

Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Update

Texas Association of Counties Legislative Conference



Federal Awards

Approx. \$85MM Total

2020 HAVA CARES Act Grant - \$24,546,840*

2018 HAVA Election Security Grant - \$23,252,604**

2020 HAVA Election Security Grant - \$26,064,574***

*Requires 20% match totaling \$4,909,368

**Requires 5% match totaling \$1,162,630

***Requires 20% match totaling \$5,212,915

Sub-grants to Counties

GRANT AGREEMENTS

Federal Portion

Required Match

2020 HAVA CARES Act Grant

Awarded based on 2020
Chapter 19 allocations
(voter registration
statistics)

20%

May use 2020 Chapter 19
funds or county funds

HAVA Election Security Grant

\$120,000

(Federal Amount -
\$40,000)
* 20%

Grant Periods

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2020 HAVA CARES Act
Grant

HAVA Election Security
Grant

Grant Period Start Date

3/28/2020

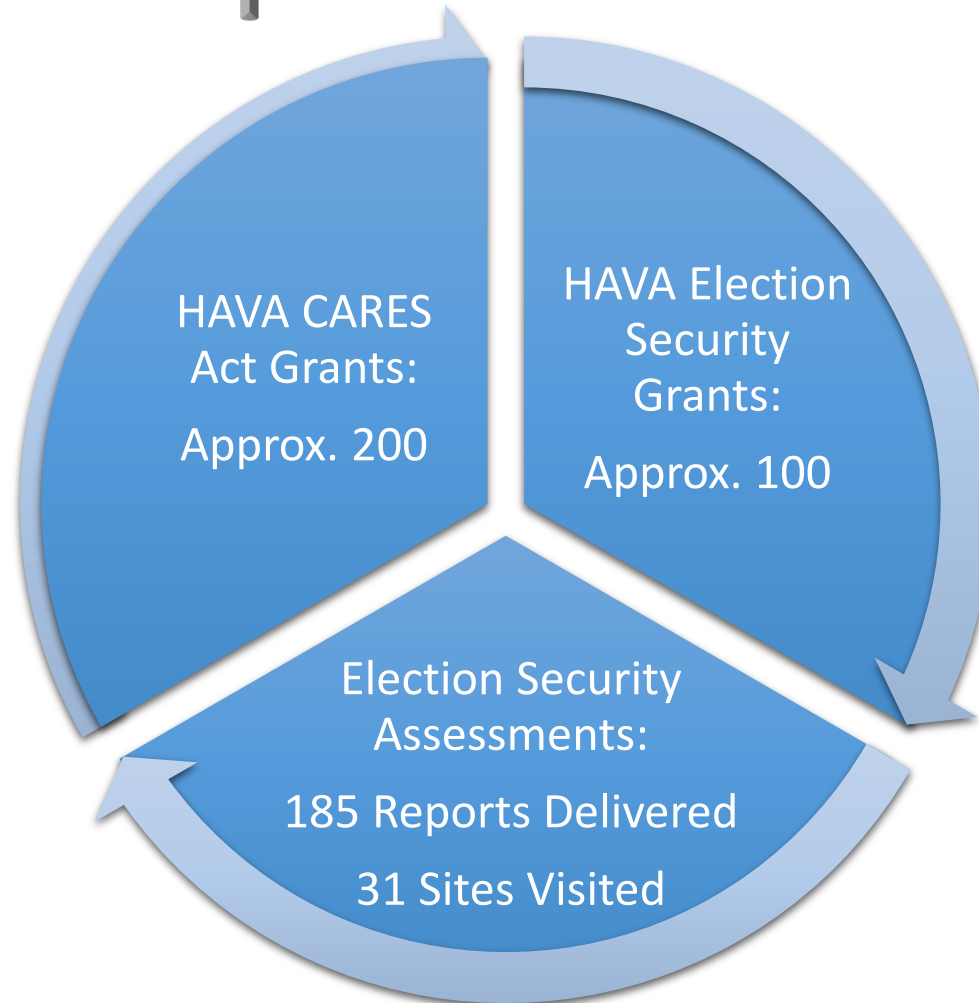
12/21/2019

Grant Period End Date

11/30/2020

12/31/2021

County Participation as of 8/27/2020



Dollar Status as of 8/27/2020

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Maximum Amount</u>	<u>Requested</u>
HAVA CARES Act Federal	\$23,926,389	\$23,499,156
HAVA CARES Act Match	\$4,785,278	\$4,700,127
HAVA Election Security Federal Funds	\$30,480,000	\$9,843,153
HAVA Election Security Match	\$4,064,000	\$1,244,242
TOTAL	\$63,255,667	\$39,286,677
<u>HAVA CARES Act Match</u>		<u>Requested</u>
Chapter 19 Funds		\$1,792,149
County Funds		\$2,907,978

Grant Process

SOS sends grant award notice to County Judge via DocuSign

- Commissioners Court must pass resolution prior to agreement being signed by the judge
- Same resolution can be used for both grant award agreements

SOS issues grants funds upon receipt of signed award agreement

- All necessary fields in award agreement must be completed
- Resolution must be attached
- Single Point of Contact (SPOC) must be identified

SPOC submits reports upon SOS request

- Expenditure reports will be required on a periodic basis
- Unexpended funds, including interest, must be returned to SOS at the end of the grant period

2020 HAVA CARES Act Funding Purposes

Voting Processes

Additional costs for printing and mailing ballots, ballot tracking software, high speed scanners, letter opening equipment, registration list activities to improve the accuracy and currency of registrant addresses

Staffing

Additional poll workers, election office staff diverted to pandemic response, temporary staff

Security and Training

Pre- and post-election cleaning of polling places, staff and poll worker training on prevention processes

