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Representative Leonard Lance
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Dear Representative Lance,

As a result of the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2018 (Omnibus Act), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, as directed by the Omnibus Act, has calculated the amount of grant funds that each state, the District of Columbia and four U.S. territories will receive under the 2018 HAVA Election Security Grant Program.

The purpose of the grant awards is to assist states with 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 and 104 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-252) (HAVA). Consistent with the requirements of Title III of HAVA, priority funding can include the following items which:

- replace voting equipment that only records a voter's intent electronically with equipment that utilizes a voter verified paper record;
- implement a post-election audit system that provides a high level of confidence in the accuracy of the final vote tally;
- upgrade election-related computer systems to address cyber vulnerabilities identified through Department of Homeland Security or similar scans or assessments of existing election systems; and
- facilitate cybersecurity training for the state chief election official's office and local election officials;

This letter includes a table that provides a breakdown of the grants distributed to each state, the District of Columbia and four U.S. territories based on the grant formula found in section 101/104 of HAVA. **As instructed by the Omnibus Act, our office will make $9,757,451 available to your state within 45 days**. Your chief state election official will be able to request grant funds as soon as they complete the grant package and return it to our grants department.

Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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2018 HAVA Security Grants
Frequently Asked Questions

On Friday, March 23, 2018, President Donald J. Trump signed the FY2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill into law. The bill made $380 million in grants available to states to support election system upgrades that can strengthen election security. These grants, authorized under Title I Section 101 of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002, mark the first new appropriations for HAVA grants since FY2010.

This much-needed funding will provide states with essential resources to secure and improve election systems. Below is additional information about the grants.

How much money is available and how much will each state be awarded?

The FY2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill provides $380 million to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), as authorized under Title I Section 101 of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 (P.L. 107-252), to make grant payments to states using the voting age population formula described in Sections 101 and 103 of HAVA. A chart showing how much each state is being awarded can be found at https://www.eac.gov/2018funding and is attached to this document.

Who is eligible to receive funds?

Awards will be made to the entities eligible to receive federal assistance under Title I of HAVA, which includes the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa and the U.S. Virgin Islands (herein referred to as 'the states'). The states may re-grant/distribute funds to local election districts/offices at their discretion.

When will the funds be available for states to use?

States will receive grant award notification letters from the EAC by April 6, 2018. The letter will allow states to incur costs, with prior EAC approval, against the forthcoming grant awards, effective the date of the notification letter. Funds will be available for states to draw down and deposit in their state election accounts when they return signed grant documents and the required certifications and assurances.

What is the process for applying for funds?

The funds are available as formula, non-competitive grants. States will be required to submit a 2-3 page narrative overview of activities to be supported with the funds and a line item budget within 90 days of receiving their Notice of Grant Awards. Detailed guidance on development of the plans and budgets will be forthcoming. **Note that the awards will be issued and funds available for drawdown prior to receipt of the plan overview to expedite and support any needed expenditures ahead of the 2018 Election.**

Is there a state match requirement and when/how do states have to provide the match?

States must match 5 percent of the federal funds awarded within two years of receiving federal funds. States may either deposit matching funds in their state election accounts or track eligible funds/activities

from their state and local general operating budgets to meet the match obligations. State and local funds used for match must be different from funds used to meet Maintenance of Effort (MOE) or state match associated with HAVA Requirement Payments. American Samoa, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands are exempt from the match requirement.

What can the funds be used for?

States will determine how they will spend the money. Priority uses for funds provided by this Act include:

1. Purchasing voting systems that have verified paper records of the votes;
2. Implementing a post-election audit system that provides a high-level of confidence in the accuracy of the final vote tally;
3. Upgrading election-related computer systems to address cyber vulnerabilities identified through U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or similar scans or assessments of existing election systems;
4. Purchasing cyber security training for state and local election officials; and,
5. Implementing established cybersecurity best practices for election systems and other activities that will improve the security of elections for federal office.

Will the funds be available in time to impact the 2018 elections?

The EAC is committed to making funds available as soon as feasibly possible. How the funds will impact the 2018 elections will be entirely determined by how and at what pace states and localities deploy the federal resources.

What are the reporting requirements for states receiving funds?

States must provide an annual standard Federal Financial Report and program narrative for the period ending September 30, which is due by December 30 of the same year.

What if our state still has some HAVA funds remaining?

Any HAVA funds still remaining at the state level should be tracked and reported on separately from this new award. HAVA funds disbursed in earlier years are available for use until expended and have no impact on the amount awarded for this grant program.

Can funds be distributed if the EAC does not have a quorum?

Yes. A quorum is not needed to distribute funds to states.

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State	Final Payment	5% Match	Total Award
Alabama	6,160,393	308,020	6,468,413
Alaska	3,000,000	150,000	3,150,000
American Samoa	600,000	n/a	600,000
Arizona	7,463,675	373,184	7,836,859
Arkansas	4,475,015	223,751	4,698,766
California	34,558,876	1,727,944	36,286,820
Colorado	6,342,979	317,149	6,660,128
Connecticut	5,120,554	256,028	5,376,582
Delaware	3,000,000	150,000	3,150,000
District of Columbia	3,000,000	150,000	3,150,000
Florida	19,187,003	959,350	20,146,353
Georgia	10,305,783	515,289	10,821,072
Guam	600,000	n/a	600,000
Hawaii	3,134,080	156,704	3,290,784
Idaho	3,229,896	161,495	3,391,391
Illinois	13,232,290	661,615	13,893,905
Indiana	7,595,088	379,754	7,974,842
Iowa	4,608,084	230,404	4,838,488
Kansas	4,383,595	219,180	4,602,774
Kentucky	5,773,423	288,671	6,062,094
Louisiana	5,889,487	294,474	6,183,961
Maine	3,130,979	156,549	3,287,528
Maryland	7,063,699	353,185	7,416,884
Massachusetts	7,890,854	394,543	8,285,396
Michigan	10,706,992	535,350	11,242,341
Minnesota	6,595,610	329,781	6,925,391
Mississippi	4,483,541	224,177	4,707,718
Missouri	7,230,625	361,531	7,592,156
Montana	3,000,000	150,000	3,150,000
Nebraska	3,496,936	174,847	3,671,783
Nevada	4,277,723	213,886	4,491,609
New Hampshire	3,102,253	155,113	3,257,366
New Jersey	9,757,451	487,873	10,245,323
New Mexico	3,699,470	184,973	3,884,443
New York	19,483,647	974,182	20,457,829
North Carolina	10,373,237	518,662	10,891,899
North Dakota	3,000,000	150,000	3,150,000
Ohio	12,186,021	609,301	12,795,322
Oklahoma	5,196,017	259,801	5,455,818
Oregon	5,362,981	268,149	5,631,130
Pennsylvania	13,476,156	673,808	14,149,964
Puerto Rico	3,676,962	183,848	3,860,810
Rhode Island	3,000,000	150,000	3,150,000
South Carolina	6,040,794	302,040	6,342,834
South Dakota	3,000,000	150,000	3,150,000
Tennessee	7,565,418	378,271	7,943,689
Texas	23,252,604	1,162,630	24,415,234
U.S. Virgin Islands	600,000	n/a	600,000
Utah	4,111,052	205,553	4,316,605
Vermont	3,000,000	150,000	3,150,000
Virginia	9,080,731	454,037	9,534,767
Washington	7,907,768	395,388	8,303,156
West Virginia	3,611,943	180,597	3,792,540
Wisconsin	6,978,318	348,916	7,327,234
Wyoming	3,000,000	150,000	3,150,000
States Total	**$380,000,000**	**$18,910,000**	**$398,910,000**

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