

FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORT

(EACFFR)

1. Federal Agency and Org. Element to Which Report is Submitted
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

2. Federal Grant or Other Identifying Number Assigned By Fed. Agency
(To report multiple grants, use FFR Attachment)
EAC-ELSEC22GA

3. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address including Zip code)

Recipient Organization Name:
Georgia Secretary of State

Street1:
237 COLISEUM DR

Street2:

City:
MACON

County:
BIBB

State:
GA

Province:

Country:
United States

Zip 5:
31217

Zip +4:
3805

4a. UEI
HMKMP5W5K617

4b. EIN
586002028

5. Recipient Account Number or Identifying Number
(To report multiple grants, use FFR Attachment)

6. Report Type
 Quarterly
 Semi-Annual
 Annual
 Final

7. Basis of Accounting

Cash
 Accrual

8. Project/Grant Period

From:
03/23/2018

To:
09/30/2099

9. Reporting Period End Date
(Month, Day, Year)

09/30/2022

10. TRANSACTIONS

(Use lines a-c for single or multiple grant reporting)

Cumulative

Federal Cash: (To report multiple grants, also use FFR attachment)

a. Cash Receipts	\$23,735,787.00
b. Cash Disbursements	\$23,451,195.97
c. Cash on hand (line a minus b)	\$284,591.03

Federal Expenditures and Unobligated Balance: Do not complete this section if reporting on multiple awards.

d. Total Federal funds authorized	\$23,735,787.00
e. Federal share of expenditures	\$23,451,195.97
f. Federal share of unliquidated obligations	\$0.00
g. Total Federal share (sum of line e plus line f)	\$23,451,195.97
h. Unobligated balance of Federal funds (line d minus g)	\$284,591.03

Recipient Share: Do not complete this section if reporting on multiple awards.

i. Total recipient share required	\$3,574,441.80
j. Recipient share of expenditures	\$3,112,554.65
k. Remaining recipient share to be provided (line i minus j)	\$461,887.15

Program Income: Do not complete this section if reporting on multiple awards.

l. Total Federal program income earned	\$0.00
m. Program income expended in accordance with the deduction alternative	\$0.00
n. Program Income expended in accordance with the addition alternative	\$0.00
o. Unexpended program income (line l minus line m and line n)	\$0.00

Federal Interest:

p. Total Federal interest earned	\$35,050.30
q. Federal interest expenditures	\$0.00
r. Remaining Federal interest to be expended (line p minus q)	\$35,050.30

11. Indirect Expense

a. Type	b. Rate	c. Period From	d. Period To	e. Base	f. Amount Charged	g. Total	f. Federal Share
	0.00%			\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

12. Remarks:

a. State Interest Earned: Enter the current year amount earned (not cumulative) \$9,621.77

b. State Interest Expended: Enter the current year amount expended (not cumulative)	\$0.00	
c. Program Income Earned: Enter the current year amount earned. (not cumulative)	\$0.00	
d. Program Income Expended: Enter the amount of Program Income expended in the current year (not cumulative)	\$0.00	
e. Program Income Earned Breakdown: List each source of program income individually next to each amount (federal interest earned is not program income).		
Source of program income	Amount	Delete
e. 1	\$0.00	
	Total:	\$0.00

f. Comments: *Attach any explanations deemed necessary or information required by Federal sponsoring agency in compliance with governing legislation:*

13. Certification: By signing this report, I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the report is true, complete, and accurate, and the expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of the Federal award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil or administrative penalties for fraud, false statements, false claims or otherwise. (U.S. Code Title 18, Section 1001 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812).

a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official Gabriel Sterling	c. Telephone (Area code, number and extension) (404) 656-2881
Certification Title	d. Email address gsterling@sos.ga.gov
b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official 	e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) 06/12/2023

Report Attachment (For reporting multiple grants)

14. List Information below for each grant covered by this report.		
Federal Grant Number	Recipient Account Number	Cumulative Federal Cash Disbursement
		\$0.00
TOTAL (Should correspond to the amount on Line 10b on Page 1)		\$0.00

Progress Report Section I: Cover Page

Grant Information

1. State or Territory	2. Federal Grant or Other Identifying Number Assigned by Federal Agency EAC-ELSEC22GA
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3. Grant Type:

- 101
- 251
- Election Security
- Other [e.g., CARES]

Describe Other

Report Information

4. Report Type:

- Semi-Annual
- Annual
- Final
- Other

Describe Other

5. Report Period

Start Date (Month, Day, Year)
10/01/2021End Date (Month, Day, Year)
09/30/2022

Section II: Progress and Narrative

Instructions: Reports due for the period ending March 31 should describe the activities of the previous six-month period and reports due for the period ending September 30 should cover the previous 12- month period. Final reports should cover the entire performance period from the start of the grant. Additional guidance can be found on our website: <https://www.eac.gov/payments-and-grants/financial-progress-reporting>

EAC grants reports will be made publicly available. Therefore, your report narrative should:

- * Be written in clear, concise, and plain language
- * Not include sensitive confidential information

6. Describe in detail what happened during this reporting period and explain how you implemented the approved grant activities in accordance with your State Plan/Program Narrative. (Note: Your activities should align with your category expenditures in Section IV and you may use those categories as headings in your response as applicable.)

- Check if no activity during this reporting period.

