

EAC CARES Progress Narrative Report

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1. State:

Enter the name of the state or territory that received the grant and is submitting this report.

Oklahoma

2. Grant Number:

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

OK20101CARES

3. Report:

20 days after primary

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

Oklahoma State Election Board

Street Address

2300 N Lincoln Blvd, Room G28

City

Oklahoma City

State

OK

Zip

73105

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.

Oklahoma State Election Board
CFDA 90.404 CARES Act Grant
Agreement Number: OK20101CARES

The Oklahoma State Election Board made expenditures from CARES Act Grant funds and state matching funds in advance of our statewide Primary Election held on June 30, 2020. Total expenditures were \$652,082.79 with the breakdown as follows:

Federal \$312,278.79
State Match \$339,804.00
Total \$652,082.79

State matching funds were used to purchase PPE for the State Election Board and 77 County Election Boards, printing of special instructions related to mail absentee voting and printing additional quantities of absentee ballots. Federal funds were used to reimburse County Election Boards for PPE, disinfection supplies, pens, and staffing. Other reimbursement costs included postage which above typical amounts for previous elections due to polling place change notifications and increased volume of mail absentee ballots.

Of the 77 County Election Board offices in the state, 45 requested reimbursement from CARES Act Grant funding. 32 County Election Boards had other funding sources and did not request reimbursement from federal CARES funding. The challenges faced in Oklahoma were related to assisting our County Election Board offices to ensure they had adequate staffing and required number of polling location sites to conduct the Primary Election. Additionally, securing an adequate quantity of PPE necessary to supply all election officials in the state proved to be a challenge.

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	\$109,034.74	
Staffing: Additional poll workers, election office staff diverted to pandemic response, temporary staff	\$24,884.37	
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	\$2,483.16	
Communications: Notifying public of changes in registration, ballot request options, precautions or voting procedures)	\$28,239.78	
Supplies: Additional laptops, mobile IT equipment, cleaning supplies, masks	\$147,636.74	\$339,804.00

