding to it and how you are meeting the state match requirement. Describe the major issues you faced in dealing with the pandemic in the election cycle and how you made funds available to local jurisdictions. Complete the cost table below describing your major expenditures under the grant. Add additional cost areas as needed that do not fit into the other categories.

As requested by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, the following narrative report outlines grant fund activity conducted by the State of Arkansas during federal fiscal year 2020 utilizing funds authorized under the CARES Act, grant agreement number AR20101CARES. Amounts requested below represent cumulative figures.

We began Federal fiscal year 2020 with a balance of \$0 in CARES grant funds. Funding was received in April 2020 in the amount of \$4,703,886. A subsequent amendment to our grant agreement increased federal funding by \$15,148 to \$4,719,034. There have been expenditures of federal funds totaling \$678,256 to date. The expenditures include \$350,000 for COVID-19-specific advertising regarding absentee voting processes and protection of election workers and voters through the provision of personal protection equipment, \$103,455 for the purchase of two (2) DS-450 high-speed scanners, and \$224,801 for personal protection equipment distributed to counties to ensure the safety of election workers and voters at polling stations during the general election. These supplies include large quantities of gloves, hand sanitizer, face shields, masks, disinfectants, queuing floor stickers and styluses, as well as associated costs to these supplies, such as delivery and storage costs. Expenditures of state funds toward federal match total \$527,078 to date. These matching expenditures include \$51,441 toward additional equipment for assisting in social distancing at polling stations, and \$475,637 for additional supplies and their associated costs. The balance of federal funds remaining is \$4,040,778.

FINAL PROGRESS NARRATIVE REPORT

PROGRESS DURING REPORTING PERIOD

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The final report is your opportunity to share the significant features of your activities and present information about the results you achieved. The document should be written as if the reader has no previous knowledge of your activities. EAC would like to share the final reports with all states. The report should cover the entire period of performance. Review and highlight all activities that occurred during the period of the grant. Include the table of expenditures with cumulative expenditures for the entire project period.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Summarize your entire project and the lessons learned during its implementation. Include a review of your successes and an assessment of how your activities addressed the pandemic. What did you learn about dealing with and preparing for a major crisis during an election year that can be helpful to other states? Did you make permanent changes to your processes? Were there unexpected benefits? Shortfalls?

8. 2020 HAVA CARES GRANTS

Current Period Amount Expended and Unliquidated Obligations

PANDEMIC GRANT COST CATEGORIES

	Federal	Match
Voting Processes, including additional costs for printing and mailing ballots, ballot tracking software, high speed scanners and letter opening equipment, mail drop boxes, hardware and software associated with signature comparison of returned ballots	\$103,455.00	\$51,441.00
Staffing: Additional poll workers, election office staff diverted to pandemic response, temporary staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
Security and Training: Security for additional absentee or mail drop-boxes, pre- and post-election cleaning of polling places, staff and poll worker training on prevention processes	\$0.00	\$0.00
Communications: Notifying public of changes in registration, ballot request options, precautions or voting procedures)	\$350,000.00	\$0.00
Supplies: Additional laptops, mobile IT equipment, cleaning supplies, masks	\$224,801.00	\$475,637.00

If you need additional rows for the summary table, please upload an Excel document with the same layout.

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4. Certification

Name and Contact of the authorized certifying official of the recipient.

First Name

Jordan

Last Name

Muir

Title

Assistant Business Director

Phone Number

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Email Address

jordan.muir@sos.arkansas.gov

2. Signature of Certifying Official:



Signature of: Jordan J Muir

5. Report Submitted to EAC



Thank you, your progress narrative report has been submitted to EAC. Please keep the PDF download of your submission as grant record.

CARES Funding Progress Narrative Submission

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