# Arizona's Program Narrative





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### **Grant Funding Information**

Amount of Award: \$1,355,000

Matching Funds Commitment: \$271,632

Timeframe for Usage: Until Expended

## **Arizona Legislative Process**

Arizona Revised Statutes require that HAVA funds be appropriated by the Arizona State Legislature before they are spent by the Secretary of State's Office. In addition to that, statute requires that the Secretary of State submit an expenditure plan for the funds to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) on or before December 31 of each year. On April 13, 2022 the Secretary of State sent a letter to the JLBC and Governor's office requesting that an appropriation for the new, 2022 HAVA funds be included in the state fiscal year (SFY) 2023 budget. If an appropriation for the funds is included in the SFY23 budget then the Office will gain access to the funds on July 1, 2022.

#### **Match Funds**

The Secretary of State's Office requested that the State provide cash matches on the 2018 and 2020 HAVA grants and when our requests went unfulfilled we pivoted to working with County elections officials to identify applicable county operating expenditures that could be used as match on the grants. The Office will partner with Counties to secure the match funds for the 2022 grant as well.

#### **Potential Grant Activities**

HAVA grant funds are needed now more than ever, particularly given that we are in an election year, and there is no shortage of ways that Arizona Elections officials could use the 2022 grant funds in the upcoming year and beyond. If the funds are appropriated it would give our office the opportunity to make funds available to counties for eligible activities under the grant, continue our administration of the statewide voter registration database. fund the implementation of established cyber security best practices, and dynamically address cyber security vulnerabilities.

Additionally, Arizona has been a target of elections misinformation and disinformation campaigns, but the Office has had a difficult time garnering support for appropriation of HAVA funds for voter education to combat these issues. Our office took part in the National Association of Secretaries of State's (NASS) #TrustedInfo2020 campaign in 2020 and funded the program using private election grant funds. After the 2020 election cycle the Arizona State Legislature passed a

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bill prohibiting Arizona Election Officials from using private monies to fund any election activities. It is our hope that, in addition to other activities, existing and future HAVA funds can be used to provide critical information to Arizona voters regarding voting in elections.

#### **Grant Activities to Date**

As of March 31, 2022 the Office has spent \$12,114,319 of the \$15,860,974 in 2018 and 2020 HAVA grant funds awarded to Arizona.

More than half of the funds have been subgranted to Arizona counties. Subgrants have been used for a variety of activities, including implementation of cyber security best practices, improving the physical security of election offices, and replacing voting equipment.

In addition to issuing subgrants to counties, 2018 and 2020 HAVA funds have been used to implement a new statewide voter registration system, conduct statewide trainings, place threat liaison officers in polling places on election day, staff positions that support cyber security and elections customer service, implement cyber security improvements at the state level, and more.

Of the \$3,746,655 in 2018/2020 funds that remain, \$1,168,625 is appropriated for additional county subgrant distribution, \$1,063,531 is appropriated to our Office for state-level expenditures, and \$1,514,499 has never been appropriated by the State. Existing appropriations expire on June 30, 2022; we have requested that those appropriations be extended and that the remaining balance be appropriated as well. Inaction by the State Legislature to appropriate or extend existing appropriations on the 2018, 2020, and 2022 HAVA funds would result in our office losing access to HAVA funds on July 1, 2022. One of the primary focuses for our Office, in addition to dispersing and managing county subgrants and identifying state-level needs and priorities and carrying out those activities, has been, and continues to be, advocating for access to the funds.

GRANTEE NAME:	Arizona Secretary of Sta	ate	
AWARD TYPE:	FORMULA	MATCH %:	
PROJECT PERIOD START DATE:	3/16/2022	INDIRECT COST %	
	3/10/2022	(IF APPLIED):	
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PROJECT PERIOD END DATE:			

SECTION A: GRANT BUDGET		YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO	YEAR THREE	TOTAL:
FEDERAL AMOUNT	\$	7,463,675.00	\$ 8,397,299.00	\$ 1,355,000.00	\$ 17,215,974.00
NON FEDERAL MATCH	\$	373,183.75	\$ 1,679,459.80	\$ 271,000.00	\$ 2,323,643.55
TOTAL:	\$	7,836,858.75	\$ 10,076,758.80	\$ 1,626,000.00	\$ 19,539,617.55
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SECTION B: BUDGET CATEGORIES (Federal Only)	Voti	ıg Equij	oment	Voti	ng Proc	esses	Vot	er Registration Systems	Electi	on Auditin	Cyl	per and Physical Security	Voter Ed	ucation	Accessibility	Other (Improve Elections Administration)		Other (All Categories Allowable)	Oth	er (Unappropriated	H)	TOTALS	% Fed Total
PERSONNEL							\$	117,395.30			\$	91,054.46				\$ 103,778.	05				\$	312,227.81	2%
FRINGE RELATED TO SALARY							\$	55,555.84			\$	24,640.05				\$ 60,238.	90				\$	140,434.79	1%
EQUIPMENT							\$	16,715.84			\$	39,942.72				\$ 10,142.	59				\$	66,801.15	0%
TRAINING							\$	18,108.53			\$	35,295.61				\$ 4,673.	98				\$	58,078.12	0%
CONTRACTUAL							\$	5,125,701.20			\$	95,013.60	\$ 193	,912.50		\$ 33,500.	00				\$	5,448,127.30	32%
OTHER (Software)							\$	34,739.68			\$	262,922.29									\$	297,661.97	2%
OTHER (Unappropriated)																			\$	2,788,447.52	2 \$	2,788,447.52	16%
SUBGRANTS											\$	678,129.36					\$	\$ 7,426,065.98			\$	8,104,195.34	47%
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$		-	\$		-	\$	5,368,216.39	\$	-	\$	1,226,998.09	\$ 193	,912.50 \$	-	\$ 212,333.	52 \$	\$ 7,426,065.98	\$	2,788,447.52	2\$	17,215,974.00	100%
INDIRECT COSTS (if applied)																					\$	-	0%
TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET	\$		-	\$		-	\$	5,368,216.39	\$	-	\$	1,226,998.09	\$ 193	,912.50 \$	-	\$ 212,333.	52 \$	\$ 7,426,065.98	\$	2,788,447.52	2 \$	17,215,974.00	100%
PERCENTAGE BY CATEGORY		0%			0%			31%		0%		7%	19	6	0%	1%		43%		16%			

PERCENTAGE BY CATEGORY	0%			0%		31%
SECTION C: NON FEDERAL MATCH RESOURCES SOURCE DESCRIPTION	STATE FL	INDS		OTHER		TOTAL:
Applicable County Operating Expenditures 2022 Match - Source TBD			\$ \$	2,052,643.55 271,000.00	\$ \$ \$	2,052,643.55 271,000.00 -
	\$	-	\$	2,323,643.55	\$ \$	2,323,643.55