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1. Presidential Preference Election – Recap (Around the Room)
  - a. Issues / Concerns
2. Primary Election – Topics (Scott, Eslir, Laurin, Kika, and Bob)
  - a. No Label Party – Court decision and ballot layout options
  - b. Candidate filings
    - i. Certified list of offices / candidates from State
    - ii. Write in candidate window for PCs
    - iii. November General Election Write-in Date (September 26, 2024)
  - c. ES&S working group meeting:
    - i. Phonetic spellings
    - ii. Rotations
3. Vote Center – Sample Ballots
4. Hand Count Batch Handling
5. Automatic Recounts
6. Two Card Ballot Research
7. Public information requests: CTCL, Informing Democracy Org

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# ELECTRICITY



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## Help Shape Nonpartisan Standards for Election Excellence in Poll Worker Programs

Happy November! It's that time of the year when the entire country is thinking about the holiday season...and elections, of course!

At the U.S. Alliance for Election Excellence, election officials and other experts have been thinking a lot about defining, supporting, and celebrating excellence in elections. And in case you missed it in October, the Alliance released the first set of [nonpartisan, voluntary standards](#) for a public comment period.

The topic of the first batch of standards is poll workers. Why poll workers? Because of their rubber-meets-the-road role in election administration, poll workers directly affect the voting experience for millions of Americans. This means that when local election departments have the right resources to run successful poll worker programs, voters and our democracy benefit.

The deadline to submit your feedback is **Tuesday, December 5th** and we'd love to get your expert input! Your feedback is valued and will help shape the final standards for the field of election administration and maintain our healthy democracy for years to come.

**Share your ideas on poll worker standards**

Plan to spend at least 15 minutes to [complete the form](#) depending on how many standards you want to give feedback on. Feedback is due **December 5th**. Again,

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In addition to the poll worker standards, the Alliance also published examples of [nonpartisan, generic resources](#) that include best practices, free and low-cost tools, guides, templates, and more.

When running excellent elections, your office doesn't need to go it alone. The Alliance builds and curates resources to help you achieve high standards. Take the best of what your peers are doing across the country and see what works in your area. And, offer ideas and suggestions from your office.

All resources are free or low-cost and geared specifically to election offices.

### Explore poll worker resources

The publication of these standards and resources are paving the way in the Alliance roadmap for supporting election officials through the 2024 General Election and beyond. In the upcoming months, we'll be sharing more sets of voluntary, nonpartisan standards and resources for local election departments. The next topic is communications - get excited!

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Security Grant Program

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## Understanding the Homeland Security Grant Program

With the 2024 General Election on the horizon, we know it's as important as ever that election officials like you have the resources you need to run secure elections. Today, we're outlining two components of the [Homeland Security Grant Program](#) (HSGP) to help you better understand what resources are available to you from the federal government, and what you can do to advocate for the funding your election office needs.

In Fiscal Year 2023, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is providing **\$1.12 billion** to enhance the ability of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to potential terrorist acts and other hazards. **There are two grant programs that you should know about that make up the HSGP: the State Homeland Security Program, and the Urban Area Security Initiative.** These grants are a separate stream of funding from traditional HAVA Security Grants, and are managed through FEMA. They have traditionally funded local agencies such as Fire, Police, EMS, and other local safety offices.

These grants are managed by a **State Administrative Authority (SAA)**, and there is not an opportunity for local elections offices to apply independently. In order for projects to be included in this year's grant applications, the SAA must agree that the project is a priority. Because of the 3% minimum spent, shovel-ready projects that can clearly demonstrate that they reduce the risk of terrorism in a community related to election administration (namely physical or cybersecurity) are more likely to be included. **All applications are due by May 18, 2023**, so local election offices are encouraged to meet with their SAA's urgently.

SAA contacts differ from each state. Using FEMA's list of grants officers we were able to locate the best contact info for each SAA, [which you can find here organized alphabetically by state.](#)

## What is it?

SHSP assists state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) efforts to build, sustain, and deliver the capabilities necessary to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism.

**All 56 states and territories are eligible to apply for SHSP funds**, and the projects are managed by the chief elections officer in the state.

