

Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

2018 – 2020 Grant Funding Update



Federal Awards

2020 CARES Act Grant

2018 Election Security Grant

2020 Election Security Grant

Sub-grants to Counties

THREE GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH COUNTIES

Federal Portion

Required Match

2020 CARES Act Grant

Awarded based on
2020 Chapter 19
allocations (voter
registration statistics)

20%: May use 2020
Chapter 19 funds or
county funds

2018 Election Security Grant

\$40,000

No Match

2020 Election Security Grant

\$80,000

20% (\$16,000): Must
come from the
county

Grant Periods

THREE GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH COUNTIES

Begin Date

End Date

2020 CARES Act Grant

3/28/2020

11/30/2020

2018 Election Security Grant

3/23/2018

12/31/2021

2020 Election Security Grant

12/21/2019

12/31/2021

2020 CARES Act Funding Purposes

- **Voting Processes:** Additional costs for printing and mailing ballots, ballot tracking software, high speed scanners, letter opening equipment, registration list activities to improve the accuracy and currency of registrant addresses
- **Staffing:** Additional poll workers, election office staff diverted to pandemic response, temporary staff
- **Security and Training:** Pre- and post-election cleaning of polling places, staff and poll worker training on prevention processes
- **Communications:** Notifying public of voter registration requirements, ballot request options, precautions or voting procedures
- **Supplies:** Additional laptops, mobile IT equipment, cleaning supplies, personal protective equipment (PPE)

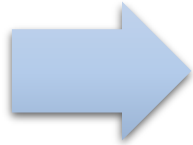
Election Security Funding Purposes

- **Voting Equipment:** Upgrades and replacement equipment – must be HAVA-compliant and paper verifiable
 - **Election Auditing:** Costs to conduct review after polls close for the purpose of determining whether the votes were counted accurately
 - **Voter Registration Systems:** Costs to enhance voter registration system security
- **Cyber Security:** Security enhancements to protect the election process (e.g., remediation from election security assessments)
 - **Communications:** Costs needed to communicate with the public regarding election security

Grant Process

SOS sends grant award notice to County Judge via DocuSign

- CARES Act Grant will be sent first
- Commissioners Court must pass resolution prior to agreement being signed by the judge*



SOS issues grants funds upon receipt of signed award agreement

- All necessary fields in award agreement must be completed
- Resolution must be attached
- Single Point of Contact (SPOC) must be identified



SPOC submits reports upon SOS request

- Expenditure reports will be required on a periodic basis
- Unexpended funds, including interest, must be returned to SOS at the end of the grant period


*Same resolution can be used for all three grant award agreements

What's Next?

CARES Act Grant Award Notice will be sent first



2018 and 2020 Election Security Grant Award Notices will be sent shortly thereafter with the following stipulation...



...2018 and 2020 Election Security Grant Award Notices will NOT be issued until the county completes the Election Security Assessment (ESA)

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