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Mona Harrington, Acting Executive Director
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
1335 East-West Highway, Suite 4300
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Via Email to CARESFunding@eac.gov

Dear Ms. Harrington,

The purpose of this letter is to certify that the State of Maine will use the funds provided under the Notice of Grant Award, Agreement # ME20101CARES 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.

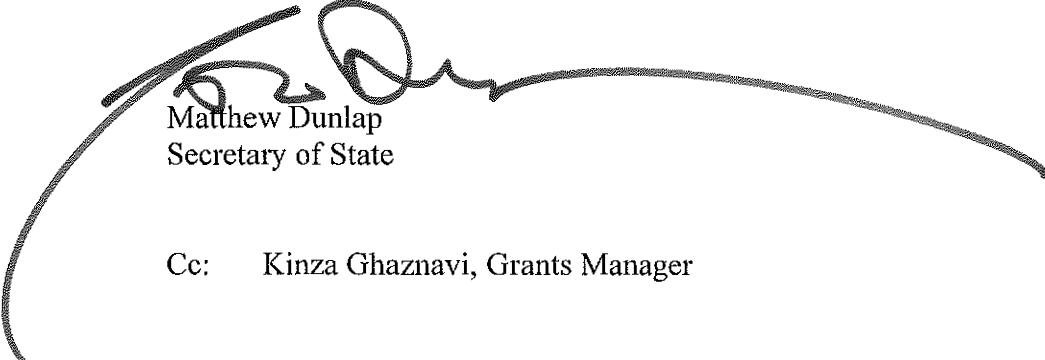
We further certify that we have reviewed and accept the terms of the award as specified in the Notice of Grant Award. Our UEI number (formerly DUNS) is 184574648 and the signed Certifications are enclosed.

We are requesting \$3,299,827. We will use the funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally, for the 2020 Federal election cycle. To address the effects of the coronavirus on the election we plan to use funds to defray the State's costs of printing and distribution of additional absentee ballots and mailing envelopes to the municipalities in anticipation of a significant increase in the use of absentee voting for the 2020 primary and general elections. If practicable, we may pay for return postage for absentee ballots. We also may centrally lease additional precinct tabulation devices to provide to municipalities that may experience a higher number of absentee ballots to be processed and scanned prior to election day, as well as ballot drop boxes to facilitate no contact return of absentee ballots.

Additionally, to protect poll workers and voters at election day voting sites, we anticipate centrally procuring and supplying to municipalities PPEs such as visors, gloves and masks, as well as hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes and/or plexiglass and other spacing barriers for social distancing. We may also reimburse municipalities for costs related to securing a new voting place due to their existing place(s) being unavailable or insufficient to adhere to social distancing requirements as well as to help pay for extra or replacement poll workers.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Julie Flynn at 207-215-1769 or julie.flynn@maine.gov .

Sincerely,



Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

Cc: Kinza Ghaznavi, Grants Manager