## How much can states receive & what can the money be used for?

The DHS has allocated a total of \$415M to SHSP. This year, **a minimum of 3% of the budget is allocated specifically towards election security for state and local jurisdictions**. These grants are managed by the chief election official in each state, and must support local elections jurisdictions in security upgrades.

That can include:

- Implementing measures to enhance cybersecurity, including CISA training, and cybersecurity risk assessments
- Migrating online services to the “.gov” internet domain
- Public awareness/preparedness campaigns discussing election integrity and security measures

## SHSP State Allocation



State/ Terr	FY 2023 USHSP Allocation	3% for Election Security	State/ Terr	FY 2023 USHSP Allocation	3% for Election Security	State/ Terr	FY 2023 USHSP Allocation	3% for Election Security	State/ Terr	FY 2023 USHSP Allocation	3% for Election Security
AL	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	ID	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	MT	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	PR	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425
AK	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	IL	\$ 13,894,910	\$ 416,847	NE	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	RI	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425
AS	\$ 1,108,000	\$ 33,240	IN	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	NV	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	SC	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425
AZ	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	IA	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	NH	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	SD	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425
AR	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	KS	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	NJ	\$ 7,074,841	\$ 212,245	TN	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425
CA	\$ 57,035,623	\$ 1,711,069	KY	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	NM	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	TX	\$ 18,210,451	\$ 546,314
CO	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	LA	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	NY	\$ 68,033,267	\$ 2,040,998	VI	\$ 1,108,000	\$ 33,240
CT	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	ME	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	NC	\$ 5,085,387	\$ 152,562	UT	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425
DE	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	MD	\$ 7,074,841	\$ 212,245	ND	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	VT	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425
DC	\$ 5,085,387	\$ 152,562	MA	\$ 6,190,947	\$ 185,728	MP	\$ 1,108,000	\$ 33,240	VA	\$ 8,136,252	\$ 244,088
FL	\$ 9,343,905	\$ 280,317	MI	\$ 5,085,387	\$ 152,562	OH	\$ 6,190,947	\$ 185,728	WA	\$ 6,190,947	\$ 185,728
GA	\$ 5,288,656	\$ 158,660	MN	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	OK	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	WV	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425
GU	\$ 1,108,000	\$ 33,240	MS	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	OR	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	WI	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425
HI	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	MO	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425	PA	\$ 8,136,252	\$ 244,088	WY	\$ 4,847,500	\$ 145,425
<b>Total</b>										<b>\$ 415,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 12,450,000</b>

## What can election officials do?

Because this is a statewide program, local election officials cannot apply directly for funds. Only the state administrative agency (SAA) has authority to submit grant applications to FEMA. Election officials can engage their SAA to ensure that they have everything they need in terms of justification, and they can advocate for statewide CISA training with local election offices. [Please see this list of the](#)

**DEADLINE:** Completed applications must be submitted by the State Administrative Authority no later than 5 p.m. ET on **May 18, 2023**.

## Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)

### What is it?

UASI assists high-threat, high-density Urban Area efforts to build, sustain, and deliver the capabilities necessary to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism.

There are 40 pre-established UASI regions that are high-density and at high risk for terrorism. These UASI regions are eligible to apply via their SAA.

How much can jurisdictions receive and what can the money be used for?

The DHS has allocated a total of \$615M to UASI. Of that, \$18.45M is available for regional election security. **Here’s a breakdown of the eligible urban areas and the funds allocated to them:**

