



HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT (HAVA)

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ACTUAL RECEIPT OF FUNDS:

- The county judge submits a budget via the Texas HAVA online grant system (for further instructions on completing and submitting a budget, refer to the instructions located on the application form for each purpose area or the "Guide to the Texas HAVA Grant Process and the Online Grant System" located at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/hava/funding.shtml>.)

Note - In order to submit a budget for voting system equipment, such as DREs, the county will have to select from a list of Texas-certified voting systems. Consequently, counties are advised to submit a budget to the SOS for voting equipment ONLY if the county has determined the voting system it will be purchasing. However, this should not prevent a county from submitting a budget for other HAVA-eligible costs (e.g., travel and training costs eligible under the County Education Fund). In addition, a county may submit a partial budget and reallocate the balance as future needs arise. For example, a county may submit a budget under the County Education Fund for a certain number of training events, submit it to the SOS for approval, and then add additional line items at a later date as new training opportunities arise.

- Assuming the necessary documents have been submitted - such as the grant award agreement, the required resolution, and any amendments - the budget is approved by the Secretary of State's Office.

Note - For the Voting System Replacement (punch card and lever counties only), County Education Fund, Voting System Accessibility, and General HAVA Compliance grants, the County Judge was required to submit a signed copy of the grant award agreement. In the case of the TEAM Compatibility award, prior to submitting the budget, the judge must check a box that affirms acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant award. The electronic affirmation of the terms and conditions of the grant award is equivalent to signing a paper agreement.

- Upon SOS approval, the county financial officer (the county auditor or treasurer, depending on the county) has access to request reimbursement against the approved budget. Reimbursement requests may be submitted after payment to vendors are released (see bullet below).
- Once the county is invoiced for goods or services received and releases payment to the vendor, the county can request reimbursement from SOS. Counties are encouraged to time the payment to the vendor with its reimbursement request to SOS as closely as possible to minimize any cash flow issue. If a county wishes to draw down reimbursement from SOS prior to making payment to the vendor, we ask that the county minimize the time between drawing down the funds from SOS and releasing payment to the vendor (i.e., the funds shouldn't remain in the county treasury).

Hidalgo County Grant Reimbursement

Hidalgo County Award Agreements

Purpose Area / Reimbursement Eligibility

- County Education Fund : \$9,000.00
- Voting System Replacement : \$303,250.90
- Voting System Accessibility : \$265,000.00
- General HAVA Compliance : \$2,040,129.17
- TEAM Compatibility : \$15,000.00
- Polling Place Accessibility : \$7,000.00
- Opportunity for Access : \$1,650.00

Award Agreement Type	Grant Accepted?	Resolution Received?	Contract Verification?
Title I-102	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Title I-101, Title II-251	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Title I-101, Title II-251 Amendment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Title I-101, (TEAM Compatibility)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Hidalgo - 2000 Election

- Voting Precincts: 95
- Registered Voters: 244668
- Voting Age Population: 368461
- Voting System: Optical Scan/Lever