

Elections Security Under the Help America Vote Act

FY2024 Request: \$1,250,000

Reference No: AMD 64370

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Information Technology / Systems / Communication

Category: General Government

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1 - 40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1 - 40)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2028

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The FY 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act, signed into law on December 29, 2022, includes \$1 million for an Election Assistance Commission grant to the State of Alaska for activities improving the administration of elections for Federal office, including enhancing election technology and making election security improvements. To receive these funds the State of Alaska must provide a 20% match. Under the Federal Help America Vote Act, funds must be deposited in the State Election Fund and any interest earnings, estimated to be up to \$50,000, must be retained in the State Election Fund to be used for grant purposes.

Funding:	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	Total
1185 ElectionFd	\$1,250,000						\$1,250,000
Total:	\$1,250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,250,000

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing
20% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" 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

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

For the Division of Elections to receive and expend these funds, a two-step process required. First, to authorize the grant receipt in the State Election Fund, the legislature must appropriate the grant proceeds along with the required state match to the State Election Fund. Second, to authorize the expenditure, the Legislature must make an appropriation to the Division of Elections authorizing expenditure of grant proceeds for the allowable purposes.

Project Description/Justification:

Accompanying language section would read as follows:

Sec. XX. The sum of \$1,200,000 is appropriated to the election fund, as required by the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002, from the following sources:

- (1) \$200,000 from the general fund;

(2) \$1,000,000 from federal receipts.