

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.

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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.

New Mexico

2. Grant Number:

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

NM20101CARES

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

New Mexico Secretary Of State

Street Address

325 Don Gaspar Ave, Ste. 300

City

Santa Fe

State

NM

Zip

87501

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 State of New Mexico utilized CARES funding strategically in order to prepare and safely conduct the 2020 General Election. New Mexico directed the funding primarily towards the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and safety supplies for poll workers and staff in order to promote safety, hygiene and to ensure social distancing measures during the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding was also used for the purchase of local TV and radio spots for outreach purposes to educate and encourage voters on absentee voting procedures in order to reduce the number of persons gathering at polling locations. Finally the funding was also used for the supplement of the voting processes including technology upgrades and other voting supplies.

In the 2020 General Election, the State of New Mexico had a record-breaking voter turnout with 927,995 total votes cast (68%). One of the primary challenges in this cycle was the dissemination of information statewide including rural and native communities while simultaneously and combatting misinformation. Similarly to the primary election, the state leveraged state and national media through paid and earned media campaigns to reinforce the absentee ballot procedure and the importance of voter hygiene and safety at the polls.

The State of New Mexico is ever cognizant of responsible CARES spending and simultaneously is satisfying the required State finding match when applicable. State Agencies and partners will continue to work together to accomplish the goals specified in the CARES Act.

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	\$416,665.00	
Staffing: Additional poll workers, election office staff diverted to pandemic response, temporary staff		
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		
Communications: Notifying public of changes in registration, ballot request options, precautions or voting procedures)	\$334,896.87	\$226,022.22
Supplies: Additional laptops, mobile IT equipment, cleaning supplies, masks	\$90,808.00	

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

Veronica

Last Name

Albin

Title

Chief Financial Officer

Phone Number

505-470-8358

Email Address

veronica.albin@state.nm.us

2. Signature of Certifying Official:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Albin', with a stylized, cursive script.

Signature of: Veronica Albin

5. Report Submitted to EAC

CARES Funding Progress Narrative Submission

Nov 21, 2020 13:06:16 Success: Email Sent to: veronica.albin@state.nm.us