Florida Supervisors of Elections

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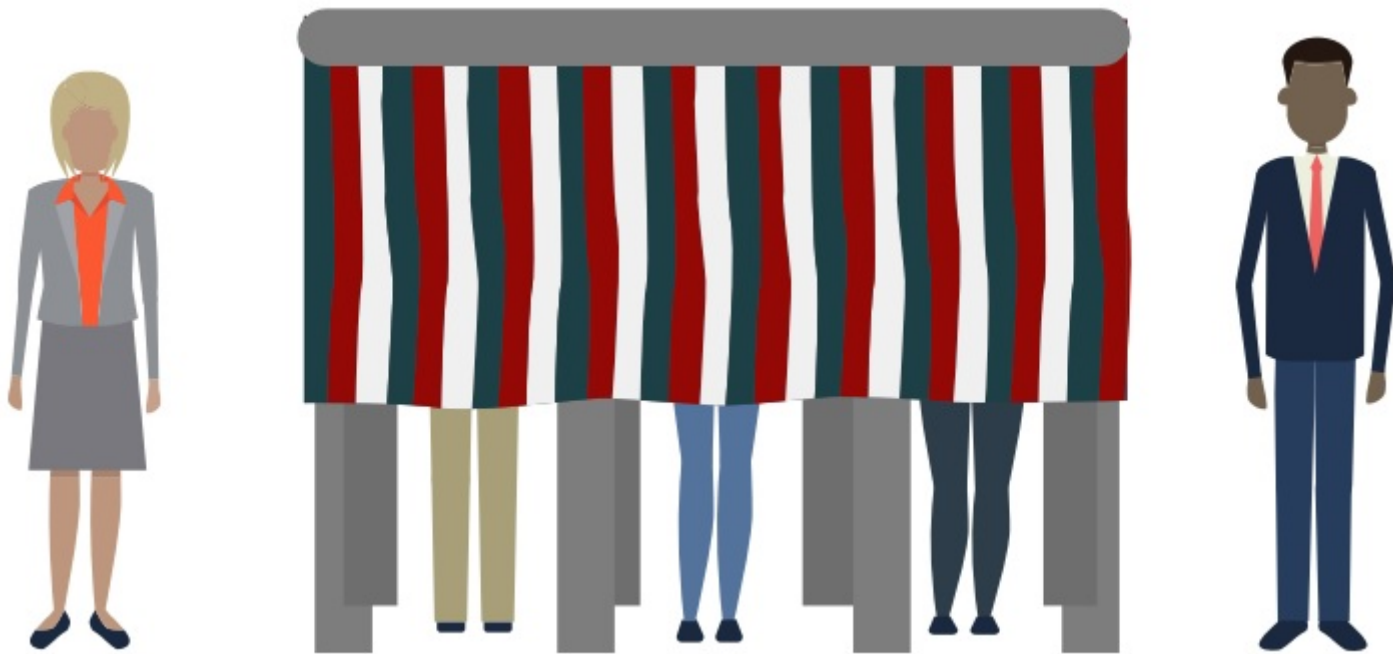
Donald Palmer, Chairman

U.S. Election Assistance Commission

June 16, 2021

Our Mission

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission helps election officials improve the administration of elections and helps Americans participate in the voting process.

About the EAC

- Independent, bipartisan Commission established by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA)
- Develop guidance to meet HAVA requirements
- Adopt voluntary voting system guidelines, certify voting systems and accredit testing laboratories
- Serve as a national clearinghouse of information on election administration
- Audit the use of HAVA funds
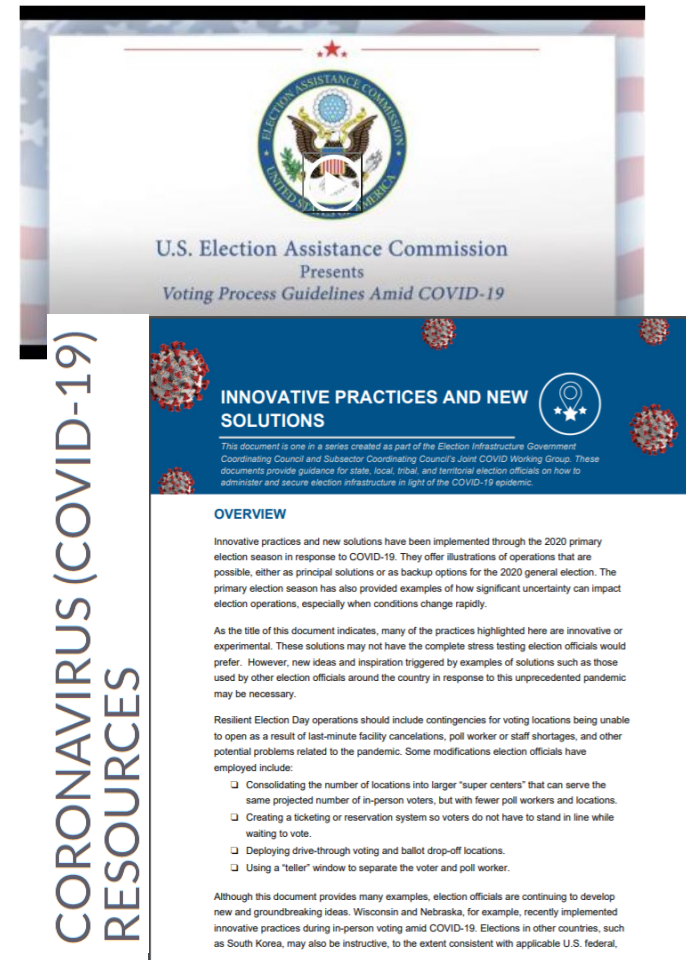- Maintain the National Mail Voter Registration Form

