



Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

Office of the
Secretary of State
State of Texas

Grant Application for Williamson County

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Purpose Area: Opportunity for Access 2012**Funding Source:** Title II section 261**Funding Amount:** \$24,750.00**Awarding Agencies:** US Election Commission / Texas Secretary of State**Percentage of Funding by
Awarding Agencies:** 100% Federal / 0% State**CFDA Number:** 93.617**Authority:** The availability of funds is authorized by Title II, Section 261 of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), Public Law 107-252, October 29, 2002; 42**Use Of Funds:** 1) The COUNTY may expend funds for the following items: a) Magnifiers. b) Signature guides. c) Accessible voting booths or tables. d) Seats to accommodate persons who have difficulty standing for long periods of time. e) Telephones in order to allow the use of all Relay Texas services including speech-to-speech relay. f) Informational material to be written in large print and in Braille.**Grant Title:** Opportunity for Access 2012**Grant Period:** August 1, 2012 – July 31, 2013

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Please read the following information:

Provide the Same Opportunity for Access 2012

APPLICATION DETAILS

Use of funds will benefit the following (check all that apply):

- ☐ Magnifyers.
- ☐ Signature guides.
- ☐ Accessible voting booths or tables.
- ☐ Seats to accommodate persons who have difficulty standing for long periods of time.
- ☐ Telephones in order to allow the use of all Relay Texas services including speech-to-speech relay.
- ☐ Informational material to be written in large print and in Braille.
- ☒ Other expenditures that provide the same opportunity for access and participation to individuals with disabilities deemed reasonable and necessary by the SOS.

Please explain:

Williamson County is interested in purchasing the accessible, Sample Balloting technology from Democracy Live called LiveBallot. LiveBallot has already been approved for funding by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under Section 261 funding as an accessible, voter specific sample ballot. LiveBallot has been used in hundreds of elections

Provide a justification that demonstrates the need for the project:

There is a segment of the voting population that is unable to read the sample ballot information we regularly post on our website prior to elections. We want to reach out and make the same information that is available to sighted people also available to those with visual impairments.

Identify the range of coverage (e.g. one facility, multiple facilities, etc...):

N/A

BUDGET

Maximum Grant Amount: \$24,750.00

Current Budget Amount: \$24,750.00

Expended to Date: \$0.00

Total Available for Allocation: \$24,750.00

Category	Description	Cumulative Expenditures	Budget
1) Contractual	Purchase of LiveBallot software to provided accessible sample ballots	\$0.00	\$24,750.00

Requested Budget Amount: \$24,750.00

Vendor Discount: -
\$0.00

Requested Funding: \$24,750.00

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

☒ As the duly authorized representative for the county, by submitting this budget the county accepts the terms and conditions of the grant funding.

COMMENTS

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APPROVAL STATUS 

Kay Eastes

From: Kay Eastes
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2012 9:33 AM
To: Rick Barron
Subject: FW: Accessibility Funding
Attachments: Accessibility Funding Tex Reg Posting 2012.pdf

From: EFM Admin [mailto:EFMAdmin@sos.state.tx.us]
Sent: Wednesday, August 01, 2012 4:05 PM
Subject: Accessibility Funding

Good afternoon County Election Officers:

As some of you may recall, in September of 2006, the Secretary of State's Office sub-granted to all Texas counties federal funding from the US Department of Health and Human Services intended to make polling places more accessible and provide the same opportunity for access using tools such as signs, magnifiers, signature guides, etc. Those sub-grants to the counties expired December 31, 2009.

Because formula grants resulted in smaller amounts for each county, which limited the scope of projects, the state is allowing counties to submit grant applications for discretionary amounts as outlined in the attached funding availability announcement that will be posted in the Texas Register. Below is a summary of the parameters in which funding will be awarded:

- Polling Place Accessibility – the county may expend funds for the following purposes: a) Making pathways more accessible by building or repaving sidewalks. b) Construction or repair of ramps and threshold ramps. c) Constructing curb cuts and adding handrails. d) Establishing accessible parking spaces closer to the accessible entrance. e) Providing adequate signage showing where accessible parking and entrances are located and indicating that service animals are welcome. f) Purchasing hardware that will make it easy for persons with limited mobility or grasping ability to open doors. g) Other expenditures that improve polling place accessibility deemed reasonable and necessary by the SOS.
- Opportunity for Access – the county may expend funds for the following items: a) Magnifiers. b) Signature guides. c) Accessible voting booths or tables. d) Seats to accommodate persons who have difficulty standing for long periods of time. e) Telephones in order to allow the use of all Relay Texas services including speech-to-speech relay. f) Informational material to be written in large print and in Braille. g) Other expenditures that provide the same opportunity for access and participation to individuals with disabilities deemed reasonable and necessary by the SOS.
- Funding Limitations – funding requests may not exceed \$50,000 for Polling Place Accessibility and \$25,000 for Opportunity for Access. The SOS will make every effort to accommodate all eligible requests, but if the proposals received exceed the total available funding, the SOS may make awards based on pro rata reductions or via an assessment of need. The SOS will negotiate with the applicants if the full request cannot be accommodated.
- Funding Period – obligations for eligible expenditures must be incurred from August 1, 2012 through July 31, 2013.
- Budget Submission Deadline – budgets may be submitted via the Texas HAVA online grant system effective immediately and will be accepted through August 31, 2012. Counties are reminded that obligations may be

incurred effective August 1, 2012; however, counties are advised that any obligations must include a contingency that the commitment is subject to change based on available funding.

