

# STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

## STATE OF ILLINOIS



## HAVA Election Security Grants

### Revised Program Narrative and Budget Submission

The State of Illinois was awarded **\$30,276,159** as authorized under Section 101 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-252) (HAVA). The purpose of this award is to improve the administration of elections for Federal office, including to enhance “election technology and make election security improvements” to the systems, equipment and processes used in federal elections. The State of Illinois is required to provide a 20% state match of \$4,071,528. To date, the State of Illinois has deposited a total of \$3,641,743 into the Help Illinois Vote Fund toward that requirement. The remaining state match (\$429,785) is included in the Board’s FY23 budget and will be deposited into the Help Illinois Vote Fund during early FY23 to meet the matching requirement.

The Election Security HAVA Funds have been used for FY22 to expand projects that are currently components of the Illinois Cyber Navigator Program and will continue to be used for such purposes. The SBE also plans to use funds for new projects that include ADA programs and initiatives, and re-writing our voter registration systems.

### Continuation of the Illinois Cyber Navigator Program

1. **Illinois Century Network (ICN)** The ICN is a state-managed network delivering network and internet services to government agencies in Illinois. The network allows DoIT (Department of Innovation and Technology) to provide centralized monitoring, mitigation, and security services to participating agencies. The goal of the ICN is to provide agencies with a “cleaner, safer internet.” Currently, the election officials are eligible for 20 mbps of service via their ICN connection. The budget plan will fund the current level of service and also include an increase to the amount of bandwidth to cover the internet usage for the entire election office and not just the connection to the statewide voter database (IVRS). Additionally, funds are used for continued enhancements and improvements to the security posture of the ICN.

2. **Cyber Navigator Personnel** The Cyber Navigators are currently assisting the local election authorities by providing resources and guidance to ensure increased election security posture through the 2024 election cycle. The SBE is currently entered into an interagency agreement with Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) to provide the staff necessary to perform the duties of the Cyber Navigator. The most critical roles of the Cyber Navigator have been to perform risk assessments for each local election authority and providing onsite guidance during the build out and installation of ICN connections. At this time, there are nine (9) full time navigators working statewide with retention plans through December 2024.

## **Total estimated costs of Cyber Navigator Program: \$17,647,968**

### **ADA Programs/Initiatives**

Ensuring the ability of all voters to vote privately and independently is a priority for the stakeholders in Illinois elections. Common impediments to voters' ability to cast their vote privately and independently are inaccessible polling places and accessible vote by mail ballots. To reduce these impediments, the State Board of Elections will utilize funds to modernize the polling place survey process. This will include a state-wide education and training program for local authorities, modernization of the polling place survey tool, and education and training for conducting surveys utilizing the modernized survey tool, as well as a survey evaluation and oversight program. In addition, funding will be utilized to contract with a third-party vendor to provide accessible vote by mail ballots statewide.

A grant program was established for local authorities to correct ADA accessibility in polling places, based on results of the aforementioned surveys. These funds were allocated for the use in the FY22 budget and will be carried forth in the remaining years.

Since the first-place voters generally turn for information regarding Illinois elections is the State Board of Elections' website, funds will also be used to update and improve the accessibility of the Board's website.

As you can see we are shifting our funding more towards the ADA programs and initiatives. We are increasing funding towards polling place accessibility initiatives due to a shift in need from the election authorities. Over the past five years, election authorities have been able to make the appropriate cyber security upgrades to increase the security of federal elections and the need to continue funding in that direction has decreased, especially this past fiscal year. Most election authorities have included internet costs and other accrued costs in their budgets now, and a shift towards accessibility has started. In FY22, we offered a small number of jurisdictions that applied funds for accessibility and a lot of other jurisdictions that missed the deadline to apply showed interest in accessibility funding, thus pushing us in the direction of the shift in funding from security to accessibility. We are planning to keep a small amount of security funds available for emergency use, but a majority of the funds will be allocated to election authorities for polling place accessibility and to make the Illinois State Board of Elections website and accessible site.

## **Total estimated costs of ADA Programs/Initiatives: \$7,520,390**

### **Voter Registration Systems**

The Illinois Voter Registration System (IVRS) that provides the centralized interactive computerized statewide voter registration list as required by HAVA is an aging system that requires updates and rewrites to various components of the system to modernize the security and functionality of the system. The upgrades to the systems and applications within are estimated to be completed in 2024.

## **Total estimated costs of upgrades to Voter Registration Systems: \$5,107,801.00**

**EAC HAVA GRANT - BUDGET WORKSHEET**

<b>GRANTEE NAME:</b>	Illinois State Board of Elections	<b>MATCH %:</b>	20%
<b>AWARD TYPE:</b>	REVISION/CONTINUATION	<b>INDIRECT COST % (IF APPLIED):</b>	N/A
<b>PROJECT PERIOD START DATE:</b>	3/23/2018	<b>INDIRECT COST TYPE:</b>	
<b>PROJECT PERIOD END DATE:</b>	Until Expended		

SECTION A: GRANT BUDGET	YEAR ONE (2018)	YEAR TWO (2020)	YEAR THREE (2022)	TOTAL:
FEDERAL AMOUNT	\$ 13,232,290.00	\$ 14,900,640.00	\$ 2,143,228.00	\$ 30,276,158.00
NON FEDERAL MATCH	\$ 661,615.00	\$ 2,980,128.00	\$ 428,646.00	\$ 4,070,389.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$ 13,893,905.00	\$ 17,880,768.00	\$ 2,571,874.00	\$ 34,346,547.00

SECTION B: BUDGET CATEGORIES (Federal Only)	Voting Equipment	Voting Processes	Voter Registration Systems	Election Auditing	Cyber and Physical Security	Voter Education	Accessibility	Other (ADA Programs)	Other (Provide description in this box)	TOTALS	% Fed Total
PERSONNEL										\$ -	0%
FRINGE RELATED TO SALARY										\$ -	0%
EQUIPMENT			\$ 500,000.00		\$ 684,200.00					\$ 1,184,200.00	4%
TRAINING					\$ 50,000.00					\$ 50,000.00	0%
CONTRACTUAL			\$ 4,607,801.00		\$ 2,243,700.00			\$ 1,070,390.00		\$ 7,921,891.00	26%
OTHER (Describe)										\$ -	0%
OTHER (Describe)										\$ -	0%
SUBGRANTS (to local voting jurisdictions)					\$ 14,670,067.00			\$ 6,450,000.00		\$ 21,120,067.00	70%
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,107,801.00	\$ -	\$ 17,647,967.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,520,390.00	\$ -	\$ 30,276,158.00	100%
INDIRECT COSTS (if applied)										\$ -	0%
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,107,801.00	\$ -	\$ 17,647,967.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,520,390.00	\$ -	\$ 30,276,158.00	100%
<b>PERCENTAGE BY CATEGORY</b>	0%	0%	17%	0%	58%	0%	0%	25%	0%		

**SECTION C: NON FEDERAL MATCH RESOURCES**

SOURCE DESCRIPTION	STATE FUNDS	OTHER	TOTAL:
State Funds	\$ 4,070,389.00		\$ 4,070,389.00
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	\$ 4,070,389.00	\$ -	\$ 4,070,389.00