# **Amended HAVA Election Security Grant Narrative**

The Idaho Office of the Secretary of State requests to amend the state's HAVA Election Security grant. Newly elected Secretary McGrane has shifted some of the Office's priorities to align with his vision of safe, secure, and accessible elections. Due to the change in administration, the Office would like to take the opportunity to better align the existing state HAVA funds with the new vision.

# **Voting Equipment**

# Subgrants: \$575,000 Training: \$25,000

One of Secretary McGrane's priorities in utilizing the HAVA funds is to subgrant more funds from the Office to the counties administering elections. The state is allocating \$575,000 toward voting equipment subgrants and \$25,000 for associated training costs. As the Office's elections and IT staff have traveled across the state assessing county elections procedures, they have discovered the need of some counties to update voting equipment such as electronic voting machines, ballot scanners, ad other ancillary election equipment. Additionally, one of the Office's goals regarding voting equipment is for all of Idaho's 44 counties to utilize e-poll books. The Office will emphasize using the Voting Equipment funds toward their purchase.

### **Voter Accessibility**

### Contractual: \$100,000

The Office will utilize HAVA funds for accessibility for minority language group voters in compliance with Section 203 of the Voter Rights Act. In 2021, the Director of the Census determined that Idaho has five individual counties subject to the bilingual election requirements under the Voter Rights Act. The Counties identified are: Clark, Clearwater, Idaho, Lewis, and Nez Perce. The language minority groups are Hispanic (Clark County) and All other Language American Indian tribes (Clearwater, Idaho, Lewis and Nez Perce Counties). The tribe that covers the four counties identified are the Nez Perce (Niimiipuu) people. The Office will work with members of the minority language communities and local election officials to develop effective outreach, training, and implementation of resources.

### Voter Registration Systems

### Contractual: \$357,000

The Office is actively pursuing a new solution for Idaho's Voter Registration System. Under the previous administration of Secretary Denney, a Request for Information (RFI) was

issued to assist the Office in understanding the current marketplace for Voter Registration Systems. Secretary McGrane's administration has reviewed the RFI responses and is identifying potential vendors for demonstration. The Office is also actively developing a Request for Proposal (RFP) to be deployed in the late spring for a Voter Registration System (along with Election Management System, Election Night Reporting, Voter Resources, Campaign Finance, Petition and Lobbyist Tracking). The Office is seeking state funds to pay for most of the system upgrade. The Office will utilize the \$440,000 toward updating the current Voter Registration System for federal elections.

### **Cyber & Physical Security**

#### Subgrants: \$500,000

The Office will utilize \$500,000 to further develop the security posture of the Election Infrastructure throughout the State. Efforts have been made over the last year to visit counties to assess their infrastructures and determine where, if any, vulnerabilities exist. Funds will be used to help mitigate these vulnerabilities and establish state security standards to be used throughout the state. Cyber Security focused projects will be authorized in accordance with the recommendations and best practices outlined in the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

### **Voter Education**

*Training: \$80,000 Contractual: \$100,000* 

In anticipation of the 2024 election, the Office will develop Voter Education campaigns to increase voting visibility and accessibility to Idahoans. The Office anticipates contracting to develop messages and test with various audiences for message salience. The Office will also contract with various media outlets for campaign deployment.

Additionally, various pieces of legislation relating to elections processes are currently moving through Idaho's legislature. The Office acknowledges its responsibility to provide training to the groups impacted by the outcomes of changes to Idaho law. The Office will utilize \$120,000 to provide Voter Education training to ensure voters potentially impacted by new laws have accurate and helpful information in advance of voting.

### **Grant Management**

Salary: \$84,200 Fringe Benefits: \$38,800

The Office will hire a part-time Grant Manager to manager Idaho's HAVA funds. This role is responsible for the management of the State of Idaho's HAVA grant funds, inclusive of

developing a county subgrant program; monitoring, evaluating, and reporting grant activities; providing training and technical assistance to subgrantees; and performing related tasks for the responsible management of the grant.