Please be sure to review the attached Texas Register Posting for full details.

If you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at efmadmin@sos.state.tx.us or 800-252-2216 (press 3 for Election Funds Management).

Notice of Funding Availability for Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities Grant Program

Introduction:

The Texas Secretary of State (SOS) announces the availability of federal funds for counties to make polling places accessible and provide the same opportunity for access and participation to individuals with disabilities.

Authority:

The availability of funds is authorized by Title II, Subtitle D, Section 261 of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) (42 U.S.C. 15461).

Eligible Applicants:

All Texas counties.

Use of Funds:

Polling Places Accessibility

1. Making pathways more accessible by building or repaving sidewalks.
2. Construction or repair of ramps and threshold ramps.
3. Constructing curb cuts and adding handrails.
4. Establishing accessible parking spaces closer to the accessible entrance.
5. Providing adequate signage showing where accessible parking and entrances are located and indicating that service animals are welcome.
6. Purchasing hardware that will make it easy for persons with limited mobility or grasping ability to open doors.
7. Other expenditures that improve polling place accessibility deemed reasonable and necessary by the SOS.

Opportunity for Access and Participation to Individuals with Disabilities

1. Magnifiers.
2. Signature guides.
3. Accessible voting booths or tables.
4. Seats to accommodate persons who have difficulty standing for long periods of time.
5. Telephones in order to allow the use of all Relay Texas services including speech-to-speech relay.
6. Informational material to be written in large print and in Braille.
7. Other expenditures that provide the same opportunity for access and participation to individuals with disabilities deemed reasonable and necessary by the SOS.

Funding Restrictions:

Funds used for permanent improvements such as repaving sidewalks and curb cuts may only be applied to county owned property utilized for a polling location used during a federal election.

Available Funding:

Polling Places Accessibility

Funding requests may not exceed \$50,000. The SOS will make every effort to accommodate all eligible requests, but if the proposals received exceed the total available funding, the SOS may make awards based on pro rata reductions or via an assessment of need. The SOS will negotiate with the applicants if the full request cannot be accommodated.

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Funding Period:

Obligations for eligible expenditures must be incurred during the following time period:
August 1, 2012 through July 31, 2013

Funding Requirements:

Funding requests must identify: 1) the area(s) outlined in the "Use of Funds" that the project will address, 2) a justification demonstrating the need for the project, 3) the range of coverage (e.g. one facility, multiple facilities, etc...), and 4) a detailed budget.

A copy of the "Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Checklist for Polling Places" must be completed and kept on file with the County Clerk or Election Administrator for the county. A copy of the checklist can be found at <http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/votingck.htm>.

All Texas counties must be in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations, including the terms and conditions set forth in the acceptance of the grant. The terms and conditions can be viewed at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/hava/funding.shtml> under the bullets labeled "Making Polling Places Accessible Terms and Conditions of Grant Funding" and "Provide the Same Opportunity for Access and Participation to Individuals with Disabilities Terms and Conditions of Grant Funding."

Requesting the Application:

The county judge, as chief executive officer for the county, must submit a budget via the Texas HAVA online grant system (<http://hava.tamu.edu/>) and be approved by the Secretary of State's Office. The county judge will use the same user ID and password that was used for previous HAVA funding requests (e.g., voting system acquisition funding). For inquiries, contact the Elections Funds Management team, toll-free at 1.800.252.2216 (select 3 from the voice menu), or email efmadmin@sos.state.tx.us.

Budget Submission Deadline:

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Kay Eastes

From: Kay Eastes
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2012 10:42 AM
To: Jody Taber
Cc: Rick Barron
Subject: FW: HAVA Grant Application - Program Manager Approval Notice - Williamson County

From: hava@sos.state.tx.us [mailto:hava@sos.state.tx.us]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 11:42 AM
To: kingram@sos.state.tx.us
Cc: David Flores; Julie Kiley; DGlutzer@sos.state.tx.us; cmcclendon@ppri.tamu.edu; jtempleton@sos.state.tx.us; JABUIKHDAIR@SOS.STATE.TX.US; Dan Gattis; Rick Barron; vmcdonalds@wilco.org; Kay Eastes; name@name.com; tmuna@sos.state.tx.us; ERodriguez@sos.state.tx.us
Subject: HAVA Grant Application - Program Manager Approval Notice - Williamson County

This message is a confirmation that a grant application for Williamson County has been approved by Keith Ingram on 9/14/2012 and the county financial officer can draw funds on a reimbursement basis.

The following is a summary of the original request:

Title: Opportunity for Access 2012
Requested Funding : \$24,750.00

[Click here to enter the HAVA website](#)

Thank you.