

Agency Programs/Activities: Inventory and Key Data
New York State Board of Elections

Relation to Core Mission (H/M/L)	Program/Activity	Spending Category (SO, ATL, CAP)	3/31/09 FTEs (All Funds)	General Fund Disbursements (\$000s)				State Special Revenue Funds Disbursements (\$000s)				Capital Projects Funds Disbursements (\$000s)			
				2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Plan	2009-10 Projected	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Plan	2009-10 Projected	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Plan	2009-10 Projected
H	Commissioners	SO	4	118	122	133	139								
H	Executive Directors	SO	4	442	406	428	442								
H	Special Counsel	SO	3	288	307	326	346								
H	Administrative Office	SO	4	712	907	1,299	1,340								
H	Public Information/NVRA	SO	8	485	318	438	468								
H	Enforcement	SO	4	324	348	392	387								
H	Campaign Finance	SO	8	358	482	565	594								
H	Information Technology	SO	15	594	742	879	890								
H	General Fund HAVA Match	SO	0	468	968	1,986	1,888								
H	Election Operations	SO	10	544	636	658	758								
H	Investigations of Campaign Finance	SO	21		40	1,455	1,650								
H	Accessibility Improvements	ATL		0	262	4,570									
L	Health and Human Service Grants	ATL		0											
L	Health and Human Service Grants	SO	2	0											
H	Help America Vote Act	SO		0											
H	Help America Vote Act	ATL		0				92	3,000	6,000					
			83	4,333	5,538	13,129	8,902	92	3,000	6,000					

New York State Board of Elections
PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: Co-Executive Director

Mandate:
New York State Election Law, Section 3-100 (3)

Mandated Funding Level:
None

Brief Description/History/Background:

The office of executive director was established with the State Board in 1974 as one position by statute, which was amended in 2005 to provide for two co-executive directors. The Commissioners of the State Board are only appointed as part time and meet on average 10 times a year. The Co-Executive Directors direct all operations of the State Board of Elections pursuant to general policies established by the Board, which is responsible for the conduct of all primary, general and special elections in New York State including elections for electors of President and Vice-President of the United States.

Issues:

It is the job of the executive directors to follow the direction of the Board. It is also the job of the executive directors to conduct accurate and fair elections, including access to the ballot, voter registration and campaign financial disclosure reporting. The executive directors do this both by hands-on activity and by supervision of their unit heads.

Population Served:

Commissioners and Staff of the State Board; All county boards of election; All registered voters

Performance Measures:

Completion of an accurate and fair election.

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: Legal Services-Special Counsel

Mandate:

Chapter 604 of the Laws of 1974 took most of the litigation obligation with respect to the Election Law from the Attorney General's Office and gave it to the NYS Board of Elections.

Mandated Funding Level:

None

Brief Description/History/Background:

Represent the Board in all litigation matters. Respond to requests for formal opinions from the Board and answer general legal question from constituents, other state agencies and county board personnel. Monitor and comment on all legislation enacted or passed which may affect the Board or Election in NYS. Act as the legal liaison for the Board with outside legal entities such as the Dept of Justice, Attorney General's Offices and County Attorneys.

Issues:

Population Served:

Commissioners, Board personnel, county boards of election, political parties and candidates.

Performance Measures:

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: Administrative Services

Mandate:
None

Mandated Funding Level:
None

Brief Description/History/Background:

The Administrative Office is responsible for the oversight of all Financial, Budget and Personnel Functions. Currently the agency coordinates all Budget and Personnel functions on site and acts as liaison to the Office of General Services, which hosts our agency, in obtaining and maintaining contracts, issuing Purchase Orders, processing payments of invoices and support of other financial administration activities. The agency still maintains Personnel functions on site. Receipts and Disbursements of Federal Funds are administered by this office and Federal Reports are prepared and submitted by the agency with data from the Office of General Services.

Issues:

The unit receives requests from all units of the agency, other state agencies and vendors in multiple formats requesting data pertaining to the administration of the agency that are time sensitive and must be processed immediately.

Population Served:

The State Board of Elections and support agencies

Performance Measures:

At the direction of the Board of Commissioners we have classified new positions to meet new mandates. The agency has met all of its payrolls on time and accurately. The number of Budget certificates tracked by internal numbers has more than quadrupled since we received the required payments from the Help America Vote Act compounded with the additional Health and Human Service Funds granted each year since 2003 and an additional General Fund Program.

