

EAC CARES Progress Narrative Report

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1. EAC-CARES Progress Narrative Report Login

Please enter your userword and password to begin the CARES Funding Progress Narrative. If you require assistance or have any questions, please contact CARESFunding@eac.gov.

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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.

Michigan

2. Grant Number:

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

MI20101CAREs

3. Report:

Other - Congressional Primary Held Separate from Presidential 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

Michigan Department Of State

Street Address

430 W. Allegan

City

Lansing

State

MI

Zip

48933

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.

Michigan's Primary Election for congressional offices was held on August 4, 2020. As stated in the grant request letter provided to the EAC in April 2020, the \$11,247,753 Michigan received in CARES Act funding would be used to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19 by working with our local jurisdictions to increase voting by mail in the August and November federal elections and ensure that in-person voting is safe and healthy.

For the August election, this was accomplished by completing the following activities:

1. Absentee voter applications were mailed to all registered voters that were not already on the permanent absentee voter list.
2. Providing additional equipment and supplies to assist locals in processing absentee voter ballots and applications such as ballot drop boxes, ballot envelopes, automatic letter openers, postage meters, envelope folders and mailing equipment.
3. A public media campaign to educate voters on their right to vote by mail.

As of August 24, 2020, \$6,635,744.55 of CARES Act funding has been spent or obligated for these activities. Please note that this does not include all the costs for these activities since not all the bills and reimbursement requests have been received.

Michigan has also contributed \$185,647.92 towards the match from donated PPE, staff time for an election worker volunteer program and to distribute the PPE to local jurisdictions. Please note that there is also some additional match that still needs to be calculated.

Even though the Election went extremely well given the record-breaking turnout, our biggest challenge for November is working with the Michigan Legislature to make necessary and sensible changes to Michigan election law, including allowing the processing of absentee ballots prior to election day and accepting absentee ballots postmarked by election day for the two days immediately after the election.

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	\$1,680,394.70	\$0.00
Staffing: Additional poll workers, election office staff diverted to pandemic response, temporary staff	\$39,916.80	\$66,647.92
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)	\$4,302,541.43	\$0.00
Supplies: Additional laptops, mobile IT equipment, cleaning supplies, masks	\$612,891.62	\$119,000.00

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

Cindy

Last Name

Paradine

Title

Financial Services Director

Phone Number

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Email Address

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2. Signature of Certifying Official:



Signature of: Cindy Paradine

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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