



\$400 million of emergency HAVA funds allocated for Covid-19 aid

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The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020 awards \$425 million to states and U.S. territories in the form of the Help America Vote Act. These funds are classified as for necessary, reasonable and allocable expenses that improve 2020 general election security. An additional \$400 million in HAVA funds were provided in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act to ensure the health and safety of voters and election workers during the Covid-19 outbreak. The extra grant money can be used for coronavirus-related expenses such as mail-in balloting, buying protective equipment for poll workers and disinfecting voting machines. Democrats on the House Homeland Security Committee on Monday pressed top chamber leaders from both parties to also include cybersecurity funding for state and local governments in the next legislative response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Allowable spending costs under emergency HAVA grants awarded in response to the Covid-19 outbreak

The additional \$400 million in emergency HAVA funds awarded under the CARES Act can cover these costs incurred because of the Covid-19 pandemic.



Purchase of cleaning supplies to disinfect polling stations and voting equipment



Costs incurred to communicate changes in voting processes due to the pandemic



Purchase of protective masks for staff and poll workers



Costs related to cancellation fees for meetings, training or travel without prior approval as well as costs incurred for pausing and restarting activities



Purchase of laptops for election staff working remotely during the pandemic



Costs incurred to conduct virtual training to improve administration of federal elections



Costs to pay for unanticipated increase of mailed absentee ballots due to voter self-isolation and quarantine during Covid-19



Costs to lease polling facilities instead of using assisted living facilities as polling places



Hiring of temporary staff to process unanticipated increased demand for absentee ballots



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Breakdown of \$400 million emergency HAVA grants awarded by the CARES Act

Total additional HAVA funding, including 20 percent funding match

State or territory	Emergency HAVA grants awarded via the CARES Act	20 percent match of HAVA amount required by state or territory	Total additional HAVA funding, including 20 percent funding match
California*	\$36,293,345		\$43,552,014
Texas*	\$24,421,231		\$29,305,478
New York	\$20,463,651		\$24,556,381
Florida*	\$20,152,160		\$24,182,592
Pennsylvania	\$14,155,505		\$16,986,605
Illinois	\$13,899,434		\$16,679,321
Ohio	\$12,800,802		\$15,360,963
Michigan	\$11,247,753		\$13,497,303
North Carolina	\$10,897,295		\$13,076,753
Georgia	\$10,826,464		\$12,991,757
New Jersey	\$10,250,690		\$12,300,828
Virginia	\$9,540,102		\$11,448,123
Washington	\$8,308,437		\$9,970,124
Massachusetts	\$8,290,676		\$9,948,811
Indiana*	\$7,980,108		\$9,576,130
Tennessee	\$7,948,953		\$9,538,744
Arizona	\$7,842,119		\$9,410,542
Missouri	\$7,597,405		\$9,116,886
Maryland	\$7,422,125		\$8,906,550
Wisconsin	\$7,332,471		\$8,798,965
Minnesota	\$6,930,610		\$8,316,732
Colorado	\$6,665,335		\$7,998,402
Alabama	\$6,473,611		\$7,768,334
South Carolina	\$6,348,027		\$7,617,633
Louisiana	\$6,189,147		\$7,426,977
Kentucky	\$6,067,275		\$7,280,730
Oregon	\$5,636,292		\$6,763,550
Puerto Rico	\$5,461,964		\$6,554,357
Oklahoma*	\$5,460,972		\$6,553,166
Connecticut*	\$5,381,732		\$6,458,079
Iowa	\$4,843,615		\$5,812,338
Mississippi	\$4,712,839		\$5,655,407

*As of April 15, according to the EAC, California, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Indiana, Maine, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas have not submitted program narratives and budgets describing spending plans required by April 27, 2020 to access 2020 HAVA grant awards. These states must now also describe how they used or plan to use the emergency HAVA funds during this pandemic to secure federal elections.

























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Kansas	\$4,607,890 	\$5,529,469
Nevada*	\$4,496,720 	\$5,396,064
Utah	\$4,321,708 	\$5,186,049
New Mexico	\$3,889,527 	\$4,667,433
West Virginia	\$3,797,620 	\$4,557,144
Nebraska	\$3,676,857 	\$4,412,229
Idaho	\$3,396,453 	\$4,075,744
Hawaii*	\$3,295,842 	\$3,955,010
Maine*	\$3,292,585 	\$3,951,102
New Hampshire	\$3,262,422 	\$3,914,906
Rhode Island	\$3,016,343 	\$3,619,611
Alaska	\$3,000,000 	\$3,600,000
Delaware	\$3,000,000 	\$3,600,000
District of Columbia	\$3,000,000 	\$3,600,000
Montana	\$3,000,000 	\$3,600,000
North Dakota	\$3,000,000 	\$3,600,000
South Dakota	\$3,000,000 	\$3,600,000
Vermont	\$3,000,000 	\$3,600,000
Wyoming	\$3,000,000 	\$3,600,000
American Samoa	\$600,000 	\$600,000
Guam	\$600,000 	\$600,000
Northern Marianas	\$600,000 	\$600,000
Virgin Islands	\$600,000 	\$600,000

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