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET**

Program: Public Information

Mandate:
None

Mandated Funding Level:
None

Brief Description/History/Background:

Public Information: Respond to queries from the general public, media, political parties, and candidates. FOIL Requests: Respond to FOIL requests, including voter registration list requests. Annual Conference: Attended by county election commissioners to discuss election issues. State Fair: Annual booth rental for voter outreach. NYSVoter Auditing: Ongoing project to ensure the NYSVoter registration database is accurate. Poll Worker Curriculum: Develop and maintain statewide pollworker training curriculum.

Issues:

Population Served:

General public, media, political parties, candidates, county boards of elections.

Performance Measures:

Number of FOIL requests and general correspondence.

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: Agency-Based Voter Registration

Mandate:

National Voter Registration Act 1993, NYS Election Law 5-211, NYS Election Law 5-212

Mandated Funding Level:

None

Brief Description/History/Background:

Program Management/ data entry/ reporting & monitoring: Coordinate activities between ~750 state offices and 63 county boards of elections. Statistical report data entry by staff. Registration activity reporting to Election Assistance Commission and state agencies. Voter registration materials prepared, produced, and provided in multiple languages to the general public and to the state agencies. State agency personnel receive annual training made available on a regional basis. Ad-hoc training provided as requested by state agencies.

Issues:

Population Served:

Clients of state agencies mandated under NVRA 1993, NYS Election Law.

Performance Measures:

Voter registration statistics are compiled and reported annually in agency annual report and to the Election Assistance Commission.

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: Enforcement (A)

Mandate:

Election Law Articles 3 and 14, and related Rules and Regulations of the Board.

Mandated Funding Level:

None

Brief Description/History/Background:

The Enforcement Unit is responsible for the execution and enforcement of Article 14, and any other statutes governing campaigns, elections, and related procedures. All complaints are received in the Enforcement Unit, opened and reviewed by counsel. Board determinations govern dispositions/ and or investigation and final determination of a complaint.

Issues:

Population Served:

Specifically, the Complainant, but the general public as well, as transparency as to campaign financing, and the adherence to statutory mandates related to campaigns and elections is in the public interest.

Performance Measures:

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: Investigations - Enforcement (B)

Mandate:

Election Law Articles 3 and 14, and related Rules and Regulations of the Board.

Mandated Funding Level:

None

Brief Description/History/Background:

Upon Board directive, the facts of any complaint may be investigated to enable a factual determination for Board resolution. This Unit performs that function.

Issues:

Population Served:

Specifically, the Complainant, but also the general public, as transparency in campaign financing is in the public interest.

Performance Measures:

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program Campaign Finance Intake and
: Processing

Mandate:

Election Law Article 14 and related Rules and Regulations of the Board

Mandated Funding Level:

None

Brief Description/History/Background:

Candidates running for State office, and committees supporting or opposing them, and Local office candidates/committees that raise or spend, or expect to raise or spend, more than \$1000 annually, must register and electronically file financial disclosure statements with the State Board. The unit assists callers, generally treasurers and candidates, with all matters related to what must be filed and the method of filing. All queries, from registration, filing and through termination of committees are handled through this unit. The number of active filers has risen over the past several years: in 2005 there were approximately 1500, today the number exceeds 9100.

Issues:

Population Served:

All candidates for public office and all active committees, as well as the general public, as transparency in campaign financing is in the public interest.

Performance Measures:

State Board of Elections, County Boards of Elections, Voters on NYS

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: NYSvoter -Information Technology (A)

Mandate:
Help America Vote Act of 2002

Mandated Funding Level:

Brief Description/History/Background:

NYSVoter is the statewide voter registration system that maintains the list of all legally registered voters in New York State. The system is interactive with 58 local voter registration systems, DMV, SSA, DOH and the Office of Court Administration.

Issues:

NYSVoter requires high availability. Thus there is a need for constant monitoring and maintenance.

