



U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

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March 30, 2018

Ms. Kim Westbrook Strach
Executive Director, State Board of Elections
State of North Carolina
P.O. Box 27255
Raleigh, NC 27611

Dear Ms. Strach,

The Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2018 has appropriated \$380 million for election security. The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will distribute these funds to each state, the District of Columbia and the U. S. Territories of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands through a formula described in Sections 101 and 104 of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 (P.L. 107-252).

I am pleased to inform you that your state will receive an award of \$10,373,237, the purpose of which is to assist your state/territory with activities to improve the administration of elections for Federal office, including by enhancing election technology and making election security improvements, as authorized under Section 101 of HAVA. The non-federal match requirement for this award is \$518,662. More information can be found at: <https://www.eac.gov/2018-hava-election-security-funds/>.

In the coming days and weeks, we will be working with stakeholders to collect examples of how these funds can be used to enhance election security, both for the 2018 and 2020 Federal elections. What we learn will be included in our forthcoming application instructions.

Your state election director will hear directly from our grants office in the coming weeks with more details on the process for drawing down your jurisdiction's funds.

In addition, EAC staff will be available on a conference call conducted by the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) on **Thursday, April 5, 2018 from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EDT** to answer any initial questions you may have.

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Please know that the EAC is working to make funds available to your state/territory as efficiently and expediently as possible. Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Newby".

Brian D. Newby
Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission

Encl. FAQs

CC: State Election Directors