



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

April 27, 2020

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 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) will use the funds provided under the Notice of Grant Award, Agreement # MP20101CARES, 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 854857224 and the signed Certifications are enclosed.

We are requesting \$600,000.00. 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 anticipate procuring cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment (masks, face shields, thermal scanners, etc...) to protect our Commonwealth Election Commission (CEC) employees and those visiting the polling sites. Additional costs will be incurred to disinfect polling areas, use of mailing and postages and tracking the increased number of absentee ballots, and upgrading current voting equipment.

The CEC will ensure that voting security and integrity remains paramount, but also, making sure that our voters and employees are safe and adhere to proper social distancing protocols and practice strict hygiene. This may include the disinfecting of poll booths after each use. Again, as the CNMI and nation confronts this invisible virus, we need to take every extra pre-cautionary measure to mitigate and prevent its further spread and ill-effects.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Ms. Julita A. Villagomez, Executive Director of the Commonwealth Election Commission at administrative@votecnmi.gov.mp or via phone at (670) 235-8683. A second point of contact for this proposal shall be Mr. Epiphanio E. Cabrera, Jr., State Administrator, Office of Grants management and he may be reached at epi.cabrera@gov.mp.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ralph DLG. Torres", enclosed within a blue circular scribble.

RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor

cc: Kinza Ghaznavi, Grants Manager