

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.

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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.

Illinois

2. Grant Number:

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

IL20101CARES

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

Illinois State Board Of Elections

Street Address

2329 South Macarthur Blvd

City

Springfield

State

IL

Zip

62704

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.

The member of the Illinois State Board of Elections voted to allocate the entire CARES Act grant award to the 108 local election officials in the state. In order to prepare, prevent and respond to the coronavirus pandemic each jurisdiction was awarded an established allocation based on a tier minimum payment and voting age population from the 2010 Census. The Illinois General Assembly also passed legislation in June, 2020 that promoted the expansion of voting by mail, issuing required mailings of applications, requiring additional panels of judges to review signatures, allowing anyone that registers online to also request a vote by mail application, follow up mailings from the Secretary of State to voters that didn't return their application to vote by mail, requiring all early voting sites along with election day polling places to meet the Illinois Department of Public Health Polling Place Guidelines, establishing a centralized voting center, extending early voting hours, recruitment efforts for election judges, and the installation of ballot drop boxes. Additionally, election officials saw increased costs for staffing, election judges, sanitation and cleaning services and PPE. The SBE fiscal staff is currently in the process of auditing requests for reimbursement for these purchases and others.

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 |
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| 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 | | \$542,300.52 |
| Staffing: Additional poll workers, election office staff diverted to pandemic response, temporary staff | | \$261,188.45 |
| 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 | | \$305,835.83 |
| Communications: Notifying public of changes in registration, ballot request options, precautions or voting procedures) | | \$90,778.24 |
| Supplies: Additional laptops, mobile IT equipment, cleaning supplies, masks | | \$461,206.17 |
| Vote by mail increased costs | | \$219,522.92 |
| All other various costs | | \$65,421.72 |
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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

Jeremy

Last Name

Kirk

Title

CFO

Phone Number

217-524-7907

Email Address

jkirk@elections.il.gov

2. Signature of Certifying Official:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremy Kirk". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Signature of: Jeremy Kirk

5. Report Submitted to EAC

CARES Funding Progress Narrative Submission

Nov 23, 2020 17:54:19 Success: Email Sent to: jkirk@elections.il.gov