

STATE/ COUNTY OFFICE OF ELECTIONS

Overview

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides \$400 million in election grants to help states prepare for the 2020 elections. The funding can be used to increase the ability to vote by mail, expand early voting and online registration, and improve the safety of voting in-person by providing additional voting facilities and more poll workers.

How much grant funding is Hawaii eligible for?

Of the grant funding available through the CARES Act, Hawaii is eligible for \$3,295,842 in federal funding. In addition, within two years of receiving the funds, the state must provide a 20 percent match, which brings the total funding to \$3,955,010.

What are the requirements for the grants?

- Each state shall provide to the Election Assistance Commission (EAC), within 20 days of each election in the 2020 Federal election cycle, a report that includes a full accounting of the State's uses of the payment and an explanation of how such uses allowed the State to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.
- All other requirements are the same as standard election security grants from the EAC.

When can the state expect to receive this funding?

- Within 30 days after March 27, 2020, the funding will be available.
- States are able to access the funding upon sending a signed funding request letter to the EAC.

When can the counties expect to receive funding?

- Please contact the Hawaii Office of Elections for more information on when it plans to redistribute grant funding from the EAC.

More Information

For more information, please contact the Election Assistance Commission at (866) 747-1471 or via email at clearinghouse@eac.gov.