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.

West Virginia

2. Grant Number:

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

WV20101CARES

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

Secretary Of State, West Virginia

Street Address

1900 Kanawha Blvd East

City

Charleston

State

WV

Zip

25305

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.

West Virginia used CARES funds to support the 2020 Primary and General Federal Elections. Out expenditures comprised additional absentee ballots (\$165,751), postage associated with the increased volume of absentee ballots (\$60,689), PPE to secure polling locations (\$21,194), and additional labor necessary to processed increased volume of absentee ballots (\$85,746). We also incurred miscellaneous costs related to precinct relocation and associated public notice, etc... (\$116,335). Our state match was largely met through in-kind contributions. There were no major, unanticipated issues in West Virginia during either Federal Election; everything went smoothly thanks to the hard work of our dedicated local officials. CARES funds were made available to the counties through a rolling grant review period where our State HAVA Board meet every other Thursday to review county grant applications and make recommendations to the State Election Commission. Our State Election Commission met on Fridays following the HAVA Board meetings to evaluate the applications and associated HAVA Board recommendations when they made a final decision on disbursement of funds.

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	\$1,023,763.98	\$204,752.76
Staffing: Additional poll workers, election office staff diverted to pandemic response, temporary staff	\$324,268.15	\$64,853.63
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	\$7,554.20	\$1,510.84
Communications: Notifying public of changes in registration, ballot request options, precautions or voting procedures)	\$1,403.30	\$280.66
Supplies: Additional laptops, mobile IT equipment, cleaning supplies, masks	\$165,824.82	\$33,164.00

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

Delilah

Last Name

Barker

Title

Chief Financial Officer

Phone Number

304-356-2609

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2. Signature of Certifying Official:

Delilah Borker

Signature of: Delilah Barker

5. Report Submitted to EAC

CARES Funding Progress Narrative Submission

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