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2020 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Election Security Grant Program Narrative Wyoming Secretary of State

The Wyoming Secretary of State's Office stands ready to utilize the 2020 HAVA Elections Security Grant Funds in a manner to "improve the administration of elections for Federal office, including to enhance election technology and make election security improvements as authorized under sections 101, 103 and 104 of [HAVA]."

Wyoming's portion of the awarded funds from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020 is \$3,000,000. The Act requires a state match of (20) percent to be made available of which Wyoming has already met under its voting equipment purchase contract.

2018 HAVA Election Security Grant Funds have been utilized for the majority of immediate improvements and therefore our State plans to utilize the 2020 Election Security Grant Funds for long-term enhancements. Long-term enhancements include improvements within the following categories: Cyber Vulnerabilities, Voting Registration Systems and Management, Training, and Voting Equipment Replacement and Upgrades.

The categories noted above are detailed below and include approximate budget amounts.

Cyber Vulnerabilities: \$975,000

Our Office has partnered with the Department of Homeland Security to conduct cyber vulnerability assessments at both the state and county level to help identify areas for improvement. A portion of these funds will be used to address identified vulnerabilities within the various election environments.

Voter Registration Systems and Management: \$1.5M

Our Office will continue our efforts of improving security of our voter registration system by utilizing 2020 funds. This will include additional data encryption and the continued development of additional, secure functionality. In addition, the continued hosting and operational support of Wyoming's voter registration in the highly redundant, highly secure maximum availability architecture will also benefit from the 2020 funds.

Training: \$300,000

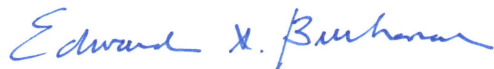
Our Office plans to continue to expand and facilitate our cybersecurity training for both state and local election officials. In 2019 our Office held an incredibly valuable cybersecurity training for local election officials that garnered an immense amount of support from local officials. Since cybersecurity has become increasingly intertwined with elections, our Office plans to continue to utilize these funds to host additional cybersecurity training sessions and to develop a helpful training platform to assist counties into the future. After careful examination of cybersecurity best practices, our Office will then utilize a portion of the funds to assist counties in implementing identified best practices as they pertain to their election environment.

Voting Equipment Replacement and Upgrades: \$225,000

Although Wyoming's voting equipment has been replaced as of Spring 2020, unanticipated needs and/or costs could arise with the ever-changing elections climate. Therefore, our Office is allocating funds to be used specifically for voting equipment should the need arise.

That concludes Wyoming's narrative as it pertains to the 2020 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Election Security Grant. If you have any questions, please contact Kai Schon at (307) 777-3416 or kai.schon@wyo.gov.

Sincerely,



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