



MONTANA SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE



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TO: Jerry Howe, Executive Director
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Subject: Annual Report on the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Fiscal Year 2023 Grant Activity

In accordance with 13-1-209 and 5-11-210, MCA, enclosed is a report titled Annual Report to the Montana State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee on Help America Vote Act Funds.

The report contains information regarding HAVA grant funding received and expenditures made during fiscal year 2023.

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Annual Report to the Montana State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

Report Period: Fiscal Year 2023

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Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) established a program to provide federal funds to states and territories to upgrade voting systems and improve the administration and security of federal elections.

Montana Secretary of State HAVA Grant Activities for Fiscal Year 2023

The Election Assistance Commission (EAC) awarded the Secretary of State's Office \$1 million in additional HAVA grant funding during fiscal year 2023. The awarded funds require a 20% match. The EAC approved the use of the additional funds for subgrants to counties, software/system enhancements for the Secretary of State's election and voter management system (ElectMT), voter education, and indirect cost recovery.

During fiscal year 2023, the Secretary of State's Office expended \$1,097,101 in HAVA funds including payments for the completed project deliverables of the new ElectMT system, issuing subgrant funds to reimburse Montana counties for their time spent conducting parallel testing the ElectMT system, payments for project deliverables of a voter education video series, and indirect costs.

On November 2, 2022, the Secretary of State's Office announced the allocation of \$1 million of subgrant funds to the counties (with a 20% match). The objectives included:

- Implementing requirements from Election Security administrative rules (ARM 44.3.2901 through 44.3.2905)
- Hiring a third-party to complete a security assessment (if a no-cost option is not available)
- Implementing recommendations from a third-party security assessment

HAVA Funds Awarded to Counties in Fiscal Year 2023

<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Big Horn	\$11,139.45
Blaine	\$2,466.01
Carbon	\$3,706.00
Lincoln	\$1,117.93
Meagher	\$726.00
Powell	\$1,035.00
Silverbow	\$6,271.44