



## Puerto Rico State Commission on Elections

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Chairman

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April 13, 2020

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

Dear Ms. Harrington:

The purpose of this letter is to certify that the State Election Commission of PR will use the funds provided under the Notice of Grant Award, Agreement # PR20101CARES, for activities consistent with the laws described in Section 906 of HAVA and will not use the funds in a manner that is inconsistent with the requirements of Title III of HAVA.

We further certify that we have reviewed and accepted the terms of the award as specified in the Notice of Grant Award. Our UEI number is **146540265** and the signed Certification Regarding Lobbying is enclosed.

We are now requesting the amount of \$ 3,881,359 (the entire award). We will use the funds to prevent a future pandemic, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus emergency, domestically or internationally, for the 2020 Federal election cycle. Once the lockdown has ended we would address the effects of the coronavirus by implementing a plan that mitigates the risk of contagion of the citizens of Puerto Rico. We also want to assure our employees and voters a secure election activity process for the upcoming months.

*The main challenge we face for upcoming election events is the time given to assemble the necessary framework without risking further community contagion. To implement these measures and actions effectively, these electoral processes will require more employees, cleaning and disinfection supplies, materials, equipment, and other resources needed to ensure a transparent, fast, safe and effective process.*

*Under the circumstances, a substantial increase will be reflected in the acquisition of electoral supplies, and the funds allocated for the handling of such an emergency will be indispensable. Please refer to the distribution of funds allocated as requested.*

Currently, we are working out of the office, so, if you require additional information or have any further question, please contact Ms. Aideliz Hidalgo, Budget Division, at [ahidalgo@cee.pr.gov](mailto:ahidalgo@cee.pr.gov) and [aideliz.hidalgo@gmail.com](mailto:aideliz.hidalgo@gmail.com), or contact me at [jedavila@cee.pr.gov](mailto:jedavila@cee.pr.gov)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JEDAVILA".

Hon. Juan E. Dávila Rivera  
Chief Election Official

Cc.

Kinza Ghaznavi, Grants Manager

Peg Rosenberry, Director of Payments and Grants

Enclosures

Annexed A- HAVA PR20101CARES Distribution

Annexed B- Certification Regarding Lobbying

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 2020 HAVA CARES ACT GRANT DISTRIBUTION

## PROJECTED PROGRAM

FISCAL YEAR	PROJECTS	AMOUNT
2019-2020	Temporary Election Office Staffing	\$3,025,298
	Professional Services	\$240,000
	Additional Electoral Expenses	\$300,000
	Voter Registration Equipment	\$900,337
	Cleaning Materials and Supplies	\$898,722
	COVID-Voting Measurements Educational Campaign for Voting	\$1,000,000
	Incidental Costs	\$190,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,554,357<sup>i</sup></b>

Note: Due to the Executive Order of the State, the country is in quarantine. Only essential service personnel can work, including health and safety. For this reason, the distribution of the items will take a few additional days for the corresponding amendments to the projects to be discussed and made virtually.

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<sup>i</sup> The Federal Grant was award for \$5,461,964 plus the State Matching Funds requirements of \$1,092,393, the table present the projection including the state requirement match.