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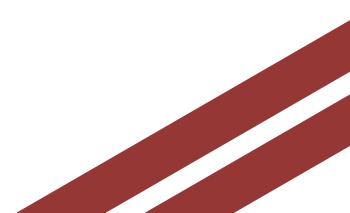
The EAC Election Security funding session will begin shortly. Today's session will be recorded. Please stay on mute, thank you!



Election Security Funding 2022

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Election Security Funding



2022 Available Funds. The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022 provides <u>\$75 million</u> to the EAC, under Title I Section 101 of HAVA to make grant funds available to states using the voting age population formula in Sections 101 of HAVA. A chart showing how much each state is eligible to request can be found on the EAC website here.

Minimum Payments. With an appropriation level of \$75 million, Congress lowered the minimum requirement payment for territories to \$200,000 and for states to \$1,000,000.

Formula Funding - Eligibility



Eligible Applicants. Awards will be made to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (herein referred to as "the states"). The states may re-grant/distribute funds to local election districts/offices at their discretion.

Awards to states that are delinquent on any EAC grant requirements will be processed when the state has submitted delinquent documents.

Matching Requirement



State Match. Per HAVA Section 104(d) cash match must be deposited in the state election fund. In-kind match must be tracked in the same manner as cash contributions. Both cash funds from existing budget authority and in-kind contributions should be reported under the Recipient Share on the annual EAC Federal Financial Report.

State and local funds used for match must be different from funds used to meet Maintenance of Effort or state match associated with HAVA 251 Requirement Payments.

American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands are exempt from the match requirement.

MATCH REQUIRED		
20% of	2 Years to Identify - March	Full Grant Period to
Federal Award	16, 2024	Expend

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New Reporting Requirement



Additional Reporting Requirements. The Appropriations Act establishes additional reporting requirements. Federal Financial Reports are due each quarter 30 days after the end of the quarter ending December 31, March 31, and June 30. Annual financial and progress reports are due 90 days after September 30 on December 29. The EAC maintains discretion on oversight and reporting frequency is subject to change as needed.

Period Ending	Due Date	FFR	PR
December 31	January 30	YES	NO
March 31	April 30	YES	NO
June 30	July 30	YES	NO
September 30	December 29	YES	YES

Award Process



Award Process. The EAC issued a Notice of Grant Award that amends existing Election Security grants to add the additional funds. The grant award letter allows states to incur costs, effective March 16, 2022, the day after the Consolidated Appropriations Act was signed.

EAC has prepared an award packet that includes a template for states to request the funds. States should request their funds immediately. Regardless of the disbursement date, states are authorized to incur costs against the grant as of March 16, 2022. The deadline for requesting funds is Friday, April 22, 2022.

DUE APRIL 22, 2022
<u>1. STATE REQUEST LETTER</u>
2. STANDARD CERTIFICATIONS

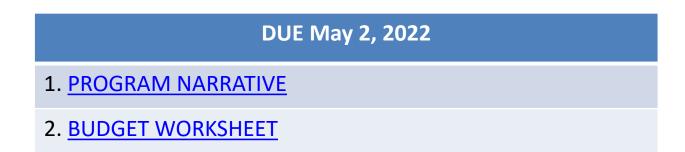
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Award Process Continued



The funds are available as formula, non-competitive grants. Like the 2018 and 2020 processes, states will submit a narrative overview of activities to be supported with the funds and a line-item budget combining the Election Security awards from 2018, 2020 and 2022.

Detailed guidance on development of the program narrative and budget was sent out on Friday, April 1st. **The deadline for submission of the narrative and budget is COB Monday, May 2, 2022.**



Disbursement



Make sure your Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and System of Award Management (SAM) account are accurate and up to date.

Your SAM account must be renewed annually and must be active before a payment can be made. More information can be found at https://www.sam.gov/portal.

Your UEI was assigned to you in SAM. EAC will need to verify that you are using the correct UEI before payment can be issued.

Funds will be disbursed to state election accounts after all required award documents are received by the EAC.

All federal grant funds provided as an advance must be deposited in an interestbearing account. HAVA grants must be deposited in the interest-bearing state election fund per Section 104(d).

Spending Categories and Use



Allowable Uses of the Funds. Election Security grant is "for activities to improve the administration of elections for Federal office, including to enhance election technology and make election security improvements, as authorized under sections 101, 103, and 104 of HAVA."

Consistent with provisions in HAVA Section 101, states have discretion upon expenditures within general categories. The EAC requires a budget projecting the use of the funds, however, states can request a budget amendment to add categories not originally anticipated and/or a move of 10% or more between categories.

Please see our Frequently Asked Questions sections on the EAC website for more guidance on the use of funds. You can also reach out to Grants@eac.gov if clarification is needed.

Get in Touch

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<u>Election Security Program</u> - https://www.eac.gov/payments-and-grants/election-security-funds

<u>Grants Section of the EAC Website</u> - https://www.eac.gov/payments-and-grants/grants-management-and-oversight

