



The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020 provides \$425 million to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) to make Election Security grants to states under Section 101 of HAVA.



THE PURPOSE OF THE GRANTS

Congress provided the funds to “improve the administration of elections for Federal office, including to enhance election technology and make election security improvements”



CHANGES IN THE ACT FROM EXISTING HAVA REQUIREMENTS

- Congress is requiring states to provide a 20% match to the federal funds.
- States have two years, until December 20, 2021, to secure the required match and the full 5 years of the grant to expend the match.
- Congress added the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands as an eligible recipient of the funds.



UPDATES

- EAC issued the Notices of Grant Award on January 17, 2020. Project and Budget periods are December 21, 2019 – December 20, 2024.
- The NGA allows states to incur costs, effective December 21, 2019, the day after the Consolidated Appropriations bill was signed.
- The letter with the NGA emphasizes the importance of sending the Funding Request Letter to EAC immediately



CRITICAL DATES

Immediate: Submit the Funding Request Letter

April 27: Submit the Program Narrative and Budget

September 30: Deadline for obligation and disbursement

Dec. 20, 2021: Deadline to secure the match

December 31: Annual deadline for submission of the progress narrative and the FFR

Dec. 20, 2024: Deadline for expending all funds

April 30: Annual date on which EAC will gather mid-term financial data



REMINDERS

2 C.F.R. 200: Grant regulations contained in 2 C.F.R. govern the grant

Personnel: Employee time claimed on the grant must be supported by a timekeeping system

Procurement: Follow your state rules and document the process

Inventory: Keep accurate records

Accounting: Establish accounting processes that allow you to track and report on these funds separately from your other federal funds

Allowability: See FAQs on the EAC website for extensive discussion of allowable costs

Supplantation: Be careful not to supplant your state funds with these funds. Improvement = new activities



PROGRAM NARRATIVES

- Clearly describe how you will use the funds
- Be clear how you will use these funds to enhance or expand on activities you are supporting under the 2018 grant
- Clearly describe what you will do and how much you will spend under this grant prior to the 2020 election
- Include short and long-term plans as appropriate



ON THE EAC WEBSITE

See 2020 HAVA Grants under Payments and Grants

- Award Packet with all instructions for preparing the program narrative and budget
- FAQs, including extensive FAQs about allowable costs
- Budget Worksheet
- Template for the funding request letter
- State Allocations



Questions?