

EAC CARES Progress Narrative Report

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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 York

2. Grant Number:

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

NY20101CARES

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 York State Board Of Elections

Street Address

40 N. Pearl Street

City

Albany

State

NY

Zip

12207

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 federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), enacted March 27, 2020, included \$400 million in new Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds, made available to states to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus for the 2020 Federal election cycle. This supplemental appropriation funding provided New York State with additional resources to protect the 2020 elections from the effects of the novel coronavirus. New York State provided the required 20% match.

New York State was allocated \$20,463,651 from the federal government and New York State's 20% match was \$4,092,730 – making a total of \$24,556,381 available for use by county boards of elections to implement measures necessary for responsible, safe, and fair elections during the COVID-19 pandemic.

State and local election officials were concerned about the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the Presidential Primary, the June 23, 2020 primaries and the November General Election. As such, the State Board of Elections established the NYS HAVA CARES ACT grant program to reimburse county boards of elections for eligible expenses relative to implementing measures necessary for responsible, safe and fair elections during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes but is not limited to, those costs necessary to protect the health and safety of poll workers, voters and staff, secure physical locations, and address unexpected expenses due to COVID-19 pandemic during a federal election. To be allowable under this grant, costs must be necessary, reasonable and allocable to the grant. Expenditures related to the protection of the health and safety of poll workers, staff, and voters during the federal elections as well as those resulting from unanticipated increased demand for vote costs (e.g. printing ballots, envelopes, postage, processing, receiving, storage, etc.), and equipment.

Due to the Coronavirus, a number of Executive Orders were issued to ensure all registered voters were able to vote safely. Specifically, executive orders were issued, and State laws were enacted to:

- Modify absentee ballot application requirements;
- Require all registered voters to be mailed an absentee ballot application ahead of the June primary election;
- Require pre-paid return envelopes to all registered voters who applied for a primary absentee ballot;
- Require the State to redesign all absentee envelopes in a uniform manner for the general election;
- Require extensive cure provisions to correct absentee ballot deficiencies,
- Require all County Boards of Elections to mail all registered voters a postcard detailing the three options to vote (by absentee, during early voting, or on election day) and where they can vote; and
- Require County Boards of Elections to publish on their website absentee ballot drop box information for the return of absentee ballots to board of elections offices, early voting poll sites or election day poll sites.

County Boards of Elections utilized the HAVA CARES funding to ensure these new election administration procedures designed to ensure staff and voter safety, and to make voters aware of voting opportunities to reduce poll site density.

This 20 day post general election report captures disbursements made to County Boards of Elections through November 13, 2020, totaling \$8,748,836.82. Of the \$8.7 million dollars disbursed, \$8,319,187.69 was disbursed from the federal funds and

\$429,649.13 was disbursed from the state match.

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	\$6,988,117.66	\$360,905.27
Staffing: Additional poll workers, election office staff diverted to pandemic response, temporary staff	\$83,191.88	\$4,296.49
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	\$249,575.63	\$12,889.47
Communications: Notifying public of changes in registration, ballot request options, precautions or voting procedures)	\$166,383.75	\$8,592.98
Supplies: Additional laptops, mobile IT equipment, cleaning supplies, masks	\$831,918.77	\$42,964.91

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

Robert

Last Name

Brehm

Title

Co-Executive Director

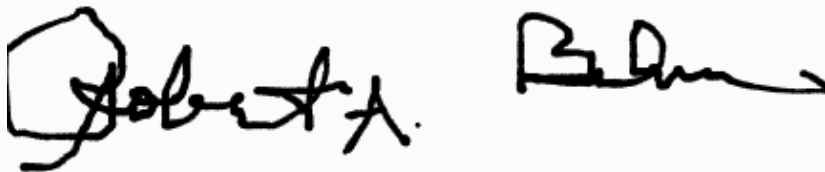
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2. Signature of Certifying Official:

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Signature of: Robert Brehm

5. Report Submitted to EAC



Thank you, your progress narrative report has been submitted to EAC. Please keep the PDF download of your submission as grant record.

CARES Funding Progress Narrative Submission

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