

FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORT

(Follow form instructions)

1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION					2. Federal Grant or Other Identifying Number Assigned by Federal Agency (To report multiple grants, use FFR Attachment) IA20101CARES		
3. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address including Zip code) SECRETARY OF STATE, IOWA State Capitol Rm 105, Des Moines, IA 50319							
4a. DUNS Number		4b. EIN		5. Recipient Account Number or Identifying Number (To report multiple grants, use FFR Attachment)		6. Report Type <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final	7. Basis of Accounting <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual
8. Project/Grant Period (Month, Day, Year) From: March 28, 2020 To: December 31, 2020					9. Reporting Period End Date (Month, Day, Year) December 31, 2020		
10. Transactions							Cumulative
<i>(Use lines a-c for single or combined multiple grant reporting)</i>							
Federal Cash (To report multiple grants separately, also use FFR Attachment):							
a. Cash Receipts						\$4,297,664.03	
b. Cash Disbursements						\$4,297,664.03	
c. Cash on Hand (line a minus b)						\$0.00	
<i>(Use lines d-o for single grant reporting)</i>							
Federal Expenditures and Unobligated Balance:							
d. Total Federal funds authorized						\$4,297,664.03	
e. Federal share of expenditures						\$4,297,664.03	
f. Federal share of unliquidated obligations						\$0.00	
g. Total Federal share (sum of lines e and f)						\$4,297,664.03	
h. Unobligated balance of Federal funds (line d minus g)						\$0.00	
Recipient Share:							
i. Total recipient share required						\$971,909.00	
j. Recipient share of expenditures						\$859,533.00	
k. Remaining recipient share to be provided (line i minus j)						\$112,376.00	
Program Income:							
l. Total Federal share of program income earned						\$11,598.84	
m. Program income expended in accordance with the deduction alternative						\$0.00	
n. Program income expended in accordance with the addition alternative						\$0.00	
o. Unexpended program income (line l minus line m and line n)						\$11,598.84	
11. Indirect Expense	a. Type	b. Rate	c. Period From	Period To	d. Base	e. Amount Charged	f. Federal Share
g. Totals:					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12. Remarks: Attach any explanations deemed necessary or information required by Federal sponsoring agency in compliance with governing legislation: State interest earned: \$0.00							
13. Certification: By signing this report, I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the report is true, complete, and accurate, and the expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and intent set forth in the award documents. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)							
a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official Basnet, Samita Accountant 3					c. Telephone (Area code, number, and extension)		
					d. Email Address		
b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official Basnet, Samita					e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) July 22, 2021		

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(Additional Page)

Federal Agency & Organization : ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Federal Grant ID : IA20101CARES

Recipient Organization : SECRETARY OF STATE, IOWA
State Capitol Rm 105, Des Moines, IA 50319

DUNS Number :

DUNS Status when Certified :

EIN :

Reporting Period End Date : December 31, 2020

Status : Report Certified/Pending Agency Approval

Remarks : State interest earned: \$0.00
State interest expended: \$0.00
Program income earned total: \$0.00
Program income earned breakdown: \$ 0.00

Program income expended: \$0.00

Federal Agency Review

Reviewer Name :

Phone # :

Email :

Review Date :

Review Comments :

EAC Progress Report

1. Login

3. EAC Progress Report

1. State or Territory:

Iowa

2. Grant Number:

IA20101CARES

3. Report:

Final (Start of Grant - End)

4. Grant:

Please select only one.

CARES

5. Reporting Period Start Date

03/28/2020

6. Reporting Period End Date

12/31/2020

7. Recipient Organization:

Organization Name

Iowa Secretary Of State

Street Address

321 E 12th Street

City

Des Moines

State

IA

Zip

50319

4. Progress and Narrative

Final Progress Report:

The final report is your opportunity to share the significant features of your project and present information about the results your project achieved.

It should be written as if the reader has no previous knowledge of your project's activities. The report should cover the entire period of performance.

Review and Self-Assessment:

Review and highlight all activities that occurred during the implementation of the project, including an assessment of your performance.

Iowa held two successful federal elections during the grant period. We held a primary election on June 2, 2020 and the general election on November 3, 2020.

For the June Primary, Iowans shattered turnout records after more than 500,000 voters cast ballots. The previous high for a June primary was set in 1994, when 449,490 Iowans voted.

For the November General, Iowans broke the all-time turnout record for a general election. More than 1,697,000 Iowans voted, easily surpassing the previous state record of 1,589,951 set in 2012.

8. CARES Grant Specific:

Describe in detail how you used the funds to address the pandemic and explain how you implemented the approved grant activities.

Iowa had a non-presidential Primary Election on June 2, 2020. The narrative for that election is contained within our earlier report.

