

BUDGET NARRATIVE: 2022 HAVA SECURITY GRANT FUNDS

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on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Funds Received: Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin has requested and received Election Security Grant funding available under the Help America Vote Act in both 2018 and 2020 and has requested funding for 2022.¹ This narrative is limited to proposed spending of the 2022 HAVA Security Funds and is listed by category, with the majority of the spending specific to cybersecurity.

Cybersecurity:

Using the 2018 HAVA Security Funds, we established a dedicated cybersecurity team within our IT department which continues to grow and be funded by the new funds. This includes a Cybersecurity Manager, Cybersecurity Engineers and a Cybersecurity Project Manager. Using the 2020 funds, we established an “Election Security Partnership” Program (ESP) which created 5 Cybersecurity ESP Analysts who are geographically assigned portions of the state. We also included an ESP Outreach Supervisor who coordinate the activities of the ESP analysts. We expect to expand the activities of the ESP program using these funds (\$1,500,000)

Since its implementation, the ESP program has had direct contact to all 351 municipal election officials to assist with communication, security and training. This includes coordinating with both local election officials and their local IT staff to identify common issues and ensure proper channels of communications when issues arise.

Additionally, the ESP Analysts have recently resumed physical visits to the municipalities in their region. With the onset of the pandemic, the meetings were held virtually with the ESP Analysts offering webinars on traditional cybersecurity issues and addressing new challenges such as working remotely and changes to state laws and processes in response to the pandemic.

The cybersecurity team has also developed training for both in office personnel and local election officials. This includes a phishing training exercise and assessment. Further end-user training for our local election officials has continued as well. (\$50,000)

¹ The 2018 funding of \$7,890,854 was requested on May 18, 2018 and required a state match of \$394,543. The 2020 funding of \$8,841,674 was requested on January 22, 2020 and required a state match of \$1,768,335. The 2022 funding of \$1,376,528 was requested on April 4, 2022 and requires a state match of \$275,951.

The funds will also be used to conduct tabletop exercises. We've conducted two (2) such exercises in the past and have scheduled another one for June 2022. Using our lessons learned from past exercises, the upcoming training will be more immersive and not only test our local election officials, but also will include the entire Secretary's office information technology staff and elections support staff.² We are working to secure participation from our state and federal partners as we value their support and are striving to replicate possible scenarios that could require their assistance. (\$102,479).

If you have any questions about this narrative/budget, please contact Michelle K. Tassinari, Director and Legal Counsel, Elections Division at 617-727-2828 or Michelle.Tassinari@sec.state.ma.us.

² The only staff presently aware of the tabletop exercise are the ESP program analysts and cybersecurity team. The training exercise will be conducted off-site from the Secretary's offices. To simulate real life conditions, the IT and elections support staff will have no advance notice of the scenarios in which they will be asked to participate.

EAC HAVA GRANT - BUDGET WORKSHEET

GRANTEE NAME:	Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth	
AWARD TYPE:	FORMULA	MATCH %:
PROJECT PERIOD START DATE:	3/16/2022	INDIRECT COST % (IF APPLIED):
PROJECT PERIOD END DATE:		INDIRECT COST TYPE:

SECTION A: GRANT BUDGET	YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO	YEAR THREE	TOTAL:
FEDERAL AMOUNT	\$ 7,890,854.00	\$ 8,878,866.00	\$ 1,376,528.00	\$ 18,146,248.00
NON FEDERAL MATCH	\$ 394,643.00	\$ 1,775,777.00	\$ 275,951.00	\$ 2,446,371.00
TOTAL:	\$ 8,285,497.00	\$ 10,654,643.00	\$ 1,652,479.00	\$ 20,592,619.00

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)	TOTALS	% Fed Total
PERSONNEL										\$ -	0%
FRINGE RELATED TO SALARY										\$ -	0%
EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,000,000.00		\$ 4,960,009.00		\$ 4,747,122.00					\$ 11,707,131.00	65%
TRAINING					\$ 439,117.00					\$ 439,117.00	2%
CONTRACTUAL										\$ -	0%
OTHER (Describe) ESP Program					\$ 4,000,000.00					\$ 4,000,000.00	22%
OTHER (Describe)										\$ -	0%
SUBGRANTS			\$ 2,000,000.00							\$ 2,000,000.00	11%
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,960,009.00	\$ -	\$ 9,186,239.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,146,248.00	100%
INDIRECT COSTS (if applied)										\$ -	0%
TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,960,009.00	\$ -	\$ 9,186,239.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,146,248.00	100%
PERCENTAGE BY CATEGORY	11%	0%	38%	0%	51%	0%	0%	0%	0%		

SECTION C: NON FEDERAL MATCH RESOURCES	STATE FUNDS	OTHER	TOTAL:
SOURCE DESCRIPTION			
Cybersecurity	\$ 2,446,371.00		\$ 2,446,371.00
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	\$ 2,446,371.00	\$ -	\$ 2,446,371.00