



Mac Warner
Secretary of State
State of West Virginia

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 West Virginia will use the funds provided under the Notice of Grant Award, Agreement #WV20101CARES, 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 809928856 and the signed Certifications are enclosed.

We are requesting \$3,807,691. 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 of the coronavirus on the election we will be sub-granting these recently appropriated funds to county election officials to pay for increased costs of holding the election.

COVID-19 has impacted West Virginia's absentee ballot excuse process to include everyone under this emergency and necessitate many polling location changes to keep away from vulnerable individuals in hospital facilities, nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Training poll workers at a safe distance will require additional educational events with smaller audiences. Educating the public of the changes due to COVID-19 will require at least one statewide mailing to all registered voters and an aggressive and broad communications strategy.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Chuck Flannery at 304-368-6337 or cflannery@wvsos.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mac Warner".

West Virginia Secretary of State

Cc.

Kinza Ghaznavi, Grants Manager

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