

Elections Reform Under the Federal Help America Vote Act FY2009 Request: \$3,821,720
Reference No: 48416

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Research / Studies / Planning
Category: General Government
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Estimated Project Dates: 04/19/2009 - 07/01/2015

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Improve the administration of elections in accordance with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

Funding:	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>Total</u>
ElectionFd	\$3,821,720						\$3,821,720
Total:	\$3,821,720	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,821,720

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

\$8,762.2 Election Fund, pg. 27, sec. 1, ch. 82, SLA 2003

Project Description/Justification:

In October of 2002, Congress passed the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and determined appropriation amounts for funding requirements of the new election reform bill. There were two types of funding source available through appropriations to assist the State in meeting these federal mandates.

Title II monies or "requirement payments" were available to states that meet certain mandates of HAVA. Most noteworthy was the development of a State Plan, which the Division has written. Title II monies can only be spent for mandates in Title III (examples: accessible voting units at every polling place, statewide voter registration system, training of election workers and staff, and accessibility issues).

These funds will be used one or more of the following activities as required in HAVA:

- (A) Complying with the requirements of Title III.
- (B) Improving the administration of elections for Federal Office.
- (C) Educating voters concerning voting procedures, voting rights, and voting technology.
- (D) Training election officials, poll workers, and election volunteers.
- (E) Improving, acquiring, leasing, modifying, or replacing voting systems and technology and methods for casting and counting votes.
- (F) Improving the accessibility and quantity of polling places, including providing physical access for individuals with disabilities, providing non-visual access for individuals with visual impairments, and

providing assistance to Native Americans, Alaska Native citizens, and to individuals with limited proficiency in the English language.

(G) Establishing toll-free telephone hotlines that voters may use to report possible voting fraud and voting rights violations, to obtain general election information on their own voter registration status, specific polling place locations, and other relevant information.