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Steven M. Frid, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Frid:

This letter serves as the narrative for the State of Kansas as it relates to the expenditures of 2023 HAVA Election Security Grants. This narrative provides a guide for how the election security grants may be used during the five-year budget cycle.

The combined budget that includes the \$1,000,000 in Federal funds and the \$200,000 require state match will be allocated as follows:

Voter Registration Systems – Funds will be used to continue to enhance the security of the statewide voter registration system. Each of the 105 counties will be maintaining and increasing security through upgrading equipment, hardening access points, deploying or updating currently deployed hardware and software, and other security measures. This work will be performed in collaboration with the state's vendor for the system, various third-party vendors, as well as state and county officials. In addition, funds may be used to perform an assessment of security requirements as the state begins preparation for the expiration of the current voter registration and election management system.

Cyber Security – Funds will continue to be used to maintain, increase, and supplement cyber-security efforts at all levels of election administration. The state will continue to supplement existing staff by retaining professional security experts. The budget includes monitoring of current strategies and continued maintenance costs, testing and implementation of new strategies and employment of new techniques. Kansas will continue to set aside funds for future improvements with the consideration that certain technological advancements and essential reactive measures will be necessary in the budget cycle. Funds will continue to be expended to upgrade and supplement existing security resources as well as provide regular training for county elections and IT personnel.

Communications – Funds will continue to be used to create, maintain, and train county election officials on an enhanced communications plan. Continuity of operations plans will be reviewed, elaborated upon, and amended as well as maintaining a continued partnership with national, state and local stakeholders and participants including DHS, the FBI the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and government leaders. In addition, the agency has incorporated election security training as part of a certified election training program, and funds are expected to be used to support trainers in this program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Schwab".

Scott Schwab
Kansas Secretary of State