Population Served:

State Board of Elections, County Boards of Elections, Voters on NYS

Performance Measures:

The system must be available to county users.
The system must interact in real time with local election management systems.
The system must interact with DMV and SSA in real time for verification of voters.
NYSVoter must be synchronized with local systems at least every 24 hours

New York State Board of Elections
PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: Financial Disclosure Administration System (FIDAS) -Information Technology (B)

Mandate:
NYS statute

Mandated Funding Level:
None

Brief Description/History/Background:

The Financial disclosure Administration System (FIDAS) is the system that supports the reporting, auditing and enforcement functions of the Campaign Finance Unit and is tightly coupled with the Electronic Filing System covered under another heading. The database stores information on candidates, committees, treasurers and their filings. Additionally, there are ancillary applications for tracking the enforcement process of 5-day letters, orders to show cause and judgments. The system allows auditors to perform queries and run numerous reports to support their work. Correspondence and certified mailers are also generated from this system. Candidate and committee financial disclosure reports are also available and query able on the SBOE website from the FIDAS system.

Issues:

Due to newer legislation there are issues surrounding filings by local candidates and committees that need resolution.

Population Served:

SBOE, County BOEs, candidates, committees, public

Performance Measures:

Data entry and query forms must be available for Campaign Finance and Enforcement staff during business hours. Data from disclosure reports must be loaded in a timely fashion and available to both staff and the public via the SBOE web site and internal applications
The system must be able to produce reports and correspondence for use by the Campaign Finance/Enforcement Units.

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program:

Electronic filing System (Campaign Finance)-Information Technology (C)

Mandate:

Amendments to NYS Election Law - 1998 & 2006

Mandated Funding Level:

None

Brief Description/History/Background:

Statute passed in 1998 required the Board of Elections to develop a system to accept the electronic filing of campaign financial disclosure reports in an electronic format and publish the reports to the SBOE public web site for all candidates and committees for statewide offices

In 2006 the election law was amended to cover most candidates and committees for local offices throughout the state..

Issues:

Though the candidate petition process makes it easy to identify required filers for statewide office, there is no such system for candidates and committees for local offices. This makes it difficult to identify the universe of required local filers.

The software that was developed in house in 1998 and revised in 2003-04 is in need of revision and modernization.

There are issues with the database that have been identified as problematic to local filings

There is a need for a "operating system neutral" filing software and possibly a web based filing application.

Population Served:

SBOE, County Boards, candidates, committees

Performance Measures:

The system must be able to accept financial disclosure reports electronically via email, Diskette or CD.

All reports received by close of business must be loaded into the database by IT help desk staff.

Filing must be available to the public via SBOE's web site immediately upon upload.

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: Candidate Petition Administration System (CAPAS)-Information Technology (D)

Mandate:
None

Mandated Funding Level:
None

Brief Description/History/Background:

The CAPAS system is used to support the Election Operations Unit activities surrounding the receipt and management of candidate petitions to run for office in New York State. The petitions are entered into the system as are any objections and other required forms related to petitions. The system generates correspondence to candidates, reports and ballots. CAPAS is used by EOU staff to track petitions from filing through the certification process. Candidates in the CAPAS system are also exported to the FIDAS system for campaign finance enforcement purposes.

Issues:

The CAPAS system is overdue for update and needs to be more tightly coupled with the FIDAS system.

Population Served:

SBOE, County BOEs, Candidates, public

Performance Measures:

The CAPAS system must accurately store and track petitions of candidates for public office, generate required correspondence and reports for election Operations staff.

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: NVRA Site Administration-Information Technology(E)

Mandate:
National Voter Registration Act

Mandated Funding Level:

Brief Description/History/Background:
NVRA requires NYSBOE to administer the sites that provide agency based voter registration

Issues:

Population Served:
SBOE NVRA Staff, Site Coordinators, State Agencies

Performance Measures:
System must allow SBOE staff to add and manage NVRA sites, enter intake data statistics from agency sites and perform inventory management functions of voter registration materials.

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: Information Systems-Information Technology (F)

Mandate:
None

Mandated Funding Level:
None

Brief Description/History/Background:

IT is responsible for maintaining networks, servers, desktop and laptop PCs, printers and all other technology for the SBOE. This includes researching and procuring hardware and software as well as negotiating contracts and obtaining approvals from all oversight agencies. ITU maintains hardware and software inventories and makes sure that support and maintenance contracts are kept up to date. Two data centers are maintained along with the necessary HVAC, power, fire suppression and all necessary ancillary utilities.