Following the record-breaking success of Iowa's Primary Election, the Iowa Secretary of State's Office utilized similar tactics to adapt Iowa's election processes in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Encourage Voters to Utilize Absentee Voting

Based on CDC and Election Assistance Commission (EAC) guidance to "[e]ncourage mail-in methods of voting if allowed in the jurisdiction", and our state's experience from the June Primary, it was clear that in order to protect the health and wellness of Iowa's voters and election officials there would need to be a second statewide campaign to encourage voters to utilize absentee voting.

As a part of the campaign to promote the use of absentee voting by mail, the Secretary of State's Office sent a mailing, which included an absentee ballot request form and instructions, to active registered voters. This mailing was in direct response to the global COVID-19 pandemic and the extremely unique circumstances we found ourselves in, an unanimously approved by Iowa's bi-partisan Legislative Council.

In addition to the statewide mailing, the Secretary of State's Office focused their statewide media campaign to include additional calls to voters to utilize absentee voting. This campaign sought to educate voters on the 3R's of no-excuse absentee voting: Request an absentee ballot. Receive your ballot. Return your ballot. Request. Receive. Return.

Provide Grants to County Auditors to Purchase PPE and Cleaning Supplies

All of Iowa's 99 County Auditors were provided with the opportunity to apply for a second HAVA COVID-19 grant to purchase protective and hygienic materials, including but not limited to: masks, gloves, disinfectant wipes for election equipment, cleaning supplies for voting booths and other surfaces, protective plexiglass or acrylic shields for PEOs, other sanitizing materials, PEO recruitment and incentives, a pen for every voter, floor stickers and signs to encourage social distancing and control voter flow, and preparing the County Auditor's office for in-person absentee voting. County Auditors could also use these funds to disinfect a polling place before and/or after election day in order to encourage a building to serve as polling places. Some counties were also able to source items such as envelope stuffers, ballot folders, envelope openers and high-speed central count machines to help accommodate the increased demand for absentee ballots.

The Secretary of State's Office granted County Auditors \$10,000, plus \$600 for every precinct in their county. Based on reports filed by the counties, the funds were expended on voting processes (31%), staffing (22%), security and training (10%), communications (4%), supplies (31%) and other (6%). Unexpended funds are in the process of being return to the state.

Recruit Iowans to Serve as Precinct Election Officials (PEOs)

The average PEO in Iowa is over the age of 60, which places them at high risk for contracting and experiencing complications related to COVID-19.

In response to concerns expressed by County Auditors and our long-serving PEOs, the Iowa Secretary of State's Office launched a statewide campaign to recruit more Iowans to serve as PEOs. This campaign focused on voters who are under 60 years of age with a primary focus on voters aged 17-35. We partnered with County Auditors, as well as other stakeholder groups, to help encourage voters to come forward and help Iowa move towards recovery by serving as a PEO. Additionally, we launched a new website, <https://pollworker.iowa.gov/>, to provide a central location for interested Iowans to sign up to receive more information about serving as a PEO in their county

9. Describe the major issues you faced in dealing with the pandemic and how you addressed or resolved those issues.

See above.

10. Provide a description of any training conducted.

Otherwise enter N/A.

HAVA CARES funds were not utilized to implement security training. Please see Iowa's report on HAVA Security funds.

11. Subgrants (if applicable):

Describe how you made funds available to local jurisdictions.

Provide a description of the major categories of subgrant activities local voting districts will accomplish with the funds.

Otherwise enter N/A.

For the June Primary Election, each county was eligible to receive \$300 per base precinct, and an extra \$300 for the Auditor's Office/Absentee and Special Voters Precinct.

For the General Election, each county was eligible to receive \$10,000, plus \$600 per base precinct +1 for their Absentee and Special Voters Precinct.

12. Match (if applicable):

Describe how you are meeting the matching requirement.

Otherwise enter - match not required.

The matching requirement was met via the value of earned media and the provision of subgrants to local jurisdictions.

13. Impact:

Write an assessment of how your project has impacted the problems you were trying to solve. Were there unexpected benefits? Shortfalls? *

See above. Funds were utilized to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on federal elections.

14. Lessons Learned:

Provide a review of your successes and suggest ways that your experience may be helpful to others. Did you make permanent changes to your processes?

Iowans broke the all-time turnout record for a general election. More than 1,697,000 Iowans voted, easily surpassing the

previous state record of 1,589,951 set in 2012.

More than one million lowans voted absentee, another new record.

76 percent of all registered voters in Iowa participated, one of the highest turnout rates in the nation.

5. Expenditures

15. Current Period Amount Expended and Unliquidated Obligations

CARES COST CATEGORIES

	Federal	Match
Voting Processes:		
Staffing:		
Security and Training:	\$18,574.01	
Communications:	\$2,157,791.34	\$655,525.71
Supplies:	\$81,225.76	
Total	\$4,297,664.03	\$859,533.00
Subgrants	\$2,040,072.92	\$204,007.29

6. Certification

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

First Name

Molly

Last Name

Widen

Title

Legal Counsel

Phone Number

Email Address

Signature of Certifying Official:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Molly M. Widen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Signature of: Molly M. Widen

7. Report Submitted to EAC