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MEMO

To: Indian River County Board of County Commissioners

From: Leslie R. Swan, Supervisor of Elections

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Subject: Federal Elections Security Grant Under the Help America Vote Act

Pursuant to the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2018 enacted on March 23, 2018, \$380 million in grants were allocated to States to improve the administration of elections for Federal office, including to enhance technology and make certain election security improvements. Funds provided under this agreement shall be used for the following:

1. Federal Election Administration Activities – The purchase of services and/or products that do the following for the 2018 Primary and/or General Elections:
 - Strengthen the implementation of cybersecurity for elections systems
 - Enhance election technology
 - Facilitate cybersecurity training for local election officials
 - Implement established cybersecurity best practices for election systems
 - Continue election administration activities including, but not limited to, voter education, poll worker training, and standardizing elections results reporting
2. The purchase of services and/or products that do the following for the 2018 Primary and General Elections
 - Upgrade election-related computer systems to address cyber vulnerabilities

Indian River County has between June 20, 2018 and July 18, 2018 to submit an application for these grants. No later than November 6, 2018, General Election Day, Indian River County shall have expended and/or encumbered for services and/or products to be used or implemented.

A condition for receiving the grant is to have a completed "Certificate of Equipment for Casting and Counting Ballots" (DS-DE 135, Effective 8/16) signed by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. This document is to confirm that the IRC Supervisor of Elections has sufficient equipment for casting and counting ballots. Since the County just purchased a new voting system in 2017, the Elections Office does not need any additional equipment for casting and counting ballots, therefore, the grant funds can be used for the requirements listed above.

