



The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 appropriated \$75 million in grant funds to the Election Assistance Commission, awarding funds using the voting age population formula to states for the purpose of improving the administration of elections for federal office, to include enhancing technology and making election security improvements. Ohio's share of the appropriated funds is \$2,003,193. As a part of the federal statutory requirement, the state must provide a \$401,688 match by March 2025.

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose submits the following plan for how Ohio intends to expend the appropriated resources to improve the administration of federal elections in the state, to include preparations for the 2024 federal election. This plan builds upon the work currently underway in response to Secretary LaRose's Security Directives 2019-08, 2020-12, and most recently 2022-38, which required county boards of elections to make high security upgrades a priority. The Directives set forth a comprehensive, multi-faceted security strategy with Ohio's county boards of elections to provide the redundancy required of a strong election system infrastructure. Among other requirements, counties must continue compliance with the Elections Infrastructure Security Assessment and continue membership with the Election Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EIISAC).

Cyber and Physical Security

The Secretary of State's Office is focusing on maintaining critical cybersecurity services to counties for the 2023 HAVA award and 20% state match. These services have demonstrated daily the benefit for both the state and county election offices in preventing network breaches and other events that could potentially disrupt elections and county board operations.

1. Albert Monitors: Albert sensors assist government entities identify malicious cyber activity by providing security alerts for known cyber threats. The Secretary of State's Office will continue to provide Albert intrusion detection monitoring services to all county boards of elections through the 2024 federal election to at least June 30, 2025. Additionally, the Secretary of State's Office will provide Albert intrusion detection devices and monitoring services to the voting system, e-pollbook, voter registration system, and remote marking ballot device vendors that serve critical Ohio systems through at least June 30, 2025.
2. Security Information and Event Management (SIEM): SIEM software is a tool to ensure cybersecurity and incident response and management across all IT platforms. It facilitates event and threat protection, log analysis and investigation, and threat remediation. The Secretary of State's Office will continue to provide Security Information and Event

Management (SIEM) system and security monitoring support services to all 88 county boards of elections through the 2024 federal election to at least June 30, 2025.

3. Cybersecurity Support to Local Partners: This program will continue to equip the Secretary of State's office with cybersecurity experts who assist the county board of elections with their IT support needs through at least the 2024 election. These experts are responsible for a broad range of county support activities. These activities promote best practices that further enhance and improve the cybersecurity baseline of the election security ecosystem. Examples of assistance activities provided to local partners include but are not limited to the following:
 1. assistance with tool, software, or hardware integration,
 2. software and patch management support,
 3. network analysis review,
 4. incident response plans and exercises,
 5. tier one incident management forensic collection support,
 6. and general engineering technical assistance.

4. In addition to the critical resources above that will be continued with the HAVA grant funds, the counties are encouraged to continue to engage the Department of Homeland Security for free resources, including a phishing campaign assessment, vulnerability scanning, risk and vulnerability assessment, remote penetration testing, validated architectural design review, cyber threat hunt, and a physical security assessment.

EAC FY23 HAVA GRANT - BUDGET WORKSHEET

OMB#: 3265-0023 Expiration Date: 9/30/2025

GRANTEE NAME:	Ohio Secretary of State	MATCH %:	20%
AWARD TYPE:	FORMULA	INDIRECT COST % (IF APPLIED):	N/A
PROJECT PERIOD START DATE:	3/23/2018	INDIRECT COST TYPE:	
PROJECT PERIOD END DATE:	Until Expended		

SECTION A: GRANT BUDGET	YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO	YEAR THREE	YEAR FOUR	YEAR FIVE	TOTAL:
FEDERAL AMOUNT	\$ 12,186,021.00	\$ 13,721,112.00	\$ 2,003,193.00	\$ 2,003,193.00		\$ 29,913,519.00
NON FEDERAL MATCH	\$ 609,301.00	\$ 2,744,222.00	\$ 400,639.00	\$ 400,638.60		\$ 4,154,800.60
TOTAL:	\$ 12,795,322.00	\$ 16,465,334.00	\$ 2,403,832.00	\$ 2,403,831.60	\$ -	\$ 34,068,319.60

SECTION B: BUDGET CATEGORIES (Federal Only)	Voting Equipment	Voting Processes	Voter Registration Systems	Election Auditing	Cyber and Physical Security	Voter Education	Accessibility	Elections Integrity and Data Analytics	Other (Provide description in this box)	TOTALS	% Fed Total
PERSONNEL								\$ 525,000.00		\$ 525,000.00	2%
FRINGE RELATED TO SALARY								\$ 225,000.00		\$ 225,000.00	1%
EQUIPMENT			\$ 1,685,459.00		\$ 562,395.00			\$ 25,000.00		\$ 2,272,854.00	8%
TRAINING					\$ 277,688.22					\$ 277,688.22	1%
CONTRACTUAL				\$ 250,000.00	\$ 16,592,829.00			\$ 25,000.00		\$ 16,867,829.00	56%
OTHER (Describe)										\$ -	0%
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SUBGRANTS					\$ 8,425,147.78		\$ 1,320,000.00			\$ 9,745,147.78	33%
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,685,459.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 25,858,060.00	\$ -	\$ 1,320,000.00	\$ 800,000.00	\$ -	\$ 29,913,519.00	100%
INDIRECT COSTS (if applied)										\$ -	0%
TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,685,459.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 25,858,060.00	\$ -	\$ 1,320,000.00	\$ 800,000.00	\$ -	\$ 29,913,519.00	100%
PERCENTAGE BY CATEGORY	0%	0%	6%	1%	86%	0%	4%	3%	0%		

SECTION C: NON FEDERAL MATCH RESOURCES	STATE FUNDS	OTHER	TOTAL:
Primary Election Assistance	\$ 2,743,173.00		\$ 2,743,173.00
Cyber and Physical Security Contingency	\$ 1,411,627.60		\$ 1,411,627.60
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