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Mark Robbins, Interim Executive Director
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
633 3rd Street, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Robbins:

RE: 2022 Election Security Funds Program Narrative

The State of Connecticut will be receiving an award of \$1,000,000 to assist us in improving the administration of elections for federal office, enhancing election technology, and making election security improvements.

State Match Requirement: We will be securing the required 20% match of \$200,000 as follows: We have and will continue to expend \$660,000 per year on hardware maintenance of our accessible voting equipment. This expenditure will continue and after a two-year period, will provide sufficient expenditure of state funds to meet the required 20% state match.

We are proposing the use the entirety of our funding under this grant to upgrade and replace our current Centralized Voter Registration System which has been upgraded over the years but still contains elements of a system that was designed over twenty years ago. The upgrade and replacement will increase the cyber security elements of our system and well as add need functionality and accessibility for our local election officials that will enable them to administer the upcoming federal elections.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Ted Bromley at 860-509-6122 or ted.bromley@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise W. Merrill".

Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of the State

Cc. Kinza Ghaznavi, Grants Director, Grants@eac.gov

EAC HAVA GRANT - BUDGET WORKSHEET

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|
| GRANTEE NAME: | State of Connecticut | MATCH %: | 20% |
| AWARD TYPE: | | INDIRECT COST % (IF APPLIED): | 0% |
| PROJECT PERIOD START DATE: | 3/16/2022 | INDIRECT COST TYPE: | |
| PROJECT PERIOD END DATE: | Until Expended | | |

| SECTION A: GRANT BUDGET | YEAR ONE | YEAR TWO | YEAR THREE | TOTAL: |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| FEDERAL AMOUNT | \$ 5,120,554.00 | \$ 5,735,740.00 | \$ 1,000,000.00 | \$ 11,856,294.00 |
| NON FEDERAL MATCH | \$ 256,027.00 | \$ 1,147,148.00 | \$ 200,000.00 | \$ 1,603,175.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$ 5,376,581.00 | \$ 6,882,888.00 | \$ 1,200,000.00 | \$ 13,459,469.00 |

| SECTION B: BUDGET CATEGORIES (Federal Only) | Voting Equipment | Voting Processes | Voter Registration Systems | Election Auditing | Cyber and Physical Security | Voter Education | Accessibility | Other (Provide description in this box) | Other (Provide description in this box)2 | TOTALS | % Fed Total |
|---|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---|--|------------------|-------------|
| PERSONNEL | | | | | \$ 250,577.00 | | | | | \$ 250,577.00 | 2% |
| FRINGE RELATED TO SALARY | | | | | | | | | | \$ - | 0% |
| EQUIPMENT | \$ 628,544.00 | | \$ 6,660,606.00 | | | | | | | \$ 7,289,150.00 | 61% |
| TRAINING | | \$ 215,000.00 | | | \$ 367,706.63 | | | | | \$ 582,706.63 | 5% |
| CONTRACTUAL | | | | \$ 1,313,174.73 | | | | | | \$ 1,313,174.73 | 11% |
| OTHER (Describe) | \$ 660,400.00 | | | | \$ 150,000.00 | | | Absentee ballot assistance | Cyber Security | \$ 810,400.00 | 7% |
| OTHER (Describe) | | | | | | | | | | \$ - | 0% |
| SUBGRANTS | | \$ 1,568,286.03 | | | \$ 42,000.00 | | | | | \$ 1,610,286.03 | 14% |
| TOTAL DIRECT COSTS | \$ 1,288,944.00 | \$ 1,783,286.03 | \$ 6,660,606.00 | \$ 1,313,174.73 | \$ 810,283.63 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 11,856,294.39 | 100% |
| INDIRECT COSTS (if applied) | | | | | | | | | | \$ - | 0% |
| TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET | \$ 1,288,944.00 | \$ 1,783,286.03 | \$ 6,660,606.00 | \$ 1,313,174.73 | \$ 810,283.63 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 11,856,294.39 | 100% |
| PERCENTAGE BY CATEGORY | 11% | 15% | 56% | 11% | 7% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | | |

| SECTION C: NON FEDERAL MATCH RESOURCES | STATE FUNDS | OTHER | TOTAL: |
|--|-----------------|-------|-----------------|
| Existing Budget | \$ 450,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 450,000.00 |
| Existing Budget | \$ 850,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 850,000.00 |
| Existing Budget | \$ 550,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 550,000.00 |
| | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| TOTAL: | \$ 1,850,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,850,000.00 |