

# 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.

## 2. Not a Bot Verification

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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.

Georgia

### 2. Grant Number:

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

GA20101CARES

### 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

Georgia Office Of The Secretary Of State

#### Street Address

State Capitol, Room 214

#### City

Atlanta

#### State

GA

Zip

30334

## 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.

For the November 3rd General Election, Georgia again expended CARES dollars in 3 main areas; Voting Processes, Communications, and PPE type supplies.

In the voting processes, we continued our grant program for counties to purchase both PPE and Drop Boxes. The drop boxes will allow for contactless absentee voting without relying on the United States Postal Service. There were over 600,000 voters in the statewide rollover list. Those are voters who are 65+ or disabled, who in a single request, can receive an absentee ballot for each election in that cycle. The mailed all of these out for the 159 counties.

The state continued to educate voters on early voting options, how to vote by mail, and new voting equipment. We did this by using traditional TV advertising, as well as a strong social media push.

Finally, to help keep the counties thousands of poll workers safe we purchased masks, hand sanitizer, gloves, etc. that we then distributed to each of the state’s 159 counties. We also have purchased styluses for use with our touchscreen machines so voters don’t have to touch the screens and those can be sanitized.

## 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	\$8,440,958.55	
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)	\$1,488,804.39	
Supplies: Additional laptops, mobile IT equipment, cleaning supplies, masks	\$543,000.33	

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

## 4. Certification

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

**First Name**

Robert

**Last Name**

Orange

**Title**

Controller

**Phone Number**

404-477-9467

**Email Address**

rorange@sos.ga.gov

2. Signature of Certifying Official:

Robert K Orange

Signature of: Robert K Orange

## 5. Report Submitted to EAC

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### CARES Funding Progress Narrative Submission

Nov 24, 2020 11:36:38 Success: Email Sent to: rorange@sos.ga.gov