Issues:

Population Served:

NYSBOE, County boards of elections, Public

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: NYSBOE Website-Information Technology (G)

Mandate:
None

Mandated Funding Level:
None

Brief Description/History/Background:

ITU develops and maintains the Internet/Intranet resources for NYSBOE. The Board has both an Intranet for use by NYSBOE staff and a public website that is used by the public. Both sites are highly dynamic in their interaction with the Oracle database and the applications which are used by the other program units in the agency.

Issues:

Population Served:

NYSBOE staff, State and Counties, public

Performance Measures:

The Agency Intranet must be kept updated with the latest information required by agency staff in fulfillment of their responsibilities. The public website must be available 24/7 and the applications and dynamic reporting must be functioning and providing accurate information. The ITU staff reacts to requests from PIO and agency executives to make sure newly released information is published in a timely manner. The webmaster is also agency accessibility expert and as such develops all applications in a manner of best accessibility practices.

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: GIS - District Maps-Information Technology (H)

Mandate:
None

Mandated Funding Level:
None

Brief Description/History/Background:

ITU works with the GIS vendor to provide an in house mapping website that the public can use to find their voting districts via an address lookup. The site also reports the representatives for the districts in real time.

Issues:

Modifications are made by ITU staff after each election and IT works with the mapping vendor on any boundary changes after redistricting. Hardware and software patches and updates are completed by ITU staff.

Population Served:
Public

Performance Measures:

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: Support and Help Desk-Information Technology (I)

Mandate:
None

Mandated Funding Level:
None

Brief Description/History/Background:

The ITU help desk provide support to SBOE employees and assists senior ITU staff with hardware and software installation and configuration. The help desk staff also man the phone support lines for supporting the nearly 9,000 EFS software users (all state and local filers). In addition they process the email and load all of the financial disclosure reports into the FIDAS system. They support public users of the web site and assist with FOIL requests for data.

Issues:

Beginning in October 2008, due to budget cuts, the help desk will also support several hundred county users of the NYSVoter system.

Population Served:

SBOE staff, candidate and committee treasurers, County BOEs, public

Performance Measures:

All requests are responded to in a timely fashion

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: Information and System Security-Information Technology (J)

Mandate:

New York State has many requirements for minimum security of networks, systems and applications.

Mandated Funding Level:

None

Brief Description/History/Background:

ITU and specifically the Information Security Officer (ISO) is responsible for making sure that state security policies are implemented and enforced. These duties range from virus scanning procedures and encryption of laptops to firewall and perimeter defense systems. The Agency deploys web filtering to block and monitor web use by internal users and spam filtering and intrusion detection/prevention to prevent malicious users from accessing the agency systems. The ISO works with the statewide ISO community to stay abreast of security threats and keep NYSBOE systems safe.

Issues:

Information security is an ever changing landscape and is a near full time job.

Population Served:

SBOE and State taxpayers

Performance Measures:

All requests are responded to in a timely fashion

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: Disaster Recovery-Information Technology (K)

Mandate:
Section 5-614 of the New York State Election Law

Mandated Funding Level:
None

Brief Description/History/Background:

ITU is responsible for taking actions to protect agency information from loss. ITU has backup and recovery procedures in place to protect all of the agency's information, which is stored in databases or on file servers from loss. All data is backed up according to industry standard backup procedures and backup tapes are sent off site to Iron Mountain. In addition ITU maintains a warm backup site in another location outside of the capital region for the NYSVoter database. Soon we will be adding Oracle database servers to that site so that all agency databases will be redundant.

Issues:
A full Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity plan needs to be developed.

Population Served:
The State, Counties and public of New York

Performance Measures:
All requests are responded to in a timely fashion

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: General Fund HAVA Match

Mandate:

Title II Section 251

Mandated Funding Level:

Brief Description/History/Background:

The agency used this program to track expenditures that the agency paid for the meet the five percent match of any Title II funds used for the State Purposes. This included staffing, supplies and travel and some help desk expenses.

