

# EAC CARES Progress Narrative Report

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## 1. EAC-CARES Progress Narrative Report Login

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## 3. EAC CARES Progress Narrative Report

### 1. State:

Enter the name of the state or territory that received the grant and is submitting this report.

New York

### 2. Grant Number:

Enter the grant agreement number from the notice of grant award.

NY20101CARES

### 3. Report:

20 days after primary

### 4. DUNS/UEI:

Enter the recipient organization's Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number or System for Award Management (SAM) extended DUNS Number or the Unique Entity Identifier.

### 5. EIN:

Enter the recipient organization's Employer Identification Number (EIN) provided by the Internal Revenue Services.

### 6. Recipient Organization:

Enter the name of the recipient organization and address, including zip code.

#### Organization Name

New York State Board Of Elections

#### Street Address

40 N. Pearl Street - Suite 5

#### City

Albany

#### State

NY

Zip

12207

## 7. Progress Narrative:

### Progress During Reporting Period

The CARES Act requires states to submit a report after each primary and general election that includes a “full accounting of the State’s uses of the payment and an explanation of how such uses allowed the State to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.” Please provide a narrative report that describes how you used the funds to address the pandemic, the challenges you faced in responding to it and how you are meeting the state match requirement. Describe the major issues you faced in dealing with the pandemic in the election cycle and how you made funds available to local jurisdictions. Complete the cost table below describing your major expenditures under the grant. Add additional cost areas as needed that do not fit into the other categories.

The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), enacted March 27, 2020, includes \$400 million in new Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds, made available to states to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus for the 2020 Federal election cycle. This supplemental appropriation funding will provide states with additional resources to protect the 2020 elections from the effects of the novel coronavirus. States are subject to providing an additional 20% match.

New York State has been allocated \$20,463,651 from the federal government and New York State's 20% match of \$4,092,730. New York State would have a total of \$24,556,381 for use by county boards of elections to implement measures necessary for responsible, safe, and fair elections during the COVID-19 pandemic.

State and local election officials are concerned about the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on upcoming primaries and the November General Election. As such, the State Board of Elections established the NYS HAVA CARES ACT grant program to provide 100% of the grant funds to directly reimburse county boards of elections for eligible expenses relative to implementing measures necessary for responsible, safe and fair elections during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes but is not limited to, those costs necessary to protect the health and safety of poll workers, voters and staff, secure physical locations, and address unexpected expenses due to COVID-19 pandemic during a federal election.

Expenditures related to the protection of the health and safety of poll workers, staff, and voters during the federal elections as well as those resulting from unanticipated increased demand for voting costs (e.g. printing ballots, envelopes, postage, processing, receiving, storage, etc.), and equipment. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of executive orders significantly changed the administration of elections. All eligible voters were authorized to vote by absentee due to the pandemic. County Boards of Elections were directed to provide an absentee application to all eligible voters with a return postage paid envelope. Absentee ballots were also directed to be mailed with a return postage paid envelope. These new requirements added significant cost to the administration of elections by our County Boards. The State Board of Elections anticipates a large percentage of the NYS HAVE CARES ACT grant will be used to cover those costs.

This report contains estimates of spending based of a small sample of submitted reimbursements. The numbers are preliminary and the actual numbers are still being collected.

## FINAL PROGRESS NARRATIVE REPORT

### PROGRESS DURING REPORTING PERIOD

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The final report is your opportunity to share the significant features of your activities and present information about the results you achieved. The document should be written as if the reader has no previous knowledge of your activities. EAC would like to share the final reports with all states. The report should cover the entire period of performance. Review and highlight all activities that occurred during the period of the grant. Include the table of expenditures with cumulative expenditures for the entire project period.

#### CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Summarize your entire project and the lessons learned during its implementation. Include a review of your successes and an assessment of how your activities addressed the pandemic. What did you learn about dealing with and preparing for a major crisis during an election year that can be helpful to other states? Did you make permanent changes to your processes? Were there unexpected benefits? Shortfalls?

#### 8. 2020 HAVA CARES GRANTS

##### Current Period Amount Expended and Unliquidated Obligations

##### PANDEMIC GRANT COST CATEGORIES

	Federal	Match
Voting Processes, including additional costs for printing and mailing ballots, ballot tracking software, high speed scanners and letter opening equipment, mail drop boxes, hardware and software associated with signature comparison of returned ballots	\$19,950,075.00	\$3,990,014.00
Staffing: Additional poll workers, election office staff diverted to pandemic response, temporary staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
Security and Training: Security for additional absentee or mail drop-boxes, pre- and post-election cleaning of polling places, staff and poll worker training on prevention processes	\$0.00	\$0.00
Communications: Notifying public of changes in registration, ballot request options, precautions or voting procedures)	\$308,506.00	\$61,701.00
Supplies: Additional laptops, mobile IT equipment, cleaning supplies, masks	\$308,506.00	\$61,707.00

If you need additional rows for the summary table, please upload an Excel document with the same layout.

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#### 4. Certification

Name and Contact of the authorized certifying official of the recipient.

First Name

Robert

**Last Name**

Brehm

**Title**

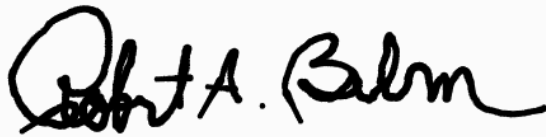
Chief Election Officer and Co-Executive Director

**Phone Number**

518-474-8100

**Email Address**

robert.brehm@elections.ny.gov

**2. Signature of Certifying Official:**

Signature of: Robert A. Brehm

**5. Report Submitted to EAC**

Thank you, your progress narrative report has been submitted to EAC. Please keep the PDF download of your submission as grant record.

**CARES Funding Progress Narrative Submission**

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