

April 14, 2020

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 Delaware will use the funds provided under the Notice of Grant Award, Agreement # DC20101CARES, 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 78-207-9586 and the signed Certifications are enclosed.

We are requesting \$3,000,000.00. 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 election we have already incurred costs for cleaning materials for voting equipment, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for election officers that we have already purchased for the Presidential Primary, and additional absentee voting supplies as we are anticipating an increased absentee voting volume. Our anticipated future costs will include additional cleaning/disinfecting supplies for voting equipment, additional PPE for election officers (poll workers), and additional equipment, software, and supplies for printing/mailing/scanning/tabulating absentee ballots due to the anticipated increased absentee voting volume.

As a consolidated statewide Department of Elections, the county election offices rely on the Office of the State Election Commissioner (SEC) for provision of some of the centralized levels of support and materials. The SEC has and will continue to purchase and maintain elections equipment needed for the conduct of elections, purchase and maintain absentee voting equipment, and provide resources needed to augment and enhance election officer training.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Sommer Sturgeon at 302-739-4277 or <u>sommer.sturgeon@delaware.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Anthony Albence State Election Commissioner

Cc. Kinza Ghaznavi, Grants Manager

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