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### **CARES Act – Emergency HAVA Funding**

#### ***OVERVIEW***

As part of the CARES Act, South Dakota received \$3,000,000 in emergency HAVA funds. This grant carries a matching requirement of 20% to qualify to expend the funds. Qualified expenditures for this grant are limited to 2020 federal election related expenses incurred specifically due to the coronavirus pandemic.

This grant funding has been made available to the counties. The matching requirement will be met by the counties submitting for reimbursement.

#### ***ESTIMATES***

Primary election estimates for the grant from the counties totaled just under \$369,000. Included in this amount were the following estimates:

- \$180,000 in increased absentee voting costs, which include additional postage, printing, and material costs related to the absentee process
- \$71,000 for sneeze guards or plexiglass barriers
- \$61,000 in additional staffing costs
- \$26,000 in pandemic related supply costs
- \$31,000 in other expenses (including signage and copies)

#### ***CURRENT REIMBURSEMENTS***

Counties have begun submitting their reimbursements for this grant with our office for costs incurred during the primary election. As of September 4<sup>th</sup>, \$200,435.43 in expenses have been submitted for reimbursement through our office.

## ***CONCLUSION***

Costs incurred by the counties during the general election will also be eligible for reimbursement through this grant. These costs must be incurred due to the coronavirus pandemic and qualify as federal election administration expenses for the 2020 election cycle. Unspent funds from this grant will revert back to the federal government on December 31, 2020.