

State of Tennessee



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April 13, 2020

Ms. 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 of Tennessee will use the funds provided under the Notice of Grant Award, Agreement # TN20101CARES, 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 accept the terms of the award as specified in the Notice of Grant Award. Our UEI number (formerly DUNS) is 155946874 and the signed Certifications are enclosed.

We are requesting \$7,982,281. 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, we will use these funds toward unanticipated expenses, particularly for county election offices. Although many Tennessee voters are already eligible to vote absentee by-mail, we typically see only 1.5% to 2.5% of voters participating by mail. We expect there will be an increase in absentee by-mail requests. We will use the funds to purchase necessary supplies for counties to process an increased number of requests and will likely require extra scanners and more personnel to process and count ballots. We will also be identifying additional supplies and services needed to keep our voters and election officials safe.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Coordinator of Elections Mark Goins at 615-741-7956 or Mark.Goins@TN.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Tre Hargett
Secretary of State

Cc: Kinza Ghaznavi, Grants Manager, U.S. Election Assistance Commission