

# EAC CARES Progress Narrative Report

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## 1. EAC-CARES Progress Narrative Report Login

Please enter your userword and password to begin the CARES Funding Progress Narrative. If you require assistance or have any questions, please contact CARESFunding@eac.gov.

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## 3. EAC CARES Progress Narrative Report

### 1. State:

Enter the name of the state or territory that received the grant and is submitting this report.

Guam

### 2. Grant Number:

Enter the grant agreement number from the notice of grant award.

GU20101CARES

### 3. Report:

November 23 after general election

### 4. DUNS/UEI:

Enter the recipient organization's Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number or System for Award Management (SAM) extended DUNS Number or the Unique Entity Identifier.

### 5. EIN:

Enter the recipient organization's Employer Identification Number (EIN) provided by the Internal Revenue Services.

### 6. Recipient Organization:

Enter the name of the recipient organization and address, including zip code.

#### Organization Name

Guam Election Commission

#### Street Address

414 West Soledad Avenue, Gcic Building

#### City

Hagatna

#### State

GU

Zip

96910

## 7. Progress Narrative:

### Progress During Reporting Period

**The CARES Act requires states to submit a report after each primary and general election that includes a “full accounting of the State’s uses of the payment and an explanation of how such uses allowed the State to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.” Please provide a narrative report that describes how you used the funds to address the pandemic, the challenges you faced in responding to it and how you are meeting the state match requirement. Describe the major issues you faced in dealing with the pandemic in the election cycle and how you made funds available to local jurisdictions. Complete the cost table below describing your major expenditures under the grant. Add additional cost areas as needed that do not fit into the other categories.**

Since March 14, 2020, Guam has been in a state of emergency to respond to COVID-19 and non-essential services of the Government of Guam were closed. Guam Election Commission was deemed essential on May 4, 2020 to prepare for candidate filing for the 2020 Primary Election on August 29, 2020. Commission meetings began to be held virtually. To minimize the spread of COVID-19, Guam Election Commission offices were sanitized, and additional office spaces were leased on the first floor to better accommodate GEC customers. Sneeze guards and personal protective equipment (PPEs) were purchased and staff perused CDC and Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services guidelines on preventing the spread of COVID-19. Candidate filing began May 11, 2020 and continued until June 30, 2020.

Additional office space was leased to accommodate social distancing for training of 335 precinct officials. One-hundred fifty election assistants were also recruited in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19. Together with a local videographer, GEC produced precinct official training videos including COVID-19 prevention that were posted on the GEC website. Precinct official training was conducted daily except Sunday from July 29, 2020 to August 13, 2020. Recruitment and retention of precinct officials were challenging as the number of positive COVID-19 cases grew. An incentive of an additional stipend of \$100 for precinct officials was offered.

Guam Public Law 35-95 was passed on July 20th giving all registered voters the option to vote absentee ahead of Election Day to help minimize the spread of COVID-19. Additional office space was leased, and temporary full-time election clerks were recruited to assist with in-office absentee voting beginning July 30, 2020 and ending early on August 20, 2020 when the island was placed on lockdown by the Governor. Primary Election in-office absentee voting grew by 60%. The 2020 Primary Election was canceled by the enactment of Public Law 35-96 on August 28, 2020, one day before the scheduled 2020 Primary Election.

With the cancelation of the Primary Election, Public Law 35-96 increased the number of days for in-office absentee voting for the 2020 General Election from thirty days to forty-five days, and required the GEC to adopt a Safety Plan. The Safety Plan included increased curbside voting capacity, and a schedule of four satellite voting outreach events resulting in a 1073% growth in the number of in-office absentee voters. Precinct Official training required a bigger venue to accommodate social distancing within a shorter timeframe due to the Governor's lockdown. The 2020 Guam General Election resulted in an historical record low voter participation of 52%.

A runoff election was held on November 17, 2020, fourteen days after the General Election as required by federal law. Since the Primary Election was canceled, all three candidates for Guam's delegate to the U.S. Congress advanced to the General Election with no one garnering a majority of votes. In-office absentee voting was afforded Guam's voters, and all twenty-two polling sites were set up for the sixty-seven precincts for 31% of Guam's voter population. Precinct Official training required a bigger venue to accommodate social distancing within a shorter timeframe due to the Governor's continued lockdown. The runoff election is tentatively scheduled to be certified on December 2, 2020, the last day to receive off-island absentee ballots.

## FINAL PROGRESS NARRATIVE REPORT

### PROGRESS DURING REPORTING PERIOD

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The final report is your opportunity to share the significant features of your activities and present information about the results you achieved. The document should be written as if the reader has no previous knowledge of your activities. EAC would like to share the final reports with all states. The report should cover the entire period of performance. Review and highlight all activities that occurred during the period of the grant. Include the table of expenditures with cumulative expenditures for the entire project period.

**CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Summarize your entire project and the lessons learned during its implementation. Include a review of your successes and an assessment of how your activities addressed the pandemic. What did you learn about dealing with and preparing for a major crisis during an election year that can be helpful to other states? Did you make permanent changes to your processes? Were there unexpected benefits? Shortfalls?

**8. 2020 HAVA CARES GRANTS**

**Current Period Amount Expended and Unliquidated Obligations**

**PANDEMIC GRANT COST CATEGORIES**

	Federal	Match
Voting Processes, including additional costs for printing and mailing ballots, ballot tracking software, high speed scanners and letter opening equipment, mail drop boxes, hardware and software associated with signature comparison of returned ballots	\$59,221.00	\$0.00
Staffing: Additional poll workers, election office staff diverted to pandemic response, temporary staff	\$114,006.00	\$0.00
Security and Training: Security for additional absentee or mail drop-boxes, pre- and post-election cleaning of polling places, staff and poll worker training on prevention processes	\$31,267.00	\$0.00
Communications: Notifying public of changes in registration, ballot request options, precautions or voting procedures)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies: Additional laptops, mobile IT equipment, cleaning supplies, masks	\$1,573.00	\$0.00
Facilities: polling room for expanded early in office voting, office space for candidate filing and curbside voting	\$15,586.00	\$0.00

If you need additional rows for the summary table, please upload an Excel document with the same layout.

[GUAM\\_Summary.xlsx](#)

**4. Certification**

Name and Contact of the authorized certifying official of the recipient.

**First Name**

Maria I.D.

**Last Name**

Pangelinan

**Title**

Executive Director

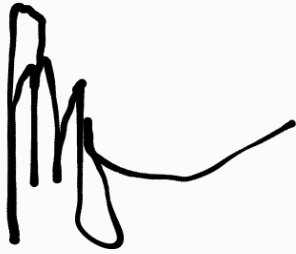
**Phone Number**

6714779791

**Email Address**

maria.pangelinan@gec.guam.gov

**2. Signature of Certifying Official:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MIP', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Signature of: Maria I.D. Pangelinan

**5. Report Submitted to EAC**

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**CARES Funding Progress Narrative Submission**

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