

2020 HAVA

Election Security Grant

Arizona's Program Narrative



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Grant Funding Information

Amount of Award: \$8,362,741

Matching Funds Commitment: \$1,672,548

Timeframe for Usage: 5 Years

Immediate Improvements/Activities

Cyber Vulnerabilities

The Arizona Secretary of State's Office (SOS) has implemented new security controls and policies after reviewing security assessment results from the STA Security Plan. The SOS will continue working with Counties to provide security fortification and offer assessments of their systems to protect against vulnerabilities. The SOS is particularly focused on implementing multi-factor authentication to the Election Night Reporting System (ENR) and providing single-use USB devices for uploading election results to networked computers.

Communication

For the 2020 Elections, it is imperative that the SOS and counties share a united message regarding the efforts being taken to secure elections, and particularly what voters can do to secure their vote. The SOS is committed to continuing to provide information to voters about trusted information and how to recognize deceptive information through its #TrustedInfo2020 campaign.

Longer-Term Activities

Sub-Grants

The Arizona Secretary of State's Office (SOS) has developed grant priorities, review processes for proposals and ongoing tracking of sub-grant awards. The SOS will continue working with counties to provide sub-grants to increase election security. The SOS recognizes each county has its own needs as they relate to IT and election security, and the sub-grants allow the counties to address their individual needs.

Election IT Security Personnel

The Arizona Secretary of State's Office Elections Division will create a new position with a primary focus on maintaining and understanding elections security. This position will oversee and ensure the voter registration database remains secure. In addition, the

position will work on best practices against vulnerabilities and act as a resource to the State and County Election Officials.

Activities Prior to the 2020 Election

The Arizona Secretary of State's Office (SOS) will continue educating the public and providing awareness about misinformation. Last year, the SOS produced and distributed an election cybersecurity best practices guide for candidates and campaigns for the 2020 election cycle. The office will continue to promote that resource for candidates. Additionally, as previously mentioned the SOS plans to continue with county fortification through multi-factor authentication and single-use USB's for the 2020 Election cycle. The SOS also will continue with its #TrustedInfo2020 campaign for primary and general elections still to come this year.

State of Arizona's Review Process

JLBC Review Process

Arizona Revised Statutes require that any spending of HAVA funds be appropriated by the legislature and approved by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee ("JLBC"). This process allows for a bi-partisan review and public comment on spending outside of the standard legislative cycle. The Arizona Legislature appropriated 80% of the 2020 HAVA funds as part of a skinny budget passed by the legislature prior to the legislature adjourning as a result of COVID-19. In their appropriation, they designated 80% of the funds for county subgrants and 20% to the SOS. The SOS has to present the plan for the 20% of funds to JLBC prior to their June 2020 meeting.

Match Funds

The Secretary of State's Office is working in partnership with the county elections' officials to secure the state match for the 2020 HAVA grant. We anticipate a combination of in-kind match from expenses from the counties and cash appropriation from the legislature, if the entire match cannot be provided from county expenses.