



Michael Watson
SECRETARY OF STATE

Dear Mr. Mark Robbins, Interim Executive Director
U.S. Election Assistance Commission
1335 East-West Highway, Suite 4300
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Re: 2022 Mississippi HAVA Narrative Statement

Dear Mr. Robbins,

The *Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022* appropriated \$1,000,000.00 in additional grant monies made available through the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) to the State of Mississippi. The State is required to match twenty percent of federal grant allocation, either in cash or in-kind, totaling \$1,431,696.00, for a total grant of \$10,521,138.00

Pursuant to Section 23-15-211.1, Miss Code Ann., the Secretary of State is the State's Chief Elections Office for the purpose of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993. The Mississippi Secretary of State's Office (MSOS) conducts all training of local election officials and is charged under Mississippi law to certify said officials to conduct all primary, general, and special elections. The MSOS also manages and houses the Statewide Election Management System, which is Mississippi's centralized voter roll implemented in 2004 in compliance with HAVA. The MSOS Elections Division assists the Secretary with his statutory duties.

The MSOS intends to use the \$1,000,000.00 appropriation to enhance SEMS. Enhancements will be made to the voter registration systems, such as the implementation of Geographic Information System (GIS) software to assist with implementing redistricting after the 2020 census and to more accurately maintain the voter rolls of federal, state, county, and other local election districts within Mississippi. Further enhancements will be made to the cybersecurity apparatus protecting SEMS to ensure that Mississippi's critical election infrastructure is sufficiently protected from cyberattacks. \$200,000 of these funds will go to the implementation of GIS software, whereas the remaining \$800,000 will be dedicated to the improvement of cybersecurity for SEMS.

Sincerely,

Kyle Kirkpatrick
Assistant Secretary of State, Elections Division

EAC HAVA GRANT - BUDGET WORKSHEET

GRANTEE NAME: State of Mississippi- Secretary of State's Office

AWARD TYPE:

PROJECT PERIOD START DATE: 3/23/2018

PROJECT PERIOD END DATE: Until funds are expended.

MATCH %:

INDIRECT COST %

(IF APPLIED):

INDIRECT COST

TYPE:

SECTION A: GRANT BUDGET	YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO	YEAR THREE	TOTAL:
FEDERAL AMOUNT	\$ 4,483,541.00	\$ 5,037,597.00	\$1,000,000	\$ 10,521,138.00
NON FEDERAL MATCH	\$ 224,177.00	\$ 1,007,519.00	\$200,000	\$ 1,431,696.00
TOTAL:	\$ 4,707,718.00	\$ 6,045,116.00	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 11,952,834.00

SECTION B: BUDGET CATEGORIES (Federal Only)	Voting Equipment	Voting Processes	Voter Registration Systems	Election Auditing	Cyber and Physical Security	Voter Education	Accessibility	Other (Provide description in this box)	Other (Provide description in this box)	TOTALS	% Fed Total
PERSONNEL										\$ -	0%
FRINGE RELATED TO SALARY										\$ -	0%
EQUIPMENT			\$ 662,597.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,075,000.00					\$ 1,742,597.00	17%
TRAINING										\$ -	0%
CONTRACTUAL										\$ -	0%
OTHER (Subgrants to local voting jurisdictions)	\$ 7,025,883.00			\$ 52,508.00	\$ 200,150.00		\$ 1,500,000.00			\$ 8,778,541.00	83%
OTHER (Describe)										\$ -	0%
SUBGRANTS										\$ -	0%
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$ 7,025,883.00	\$ -	\$ 662,597.00	\$ 57,508.00	\$ 1,275,150.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,521,138.00	100%
INDIRECT COSTS (if applied)										\$ -	0%
TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET	\$ 7,025,883.00	\$ -	\$ 662,597.00	\$ 57,508.00	\$ 1,275,150.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,521,138.00	100%
PERCENTAGE BY CATEGORY	67%	0%	6%	1%	12%	0%	14%	0%	0%		

SECTION C: NON FEDERAL MATCH RESOURCES

SOURCE DESCRIPTION	STATE FUNDS	OTHER	TOTAL:
Secretary of State General Budget	\$ 1,421,696.00		\$ 1,421,696.00
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			\$ -
			\$ -
	\$ 1,421,696.00	\$ -	\$ 1,421,696.00