### UASI Regional Allocation



State/Terr	Urban Area	FY 2023 UASI Allocation	3% for Election Security
AZ	Phoenix Area	\$ 5,250,000	\$ 157,500
CA	Anaheim/Santa Ana Area	\$ 5,250,000	\$ 157,500
CA	Bay Area	\$ 36,493,265	\$ 1,094,798
CA	Los Angeles/Long Beach Area	\$ 66,174,270	\$ 1,985,228
CA	Riverside Area	\$ 3,900,000	\$ 117,000
CA	Sacramento Area	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 114,000
CA	San Diego Area	\$ 16,445,560	\$ 493,367
CO	Denver Area	\$ 3,900,000	\$ 117,000
DC	National Capital Region	\$ 50,360,095	\$ 1,510,803
FL	Jacksonville Area	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 45,000
FL	Miami/Fort Lauderdale Area	\$ 14,528,750	\$ 435,863
FL	Orlando Area	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 114,000
FL	Tampa Area	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 114,000
GA	Atlanta Area	\$ 7,700,000	\$ 231,000
HI	Honolulu Area	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 45,000
IL	Chicago Area	\$ 66,174,270	\$ 1,985,228
IN	Indianapolis Area	\$ 1,645,333	\$ 49,360
LA	New Orleans Area	\$ 1,645,333	\$ 49,360
MD	Baltimore Area	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 114,000
MA	Boston Area	\$ 16,646,500	\$ 499,395

State/Terr	Urban Area	FY 2023 UASI Allocation	3% for Election Security
MI	Detroit Area	\$ 5,250,000	\$ 157,500
MN	Twin Cities Area	\$ 5,250,000	\$ 157,500
MO	Kansas City Area	\$ 1,645,333	\$ 49,360
MO	St. Louis Area	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 114,000
NV	Las Vegas Area	\$ 5,250,000	\$ 157,500
NJ	Jersey City/Newark Area	\$ 18,631,275	\$ 558,938
NY	New York City Area	\$ 173,950,017	\$ 5,218,501
NC	Charlotte Area	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 114,000
OH	Cincinnati Area	\$ 1,645,333	\$ 49,360
OH	Cleveland Area	\$ 1,645,333	\$ 49,360
OR	Portland Area	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 114,000
PA	Philadelphia Area	\$ 16,646,500	\$ 499,395
PA	Pittsburgh Area	\$ 1,645,333	\$ 49,360
TN	Nashville Area	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 45,000
TX	Austin Area	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 45,000
TX	Dallas/Fort Worth/Arlington Area	\$ 16,646,500	\$ 499,395
TX	Houston Area	\$ 24,231,000	\$ 726,930
TX	San Antonio Area	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 114,000
VA	Hampton Roads Area	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 114,000
WA	Seattle Area	\$ 6,250,000	\$ 187,500
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 615,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 18,450,000</b>

### What can election officials do?

Similar to SHSP, local election officials **cannot apply directly for funds**. Only the state administrative agency (SAA) has authority to submit grant applications to FEMA. If you’re an election official from one of the jurisdictions covered by UASI, [please see this list to find the contact information for your SAA](#).

Completed applications must be submitted no later than **5 p.m. ET on May 18, 2023**.

### What if my jurisdiction isn’t covered under UASI?

need:

- Engage with your members of Congress to make it clear that you have additional funding needs.
- Develop and build a relationship with your state’s grants officer to ensure you’re fully utilizing local funds available to your office. There may be unclaimed funds, or you may be eligible for other streams of funding.

### **What can I prepare for next year?**

We are hopeful that a minimum allocation for election security will continue into FY 2024. Regardless of whether your projects are approved this year, we recommend starting now in establishing relationships with your chief election official and SAA. In some circumstances, unspent funds may become available for small, ad-hoc federal grants. In other instances, this will allow your SAA more time to balance the grant application to include your urgent priorities.

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Good afternoon Recorders and Elections Directors,

I'm writing to you to update you on a possible path for language within SB1389, our technical cleanup bill. The part enacting the transfer of late early ballots to actualize Senator Boyer's bill last year has sunk the current bill due to concerns over chain of custody.

Instead, there is an option to strip down [SB1135](#) (which we are currently opposed to) to a singular may provision on spoiled early ballots and add in the remaining six concepts from SB1389 into SB1135.

But I need to warn you that they are also considering putting in a provision that states something along the lines of the state can't share personal data with voter registration clean-up consortiums which may impact our participation in ERIC. The way it's been described to me, it would be simply ensuring that we are not sharing things that by law we shouldn't share with ERIC and that ERIC may be sued in other states for similar issues that this language would seek to preempt. However, I'm also weary and expressed this to our legislative friends that there seems to be a trend of leaving ERIC for unfounded reasons. The language is being crafted in Legislative Council and we are to receive it as soon as it is to the satisfaction of the sponsor.

