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South Dakota 2020 HAVA Program Narrative

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The South Dakota Secretary of State's office and the 66 counties are grateful for the appropriation of \$3 million in Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Election Security Grant funds. Below is an outline of the intended use of South Dakota's new federal funds.

- Post-Election Audit System
 - The development and implementation of a post-election audit system statewide.
- Cybersecurity Upgrades
 - Address any cyber security vulnerabilities present in our current framework.
 - Conduct trainings focused on cyber security best practices for our local election officials.
- COVID-19 Response

Election Auditing

Funding from the grant will be used in the development and implementation of a post-election audit system statewide. South Dakota does not currently have a post-election audit process in place. Costs associated with this program will be dependent on the final process selected. Costs will include software/hardware costs for implementation on the local level (random ballot generator software, hardware consisting of machines capable of imprinting number identifier post-tabulation to be used in the selection of random ballots). We will be working closely with our county auditors to identify the procedure(s) that works best for our state.

Cyber Vulnerabilities

Grant funds will be used to address any cybersecurity vulnerabilities present in our current framework. The Secretary of State's office has been working with the Department of Homeland Security concerning the use of their resources to scan our election systems to detect any vulnerabilities. Penetration testing will also be in partnership with the South Dakota Bureau of Information and Telecommunications (BIT). State partnerships will also work with our local county officials to identify potential vulnerabilities to election systems at the local level. The result of these partnerships will be the development of best practices and targeted cybersecurity trainings focused on best practices for our local election officials.

Funds may also be used to enhance protections on the statewide voter registration file and election night reporting page by adding additional layers of encryption.

Additional Categories (COVID-19 Response)

Grant funds may be used as part of the COVID-19 response for our 2020 federal elections. Costs would include an absentee ballot application mailing to all registered South Dakota voters. Precinct protection kits will also be purchased for use at all South Dakota polling locations for the primary and general 2020 elections. Other costs may include plexiglass barriers at polling locations and increased absentee balloting costs.

Match Requirement (20% of \$3,000,000)

The Secretary of State's office requested 2020 HAVA Grant match funding from the South Dakota Legislature during the 2020 Legislative Session. \$300,000 of the \$600,000 state match requirement was appropriated as part of the FY2021 state budget. The Secretary of State's office will be requesting the remaining \$300,000 during the 2021 South Dakota Legislative Session.

If the remaining \$300,000 match funding is unavailable through the South Dakota Legislature, a second scenario would include the Secretary of State's office asking the 66 counties to provide the remaining match. The amount will be dependent upon the number of registered voters in each county. The state will request the counties to place the determined amount in a county-held, interest bearing account. We will request documentation that this has been completed. The counties will then be required to expend the match money prior to requesting reimbursement from their state-held county HAVA accounts or requesting reimbursement from their HAVA Grant.

This funding will assist South Dakota in the development of a post-election audit system, the implementation of additional cybersecurity tools, and the COVID-19 response for our 2020 primary and general elections.

HAVA ELECTION SECURITY GRANT

Budget Information

CFDA # 90.404 n-Construction Program

Name of Organization: State of South Dakota - Secretary of State

Budget Period Start: 3/23/2018

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Period End: Until Expended

FEDERAL & NON-FEDERAL FUNDS (Match)

PROGRAM CATEGORIES

BUDGET CATEGORIES	(a) Voting Equipment	(b) Election Auditing	(c) Voter Registration Systems	(d) Cyber Security	(e) Communications	(f) Other	TOTALS	% Fed Total
1. PERSONNEL (including fringe)							\$ -	0%
2. EQUIPMENT	\$ 3,750,000.00	\$ 750,000.00					\$ 4,500,000.00	75%
3. SUBGRANTS- to local voting jurisdictions							\$ -	0%
4. TRAINING		\$ 250,000.00		\$ 500,000.00			\$ 750,000.00	13%
5. All OTHER COSTS				\$ 750,000.00			\$ 750,000.00	13%
6. TOTAL DIRECT COSTS (1-6)	\$ 3,750,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,250,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000,000.00	
7. INDIRECT COSTS (if applied)		\$ -					\$ -	0%
8. Total Federal Budget	\$ 3,750,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,250,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000,000.00	
11. Non-Federal Match	\$ 150,000.00			\$ 300,000.00			\$ 450,000.00	
12. Total Program Budget	\$ 3,900,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,550,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,450,000.00	
13. Percentage By Category	63%	17%	0%	21%	0%	0%		

Proposed State Match 7.5%

A. Do you have an Indirect Cost Rate Agreement approved by the Federal government or some other non-federal entity? No

If yes, please provide the following information:

B. Period Covered by the Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (mm/dd/yyyy-mm/dd/yyyy): NA

C. Approving Federal agency: NA

D. If other than Federal agency, please specify: NA

E. The Indirect Cost Rate is: NA