



IDAHO SECRETARY OF STATE
Lawrence Denney
700 W. Jefferson St., Boise, ID 83720

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 Idaho will use the funds provided under the Notice of Grant Award, Agreement # ID20101CARES, 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 00-223-5765 and the signed Certifications are enclosed.

We are requesting \$3,404,276. We will use the funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, for the 2020 Federal election cycle.

As a result of the significant spread of COVID-19, and the concerns that the Coronavirus pandemic has generated both regionally and nationally, Idaho knew it would face significant challenges in conducting a May primary along standard statutory means. As a result, a request was made of and proclamation issued by Governor Brad Little to conduct the May primary by absentee ballot only. This will include significant costs in both statewide notifications by mail to all registered voters, online and traditional advertising, and additional supplies connected to the mailing effort such as postage. In addition, counties will be facing higher volumes of ballots by mail, which will require additional scanners and systems support for timely processing. We anticipate an extensive evaluation of capacity and a review of continuity of operations plans to this end, and expect to utilize over half of the funding to address deficiencies in these areas to better prepare counties to deal with situations such as this in the future.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Chad Houck at (208) 332-2862 or chad.houck@sos.idaho.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad Houck", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Chad Houck
Chief Deputy, Secretary of State

Cc. Kinza Ghaznavi, Grants Manager