

EAC CARES Progress Narrative Report

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1. EAC-CARES Progress Narrative Report Login

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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.

Arizona

2. Grant Number:

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

AZ20101CARES

3. Report:

20 days after primary

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

Arizona Secretary Of State

Street Address

1700 W Washington St, Floor 7

City

Phoenix

State

AZ

Zip

85007

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.

In Arizona, per ARS § 41-129, election funding received by the Secretary of State from the federal government must be appropriated by the state legislature before the funding may be spent. Due to the pandemic, the Arizona legislature adjourned on 03/18/2020 without appropriating the HAVA CARES funds.

We had hoped that the legislature would return before the end of state fiscal year 2020 (06/30/2020) and that the appropriation could be taken care of at that time. Because we couldn't be sure that that would happen, our office began working with the Governor's office on another option for funding pandemic related costs and activities for the 2020 federal election cycle. The legislature indeed has not been called back into session, so we have rolled out the AZVoteSafe program in partnership with the Governor's office, which funds the entire \$9,449,817 that had been allocated to Arizona by the EAC.

The Governor is using other coronavirus relief funds for the AZVoteSafe program. When the legislature does reconvene, we plan to ask that they appropriate both the federal allocation and the state match of the HAVA CARES funding. Once that is accomplished, we will use the HAVA CARES monies to repay the Governor's coronavirus relief fund.

Due to the absence of an appropriation, we have not spent any of the HAVA CARES grant to date, but the full \$9,449,817 has been obligated through AZVoteSafe grant awards.

Applications for the AZVoteSafe grants were due on 08/07/2020. While the program allows grantees to request reimbursement for expenses dating back to 03/28/2020, we do not yet know how much will be requested for the primary election. We are able to report that the Arizona Department of Administration worked with our office to purchase \$192,000 in PPE and sanitation supplies that was distributed to the counties for use at voting and election processing sites for the election on 08/04/2020, and we provided hand washing stations at 129 voting locations. The Secretary of State's office also spent roughly \$300,000 on public education leading up to the primary election.

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	\$250,004.00	\$49,996.00
Staffing: Additional poll workers, election office staff diverted to pandemic response, temporary staff		
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		
Communications: Notifying public of changes in registration, ballot request options, precautions or voting procedures)	\$1,250,000.00	\$250,000.00
Supplies: Additional laptops, mobile IT equipment, cleaning supplies, masks	\$916,663.00	\$183,337.00
Funding to be used for response to pandemic related issues & initiatives including, emergency pollworker program, training for counties, tribal outreach fellow, communications intern, customer service temps, and more	\$291,531.00	\$58,287.00
Tribal/Rural Subgrants to Counties	\$1,000,000.00	\$200,000.00
Subgrants to Counties	\$4,166,650.00	\$833,350.00

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

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Last Name

Schnupp

Title

Chief Financial Officer

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2. Signature of Certifying Official:

Signature of: Sarah Schnupp

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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