



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

**RON DESANTIS**  
Governor

**LAUREL M. LEE**  
Secretary of State

May 15, 2020  
(via email)

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 Florida will use the funds provided under the Notice of Grant Award, Agreement # FL20101CARES, for activities consistent with the laws described in 52 U.S.C. ss. 20901, 20903-20905 authorized by the U.S. Congress under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (Public Law 116-136).

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 360719454 and the signed Certifications are enclosed.

We are requesting the full amount of the award, \$20,253,853, at this time. We will use the funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, for the 2020 Federal election cycle.

More specifically, the State will use the funds at the state and local level to offset and to help cover allowable COVID-19 related expenses to be incurred for federal elections in 2020. We are already working closely with our local election officials to preliminarily assess their needs in the upcoming elections to allocate funds in a manner that best serves the individual county's voter community, ensures the health, safety and well-being of voters and the election workforce including poll workers, and provide for fair, accessible and secure elections. Allowable expenses will include but not be limited to the categories of allowable expenses set forth on the U.S. Elections Assistance

Commission's website at: <https://www.eac.gov/election-officials/guidance-use-hava-funds-expenses-related-covid-19>, and those categories of expenses also included in the non-exhaustive list provided within the Notice of Awards Package that the EAC sent to states. Distribution of funds will be made through grants to the counties.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Maria Matthews, Director of Division of Elections at 850.245.6520 or 850.443.7730 or [Maria.Matthews@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Maria.Matthews@dos.myflorida.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laurel M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laurel M. Lee  
Secretary of State

Pc: Peg Rosenberry, Grants Consultant