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Mark Robbins, Interim Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Robbins:

This letter offers a narrative of West Virginia's plan to expend HAVA funds from the West Virginia Secretary of State's (WVSOS) Office. In preparations for distributing additional HAVA funds after the designation of elections as critical infrastructure, the WVSOS surveyed local election officials for cyber and physical security assessments, amended state law to authorize county grants for election systems and security upgrades, and repurposed existing state resources to maximize election security from the state level and advanced legislative rules to implement the program to distribute new HAVA funds to local election officials to advance the security of federal elections.

West Virginia will use the newly appropriated HAVA security funds exclusively as grants or loans directly to local election officials to boost their purchasing power for elections systems and security. The additional \$1,000,000 of HAVA funds will be added to West Virginia's "County Grant and Loan Fund" as dictated by WV Code. Any new HAVA funds are reviewed by the HAVA Grant and Loan Board and approved by the State Election Commission for use by the counties for election equipment (up to 50% grant with a 50% local match), physical security (up to 85% grant with a 15% local match), cybersecurity (up to 85% grant with a 15% local match), and e-pollbooks (up to 85% grant with a 15% local match). Our expectations of the total purchasing power is approximately \$1,400,000.

Regarding current and future HAVA funds made available by the federal government, I find it important that West Virginia's long-term preparations for cybersecurity protections and maintenance of our Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) should be funded with a dedicated source from our state budget; not short-term federal funds that may not exist in the future. The move away from federal funding for maintenance of the SVRS and increasing our funding priorities to include election security has put the state-level systems in a position of a long-term, stable funding source. West Virginia will continue to stay dedicated to increasing our protections, bolstering our detection capabilities, and staying prepared for corrective action if and when an attack occurs.

Sincerely,

Mac Warner
West Virginia Secretary of State

2022 EAC HAVA GRANT - BUDGET WORKSHEET

GRANTEE NAME:	West Virginia Secretary of State	MATCH %:	20%+ (est in-kind)
AWARD TYPE:	Formula	INDIRECT COST % (IF APPLIED):	0%
PROJECT PERIOD START DATE:	3/16/2022	INDIRECT COST TYPE:	
PROJECT PERIOD END DATE:			

SECTION A: GRANT BUDGET	YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO	YEAR THREE	TOTAL:
FEDERAL AMOUNT	\$ 3,611,943.00	\$ 4,054,986.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 8,666,929.00
NON FEDERAL MATCH	\$ 180,597.15	\$ 810,997.20	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 1,191,594.35
TOTAL:	\$ 3,792,540.15	\$ 4,865,983.20	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 9,858,523.35

SECTION B: BUDGET CATEGORIES (Federal Only)	Voting Equipment	Voting Processes	Voter Registration Systems	Election Auditing	Cyber and Physical Security	Voter Education	Accessibility	E-pollbooks	2022 HAVA Board Distribution	TOTALS	% Fed Total
PERSONNEL										\$ -	0%
FRINGE RELATED TO SALARY										\$ -	0%
EQUIPMENT										\$ -	0%
TRAINING										\$ -	0%
CONTRACTUAL										\$ -	0%
OTHER (Describe)										\$ -	0%
OTHER (Describe)										\$ -	0%
SUBGRANTS	\$ 5,460,252.27				\$ 612,721.32			\$ 1,113,884.84	\$ 1,442,880.75	\$ 8,629,739.18	100%
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$ 5,460,252.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 612,721.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,113,884.84	\$ 1,442,880.75	\$ 8,629,739.18	100%
INDIRECT COSTS (if applied)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET	\$ 5,460,252.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 612,721.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,113,884.84	\$ 1,442,880.75	\$ 8,629,739.18	100%
PERCENTAGE BY CATEGORY	63%	0%	0%	0%	7%	0%	0%	13%	17%		

SECTION C: NON FEDERAL MATCH RESOURCES

SOURCE DESCRIPTION	STATE FUNDS	OTHER	TOTAL:
Subgrant inkind match	\$ 1,191,594.35		\$ 1,191,594.35
			\$ -
			\$ -
	\$ 1,191,594.35	\$ -	\$ 1,191,594.35