

COREY STAPLETON

SECRETARY OF STATE



STATE OF MONTANA

April 13, 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 Montana will use the funds provided under the Notice of Grant Award, Agreement MT20101CARES, 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 361855224, and the signed Certifications are enclosed.

We are requesting \$3,000,000. 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 will use the funding to help the counties during this pandemic. Counties will need to submit a request with how they will use the funds and provide a match. We will provide a list of allowable costs to counties and ensure they are using the funds in accordance with the CARES Act. The Secretary of State's Office will recover indirect costs per 17-1-106, Montana Code Annotated.

Some of the categories will include: printing of additional ballots and envelopes, installation and security for absentee or mail drop-boxes, temporary elections office staffing, cleaning supplies and protective masks, overtime salaries and benefits costs, training of poll workers, additional IT equipment and automated letter opening equipment.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Julie Lake at 406-444-5359 or julake@mt.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Corey Stapleton".

COREY STAPLETON
Secretary of State