

# 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.

## 2. Not a Bot Verification

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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.

North Carolina

### 2. Grant Number:

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

NC20101CARES

### 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

North Carolina State Board Of Elections

#### Street Address

430 N. Salisbury Street, 3rd Fl

#### City

Raleigh

#### State

NC

Zip

27603

## 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 coronavirus pandemic created several challenges, including a shortage of elections workers willing to work during the pandemic, printing and postage cost increases due to the increase in the number of voters voting absentee, a shortage of high-capacity ballot scanners to help process the increase in absentee ballots, the need for larger polling sites to accommodate social distancing, and the need for personal protective equipment for elections workers and in-person voters. Legislation was enacted in North Carolina that appropriated the required state matching funds, and that allocated CARES Act funds for grants to 100 county elections boards to help them cover costs to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus for federal elections in 2020.

Grant funds were used to:

- pay increased printing and postage costs due to an increase in the number of absentee-by-mail ballot requests;
- provide incentive pay for elections workers during the pandemic;
- advertise to recruit elections workers willing to work during the pandemic;
- clean and sanitize polling places prior to and following voting;
- purchase supplies needed to conduct voting, such as distance marking tape, signage, tabletop shields, etc.;
- rent larger polling sites to allow for social distancing;
- hire additional elections workers to help process the increased quantity of by-mail-voting requests;
- hire additional elections workers to manage social distancing at polling places and an increase in the number of voters using curbside (in-vehicle) voting;
- purchase additional laptops and printers to enable remote work by elections employees.

Grant funds were also utilized to procure a more secure tool for returning absentee ballots electronically. CARES Act funds were also used to purchase several high-capacity ballot scanners for counties to use to process the increase in absentee ballots.

## 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
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	\$781,113.04	\$195,278.26
Staffing: Additional poll workers, election office staff diverted to pandemic response, temporary staff	\$322,377.39	\$80,594.35
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	\$10,427.50	\$2,606.87
Communications: Notifying public of changes in registration, ballot request options, precautions or voting procedures)	\$6,891.90	\$1,722.97
Supplies: Additional laptops, mobile IT equipment, cleaning supplies, masks	\$994,292.69	\$248,573.17

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**

Amy

**Last Name**

Strange

**Title**

Chief Operating Officer

**Phone Number**

9198015034

**Email Address**

amy.strange@ncsbe.gov

**2. Signature of Certifying Official:**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. E. Strange". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and "E".

Signature of: A. E. Strange

**5. Report Submitted to EAC**

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**CARES Funding Progress Narrative Submission**

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