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Mona Harrington, Acting Executive Director  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1335 East-West Highway, Suite 4300  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Re: Request for funds under Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES)  
Act (Public Law 116 – 136)

Dear Ms. Harrington:

The purpose of this letter is to certify that the State of New Hampshire will use the payments provided under the Notice of Grant Award, Agreement # NH20101CARES (CFDA # 90.404), for activities consistent with the laws described in Section 906 of HAVA and will not use the payments 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 36-1857758 and the signed Certification Regarding Lobbying is enclosed. I have attached an accompanying letter which expresses my reservations about the Election Assistance Commission's authority to issue requirements and regulations for these payments.

We are requesting the amount of \$3,269,494 at this time. 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, our primary funding goal is to support local election jurisdictions to send and process additional absentee ballots, to purchase personal protective equipment, and to get prepared for the State Primary and General Election.

We are continuing to explore avenues for meeting the match requirement. Our plan remains uncertain until we hear a definitive description of options regarding the state match requirement from Federal authorities.

If we do not receive an acceptable response regarding state match requirements, or if the State does not expend these funds, it will return any federal funds that cannot be matched or spent for the purposes set forth in this Act.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Patricia Piecuch at (603) 271-8238 or [patricia.piecuch@sos.nh.gov](mailto:patricia.piecuch@sos.nh.gov).

Sincerely,



William M. Gardner  
Secretary of State

cc: Kinza Ghaznavi, Election Assistance Commission  
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