This would likely be a much more partisan style of a bill with the ERIC provision. I need your guidance and will be bringing this to the Legislative Policy Committee on Monday to discuss whether we pursue this option.

Thank you for your time,

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## **Ashcroft Leads Missouri, Florida and West Virginia Out of ERIC**

**Jefferson City, Mo.** — Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft, along with Florida and West Virginia sent letters to Executive Director Shane Hamlin stating their departure from the Electronic Registration Information Center known as ERIC.

For several months Missouri has been leading other states in an effort to reform the ERIC system by addressing significant concerns and implementing changes in ERIC.

“We have worked hard over the last several years to implement procedures that will make Missouri elections better, voter rolls more accurate, and bring greater trust to the election process,” Ashcroft said. “Voter confidence is compromised when individuals vote in more than one state and nothing is done. It appears that ERIC will not make the necessary changes to address these concerns, therefore, it is time to move on.”

As West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner said, “There is no defensible justification to allow any opportunity for partisanship in voter registration and list maintenance, much less in the administration of our nation’s elections.”

[In his letter](#), Ashcroft cited reasons for Missouri’s departure including: not requiring member states to address issues of multi-state voters, board protocol procedures, lack of ERIC participation from border states, and unnecessary mailings.

Missouri continues to lead the country in accessible, secure, and creditable elections.

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**Subject:** Re: Topic for EOA Conference

## **CAUTION This email originated from outside of the organization.**

Hi Hannah and Eslir!

I hope you are both doing well. I'm so excited to get to see everyone next week!

I'm just writing to confirm that I will be speaking next Tuesday at the EOA conference. I'll need to know what time you want me. I'll be driving down on Tuesday so not too early I hope! 😊 Also, how long will I have to present and will there be a projector, etc? Any info you can share is appreciated.

Additionally, I was talking with Matt Mortellaro (who used to work at Yavapai and now works for the Center for Tech and Civic Life) and he is also available to come down if you want (we both live in Chino Valley and could carpool.) I would be willing to give up some of my time for him to give a brief background on CTCL and what they have to offer.

Let me know if you need any info from me.

Have a great day!

-Lynn

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On Thu, Feb 9, 2023 at 8:15 AM Hannah Duderstadt <[HDuderstadt@graham.az.gov](mailto:HDuderstadt@graham.az.gov)> wrote:

Hi Lynn,

Apologies for my delayed response, but thank you!! This is great news and I know we'd all be glad to see you again. 😊

I believe the majority of speakers would be Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, so that works perfectly. We'll be staying at the Double Tree Phoenix-Tempe on [2100 S. Priest Dr., Tempe](#).

We'll keep you posted on any updates.

Really appreciate your willingness to speak! Hope you have a wonderful weekend!

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**Subject:** Re: Topic for EOA Conference

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Hi Hannah and Esfir!

I did see Bob at the iGo conference last week, but he did not mention EOA. However, I would love to come and speak. The name of my presentation is - *Leveraging Technology for Low-Cost, Time-Saving Solutions*. At iGo I did short demos of tools that USDR has developed for poll worker tracking, candidate/campaign finance tracking, and wait time. By June we will probably have even more tools developed that I can share. I am available either Monday, June 5th or Tuesday, June 6th. Do you know where you will be meeting?

Can't wait to see everyone!

Happy Monday!

-Lynn

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On Thu, Feb 2, 2023 at 1:29 PM Hannah Duderstadt <[HDuderstadt@graham.az.gov](mailto:HDuderstadt@graham.az.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon Lynn,

I hope you are doing well! We are in the process of finding speakers for the Election Officials of Arizona conference, and it was mentioned you might be willing to speak on the topic of time savings solutions (I think you may have discussed it with Bob Bartelsmeyer in La Paz County). Would this be something you'd be interested in? The conference is set for June 5<sup>th</sup> – June 7<sup>th</sup>.

If you could let us know when you have a moment, we'd appreciate it. 😊

Look forward to hearing from you!

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