

ATTACHMENT A to MOA # 2017-2018-0001

3098 SPECIAL CATEGORIES

GRANTS AND AIDS - FEDERAL ELECTION ACTIVITIES (HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT)

FROM FEDERAL GRANTS TRUST FUND . . .

\$2,000,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 3098 shall be distributed to county supervisors of elections to be used for election administration activities such as voter education; poll worker training; standardizing elections results reporting; or other federal election administrative activities as approved by the Department of State.

County supervisors of elections will receive funds only after providing the Department of State a detailed description of the programs that will be implemented. Funds distributed to county supervisors of elections require a certification from the county that matching funds will be provided in an amount equal to fifteen percent of the amount to be received from the state.

Also, before a county supervisor of elections receives funds for any software or hardware technology, including, but not limited to any emerging technology that enhances or facilitates the delivery of absentee ballots, the casting and counting of valid votes, voting system audits or recount processes, and the certification of accurate and complete official election results, the software or technology must first be certified or approved, whichever is applicable by the Department of State. Additionally, before the Supervisor can receive funds for emerging or enhancing technology, the county supervisor of elections and the chairperson of the county governing body must certify that the county has purchased and made available sufficient equipment for casting and counting ballots to meet the needs of the county electors including reducing the wait time at the polls during the early voting period and on election day for the next regularly scheduled general election.

To be eligible, a county must segregate federal funds and required county matching dollars in a separate account established to hold only such funds. Funds in this account must be used only for the activities for which the funds were received. Funds shall remain in the account to be used for the same purposes for subsequent years or until such funds are expended. Supervisors of elections shall report to the Department of State any unspent funds remaining on June 30 of each fiscal year.