Issues:

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: Oversight and Support of 62 County Boards of Elections-Election Operations (A)

Mandate:

State of New York Election Law, inter alia, Article 3, Title 1; Section 3-102; Section 3-102, 9-200; 4-1-6; NYCRR Part 6212, 6206

Mandated Funding Level:

None

Brief Description/History/Background:

Develop policy and procedure, provide training and issue guidance relating to Election Law, ballot layout, voter registration and election inspectors; conduct voting system certification; conduct reviews of County Boards of Elections; track and report on all election-related activities; certify election results; certify offices to be filled at each primary, general and special election; certify statewide ballot proposals and constitutional amendments.

Issues:

Compliance with court-ordered implementation of HAVA compliant voting systems, including the necessary certification testing, acceptance testing and actual implementation of equipment statewide.

Population Served:

New York State voters, New York State residents, political parties, candidates for public office, elected officials, Congressional and other federal oversight agencies.

Performance Measures:

Conduct of Primary, General and Special Elections; Certification of Election Results; Certification of Offices to be Filled; County Board Annual Statistical Report; Agency Annual Report

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: Facilitation of ballot access efforts by candidates-Election Operations (B)

Mandate:

State Election Law, Article 3, Section 102; Article 6; Section 9-216, 9-218; Public Officers Law Sec. 42; NYCRR Part 6202, 6204, 6215

Mandated Funding Level:

None

Brief Description/History/Background:

Official receipt and data collection of all petitions, nomination certificates and all candidate related documents, including acceptances, authorizations, declinations, substitutions, general objections, specifications, and any correspondence, for all statewide offices and all multi-county congressional, senate and assembly districts, collect and record same for all similar filings made at the county boards of elections, or at the Board of Elections for the City of New York. Create and disseminate corresponding acknowledgements, related documents and respond to related FOIL requests; statewide vote tabulation, Certificates of Election, enrollment and registration totals tabulated by county, signature requirements, the text abstract and form of submission of Ballot Proposals; original certificates of nomination for statewide offices, Primary and General Election candidate lists, Roll Calls for National, State and Judicial District Conventions, Roll Calls for State Committee Meetings.

Issues:

Population Served:

Candidates for public office; New York State's voters, advocacy groups, political parties, elected officials, and media outlets.

Performance Measures:

Timely elections, including Special Elections called by the Governor, consistent with State and Federal Laws; timely certification of qualified candidates; production of dissemination of official documents noted above; compilation for use by Public Information Officer, Agency Annual Report.

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: Campaign Finance Audit and Review-Investigations of Campaign Finance (A)

Mandate:
Election Law Article 14 and related Rules and Regulations of the Board.

Mandated Funding Level:
None

Brief Description/History/Background:
Candidates for State and Local offices are subject to contribution limits, as are contributors, and to specific requirements in reporting and permissible uses of campaign funds. This sub unit reviews for compliance with these mandated limitations.

Issues:

Population Served:

All candidates for public office, as well as the general public, as transparency in campaign financing is in the public interest.

Performance Measures:

State Board of Elections
PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: Campaign Finance Enforcement-Investigations of Campaign Finance (B)

Mandate:

Election Law Articles 3 and 14, and related Rules and Regulations of the Board.

Mandated Funding Level:

None

Brief Description/History/Background:

All active committees/candidates registered with the Board are required to periodically file financial disclosure statements with the Board. Every January 15 and July 15 periodic reports are due. Additionally, 3 pre and post primary financial reports, 3 pre and post general election reports, and, as applicable, any special election financial reports must be made with the Board. Treasurers and candidates may be the subject of a lawsuit brought by the Board for failure to file. Most recently counsel sued 498 treasurers for failure to file the July 15, 2008 periodic. The Board's goal is to force compliance with the filing requirement in as timely a manner as possible.

Issues:

Population Served:

The general public, as transparency in campaign financing is in the public interest.

Performance Measures:

State Board of Election
PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: Campaign Finance Education and Training-Investigations of Campaign Finance (C)

Mandate:

Election Law Article 14 and related Rules and Regulations of the Board.

Mandated Funding Level:

None

Brief Description/History/Background:

Historically, the extent of the Board's outreach educational component has been a six week period during which staff would go to a county requesting a visit, and offer a seminar on filing requirements and methods. With the number of active filers increasing from 1500 to more than 9100 in the past several years, this approach is clearly not sufficient to reach the group of treasurers who need the education. The process is being reworked in scope, timeliness, and method of delivery.