\*Funds were re-prioritized from the last amended submission of both Voter Registration Systems (\$83,000) and Voter Education (\$40,000).

	EAC FY23 HAVA GRANT - BUDGET WORKSHEET						
GRANTEE NAME:	Idaho Secretary of Sta	te					
AWARD TYPE:	FORMULA	MATCH %:					
PROJECT PERIOD START DATE:		INDIRECT COST %					
		(IF APPLIED):					
PROJECT PERIOD END DATE:		INDIRECT COST					
		TYPE:					

SECTION A: GRANT BUDGET	YEAR ONE			YEAR TWO	YEAR THREE			YEAR FOUR	,	YEAR FIVE	TOTAL:		
FEDERAL AMOUNT	\$	3,179,896.00	\$	3,624,280.00	\$	1,000,000.00	\$	1,000,000.00			\$	8,804,176.00	
NON FEDERAL MATCH	\$	161,495.00	\$	724,856.00	\$	200,000.00	\$	200,000.00			\$	1,286,351.00	
TOTAL:	\$	3,341,391.00	\$	4,349,136.00	\$	1,200,000.00	\$	1,200,000.00	\$	-	\$	10,090,527.00	

SECTION B: BUDGET CATEGORIES (Federal Only)	Vo	ting Equipment	Votir	ng Processes	Voter Registrat Systems	tion	Election Auditing	Cyber and ysical Security	Vot	ter Education	A	ccessibility	Other (County Subgrants)	Othe	r (Provide description in this box)	Other (Grant Manager)	TOTALS		% Fed Total
PERSONNEL			\$	5,491.86				\$ 250,000.00	\$	69,591.90						\$ 84,200.00 \$	409,283	.76	5%
FRINGE RELATED TO SALARY																\$ 38,800.00 \$	38,800	.00	0%
EQUIPMENT	\$	1,100.00			\$ 228,682	2.02		\$ 123,800.80								\$	353,582	.82	4%
TRAINING	\$	45,000.00			\$ 172,186	5.11		\$ 210,821.25	\$	132,529.50	\$	2,000.00				\$	562,536	.86	6%
CONTRACTUAL					\$ 2,422,72	1.39		\$ 435,737.34	\$	184,572.60	\$	100,000.00				\$	3,143,031	.33	36%
OTHER (Describe)							\$ 68,131.63									\$	68,131	.63	1%
OTHER (Transition Costs)	\$	100,000.00												\$	140,709.51	\$	240,709	.51	3%
SUBGRANTS	\$	1,075,833.87						\$ 1,022,412.05				:	\$ 1,889,854.17	,		\$	3,988,100	.09	45%
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$	1,221,933.87	\$	5,491.86	\$ 2,823,589	9.52	\$ 68,131.63	\$ 2,042,771.44	\$	386,694.00	\$	102,000.00	\$ 1,889,854.17	\$	140,709.51	\$ 123,000.00 \$	8,804,176	.00	100%
INDIRECT COSTS (if applied)																\$		-	0%
TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET	\$	1,221,933.87	\$	5,491.86	\$ 2,823,589	9.52	\$ 68,131.63	\$ 2,042,771.44	\$	386,694.00	\$	102,000.00	\$ 1,889,854.17	\$	140,709.51	\$ 123,000.00 \$	8,804,176	.00	100%
PERCENTAGE BY CATEGORY		14%		0%	32%		1%	23%		4%		1%	21%		2%				

#### SECTION C: NON FEDERAL MATCH RESOURCES

SOURCE DESCRIPTION		STATE FUNDS	OTHER	TOTAL:			
Year 1 - State System Match	\$	161,495.00		\$	161,495.00		
Year 2 - State/County Match	\$	724,856.00		\$	724,856.00		
Year 3 - State Match in progress	\$	200,000.00		\$	200,000.00		
Year 4 - County Exercise/IRT participation & Local Assessment Costs			\$ 200,000.00	\$	200,000.00		