This period is mainly defined by the run up to the 2022 midterm elections, including the Summer statewide Primary Elections. It also was the first major election season executed under the Election Integrity Act passed by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor in 2021. There were changes that needed to be executed, mainly in the areas of absentee voting and post election reporting by counties. Provided here are the activities by spending category from largest to smallest: Voter Education: To alert and educate voters of changes to the absentee ballot request process, the state embarked on robust advertising and Public Relations campaigns. The avenues were earned media and television and digital advertising. The move to using the Drivers License Number instead of the signature as the key identifier needed to be explained to voters. It was successful as we saw the number of rejections drop in the primaries. We also implemented another part of the Election Integrity Act that required that the state work with the counties to establish the number of ballots cast by election night. This was to provide transparency to the public and increase their confidence in the outcomes and combat the continuing disinformation. With that goal in mind, our office went beyond the minimum that the law called for and built an online data hub. The data hub is an online tool that is available to anyone with internet access that allows them to see the number and type of ballots cast (early, absentee, etc.), registered voters by county, and the status of absentee ballot requests by county and compare them. It can be accessed at <https://sos.ga.gov/election-data-hub>. It also will allow for comparing historical election data. This tool was very successful in beating back disinformation on voting because bad actors could not make claims about voter suppression because it showed the record turnouts of voter fraud because people could see the vote totals increasing daily in a normal way. Voter Registration: During this period we had to do a couple of things in parallel. First, we need to reinforce our solid, but aging Voter Registration System eNet for the 2022 General Election. Second, we began the process of replacing that system with a new system that will be Salesforce based and house on the FedKamp Cloud to enhance both usability by counties and voters, as well as security. The new voter registration system is called GARVIS (Georgia Registered Voter Information System). HAVA Security dollars were used for building out the software architecture as well as develop the training materials for county officials. Other: This is a category for items that don't quite fit the others. Included here is storage of Voting Equipment, Inventory tracking, Shipping costs for election equipment and voting materials, and project management software for Elections projects. Cyber and Physical Security: This category includes some enhancements to the our Center for Elections equipment. This is where we conduct both ballot building and training for counties. Also, we continued to contract with a Security Company to provide a security guard for that same facility given the increased threat environment, that continues, coming out of the 2020 elections and the misinformation and disinformation that came out of that. Our folks there need physical security.

7. Provide a description of any training conducted, including security training.

- Check if no training was conducted during this reporting period.

8. Report on the number and type of articles of voting equipment obtained with the funds. Include the amount expended on the expenditure chart.

- Check if no voting equipment purchased during this reporting period.

9. Subgrants (if applicable)

- Check if no subgrants were made during this reporting period.

Describe the activities carried out by your subgrantees during the reporting period.

10. Provide a breakdown of aggregate sub-award expenditures across major categories. If you do not have expenses for a particular category please populate the field with \$0.00 Total expenses will automatically calculate. Please verify totals prior to submission.

Category	Subaward Federal Expenditures
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Voting Equipment	\$0.00
Voting Processes	\$0.00
Voter Registration Systems	\$0.00
Election Auditing	\$0.00
Cyber and Physical Security	\$0.00
Voter Education	\$0.00
Accessibility	\$0.00
Other:	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00

11. Match (if applicable)



Check if match not required.

Describe how you are meeting or have met the matching requirement.

As was discussed earlier, in this period Georgia began the process of replacing and enhancing the functionality of our voter registration system. This move to a SalesForce based, FedRamp Cloud housed GARVIS (GeorgIA Registered Voter Information System) was funded with remaining state monies from Georgia's capital project from 2019 wherein we replaced all of the voting machines for all 159 counties. The first phase of GARVIS, the public facing half of the system was used in the 2022 General Election. This included Online Voter Registration, the Absentee Ballot Request Portal, our "My Voter Page" where voters can see sample ballots and find early voting and Election Day Voting locations.

Section III: Challenges and Changes

12. Issues Encountered



Check if no major issues encountered during this reporting period.

Describe how and whether the issues were resolved. Also, briefly discuss the implications of any unresolved issues or concerns.

13. Describe any significant changes to your program during the reporting period, including changes to your original State Plan/Program Narrative or favorable developments that improved program efficiency and/or service delivery.



Check if no significant changes were made during this reporting period.

From our original State Plan we added the launch of the new voter registration system, GARVIS. This enhanced usability for both voters and county election administrators. It also enhanced security by moving the data to the FedRamp Cloud.

Section IV: Expenditures

14. Fill out the table below with both the Federal and State Match expenditures for the current reporting period. Include federal and state interest expenditures and write-in any cost areas that do not fit into the predefined program categories. Subaward expense totals identified in section #10 should also be populated and rolled into the appropriate expense categories for #14. If you do not have expenses for a particular category please populate the field with \$0.00 Total expenses will automatically calculate. Please verify totals prior to submission.

Expenditures should be consistent with the activities described in your narrative and with the amounts in your financial reports. (EAC uses the difference between your current and previous period FFR to calculate current period expenditures).

Categories	Federal	State Match
Voting Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00
Voting Processes	\$0.00	\$0.00
Voter Registration Systems	\$1,168,142.62	\$2,041,790.83
Election Auditing	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cyber and Physical Security	\$163,530.12	\$0.00
Voter Education	\$2,627,679.65	\$0.00
Accessibility	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$157,676.06	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$4,117,028.45	\$2,041,790.83

Section V: Final Assessment

The final progress report is your opportunity to share the significant successes of your project and present information about the results your project achieved. The report should cover the entire period of performance.

15. Self-Assessment - Assess whether the goals set out in your State plan/Narrative were met as intended during the grant program. Highlight any needs that were not met or ongoing/under resourced areas for future consideration.

16. Impact and Achievements - Describe how this grant program impacted elections in your state/territory. Highlight your accomplishments and successes.

17. Lessons Learned - Describe any lessons learned during the grant that may be replicated, expanded and/or help others.

Section VI: Certification

18. Name and Contact of the authorized certifying official.

First and Last Name Gabriel Sterling	Title
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Phone Number	Email Address gsterling@sos.ga.gov
19. Signature of Certifying Official 	