Issues:

Staff is working on the creation of a web based tutorial for electronic filing.

Population Served:

All treasurers of committees and candidates. With greater the knowledge comes fewer problems with filings. In turn, the general public is served, in that a accurate status of campaign financing is available for review, and transparency in campaign financing is in the public interest.

Performance Measures:

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: County Poll Site Access Improvement Program

Mandate:
Help America Vote Act

Mandated Funding Level:
Chapter 50, Laws of 2005 General Fund: \$5,000,000

Brief Description/History/Background:
General Program Activities: Develop program guidelines, review grant applications for approval, process invoices for reimbursement. Grant funding to increase the accessibility of poll sites.

Issues:

Population Served:
Voting public, disabled community, poll workers, county boards of elections.

Performance Measures:
Number of poll sites which have increased accessibility. Number of poll workers trained. Number of voters reached through Public Service Announcement.

**New York State Board of Elections
PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET**

Program: County Poll Site Access Improvement Program

Mandate:
Help America Vote Act

Mandated Funding Level:
Federal HHS Grant: \$3,500,000 Chapter 50, Laws of 2007 and \$1,000,000 Chapter Laws of 2008.

Brief Description/History/Background:
General Program Activities: Develop program guidelines, review grant applications for approval, process invoices for reimbursement. Grant funding to increase the accessibility of poll sites.

Issues:

Population Served:
Voting public, disabled community, poll workers, and county boards of elections.

Performance Measures:
Number of poll sites which have increased accessibility. Number of poll workers trained. Number of voters reached through Public Service Announcement.

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET**

Program: Poll Worker Training & Voter Education

Mandate:
Help America Vote Act

Mandated Funding Level:
Poll Worker Training & Voter Education: HAVA Title II Section: 251 \$10 million.

Brief Description/History/Background:
General Program Activities: Develop program guidelines, review grant applications for approval, process invoices for reimbursement. Accessibility: County board of elections poll working training grant funding. Poll Worker Training Web Site created for use by election personnel. Grant funding for county boards of elections to educate voting public. Voter Education Web Site created to instruct public on new voting machines and provide voting information. Public Service Announcements created and broadcast via radio & television.

Issues:

Population Served:
Voting public, disabled community, poll workers, county boards of elections.

Performance Measures:
Number of poll sites which have increased accessibility. Number of poll workers trained. Number of voters reached though Public Service Announcement.

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: Certification of voting systems and ballot marking devices for use in New York State

Mandate:

Section 6209, 6210, 6211 of the Election Law, Article 7, Title 2; Help America Act (HAVA) of 2002

Mandated Funding Level:

None

Brief Description/History/Background:

Certification is administered through a process which includes contracting with an Independent Testing Authority and independent oversight consultants; assist in the creation and validation of test protocols; review all testing documentation and results; managing vendor escrow accounts; development of appropriation procedures for system use and related forms; public demonstration testing; report generation; review, aggregate and summarize comments from the public on all aspects of testing; and create formal recommendation for certification to the State Board Commissioners.

Issues:

Compliance with court-ordered implementation of HAVA-compliant voting systems, including the necessary certification testing and actual implementation of equipment statewide.

Population Served:

New York State's voters, advocacy groups, voting systems vendor community, oversight agencies.

Performance Measures:

High level of voter confidence in the voting system each voter will use accurate and secure elections, regular reporting to the US Election Assistance Commission; provision of accurate data to Counsel's Office for their reports to Department of Justice and Federal Court Judge on compliance with court order; Agency Annual Report, provision of accurate data to Public Information Office for web posting.

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PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Program: Voting System Purchase - Help America Vote Act

Mandate:

Chapter 50 of the Laws of 2005 as amended by Chapter 54, Chapter 62 of the Laws of 2005

Mandated Funding Level:

\$190,000,000 of Title II HAVA Funds, Aid to Localities

Brief Description/History/Background:

The funds were appropriated from Federal Funds for the purpose of implementing the Help America Vote Act of 2002, for services and expenses related to the purchase of new voting machines and voting systems for use by local boards of elections.

Issues:

Population Served:

Voting population