Communications

Notifying public of voter registration requirements, ballot request options, precautions or voting procedures

Supplies

Additional laptops, mobile IT equipment, cleaning supplies, personal protective equipment (PPE)

HAVA Election Security Funding Purposes

Voting Equipment

Upgrades and replacement equipment – must be HAVA-compliant and paper verifiable

Election Auditing

Costs to conduct review after polls close for the purpose of determining whether the votes were counted accurately

Cyber Security

Security enhancements to protect the election process (e.g., remediation from election security assessments)

Communications

Costs needed to communicate with the public regarding election security

Voter Registration Systems

Costs to enhance voter registration system security

General Eligibility

Allowable

- Must be consistent with federal and state law as well as terms and conditions of the grant

Allocable

- Must be used exclusively for eligible activity under the grant or prorated

Reasonable and
Necessary

- Must be documented and justifiable

Eligibility Questions to Ask?

HAVA Cares Act

Is it in response to COVID-19's impact on federal elections?

Is it outside of the county budget?

Is it consistent with all applicable federal and state law?



HAVA Election Security

Is it in response to election security needs?

Is it outside of the county budget?

Is it consistent with all applicable federal and state law?



Documentation (Mitigate Risk)

Eligibility

- Document the need/ justification

Allocability

- Document the amount (%) applicable to the grant

Paper Trail

- Retain records, e.g., procurement, invoices, payment, etc.

Inventory

- Inventory capital expenditures and higher risk items

Receipt of Funds



Funds must be deposited into an interest-bearing account in a fund designated for HAVA



Interest earned and any net program income shall be retained and used for HAVA-allowable activities



Program income is defined as revenue received from a grant-supported activity during the grant period



Program Income

What is program income?

- Income earned as a result of grant-funded activity (e.g., election services contracts)

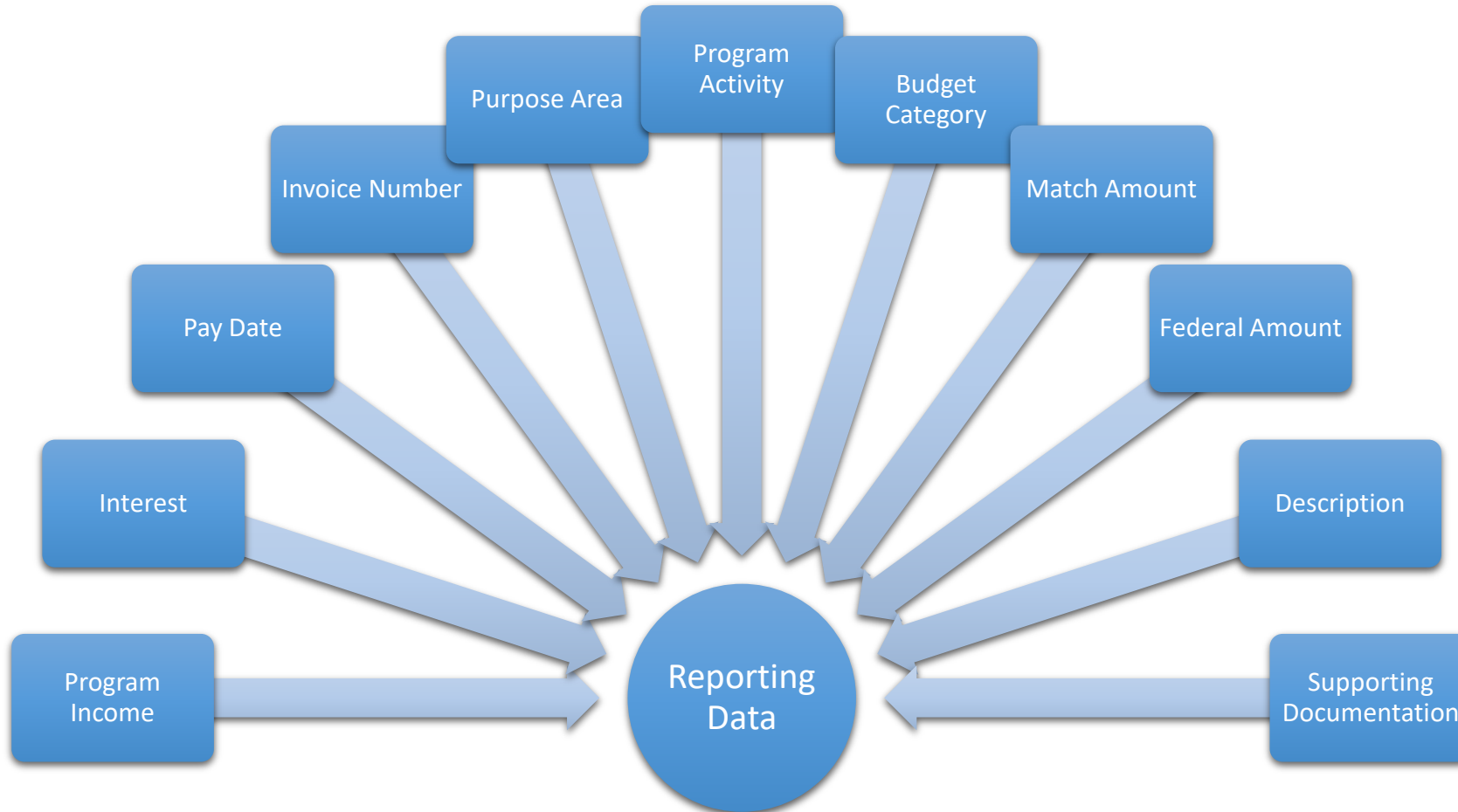
What should be reported?

- Net income
- Income earned during the grant period

How can program income be expended?

- Activities consistent with the grant

Financial Reporting



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