2020 EAC Accomplishments

- Distributed $825m in CARES and HAVA Security grants

- Adopted VVSG 2.0 on Feb. 10

- Established National Poll Worker Recruitment Day

- Established Cyber Access and Security Program (CAS)

- Moved office space
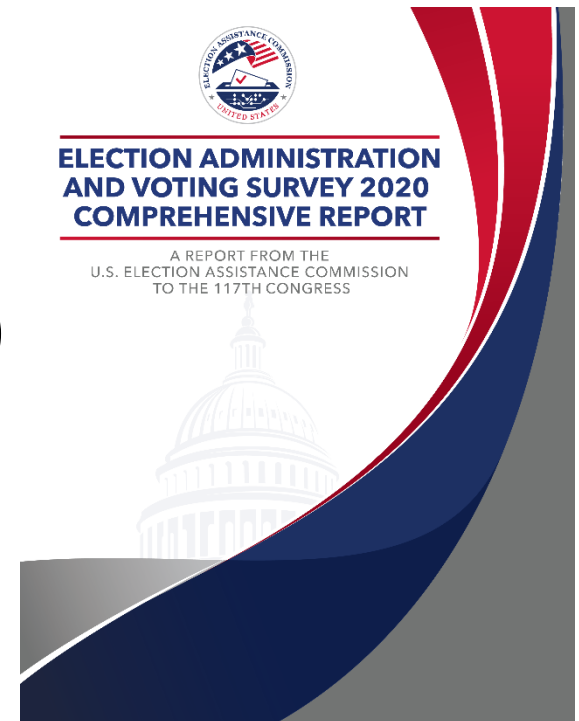
2020 EAC Accomplishments

- Chaired the GCC SCC Joint COVID Working Group

- Developed COVID best practices documents
  - Lessons Learned from the 2020 Primary
  - Provided input on CDC guidelines for in-person voting and produced a video

- Released 2020 Disability and Voting Accessibility Study

- Held 38 events, in-person and virtual

2021 Anticipated Accomplishments

- New FACA – Local Leadership Council

- Release of the 2020 EAVS

- Lessons learned from 2020 (MIT)

- State pages, improving website

- Pilot e-poll book program

- VVSG 2.0 next steps
  - T&C additional FTEs

ELECTION ADMINISTRATION AND VOTING SURVEY 2020 COMPREHENSIVE REPORT

A REPORT FROM THE
U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
TO THE 117TH CONGRESS

Enhanced Clearinghouse Function

- Subject Matter Expert Program
  - Several local election officials from across the country have joined the EAC
  - Will develop FAQS, training videos, voter education templates, best practices, chain of custody/audit best practices, and more
- One of these experts is focused solely on accessibility
  - Establishing new internal team to ensure accessibility permeates EAC culture and informs all of the products that we provide

Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) 2.0

Next Steps

VVSG 2.0 Timeline-NVLAP

- Technical Requirements & Guidance for accreditation of NVLAP

- Work is happening concurrently with other VVSG 2.0 tasks, late 2021

- Determining competencies required by lab personnel, data schemas, pen testing, E2E

- Materials to help VSTLs prepare for accreditation

VVSG 2.0 Timeline-E2E Verifiable Protocol Evaluation

- This work is happening concurrently with other updates mentioned here and is scheduled to be completed by Fall, 2021

- Challenge: Limited number of experts in the type of encryption required

- Working with partners to create evaluation program

VVSG 2.0 Timeline-Lifecycle Policy

- The EAC is creating a draft lifecycle policy for all versions: past, present, and future that will establish the following:

  - Increased cadence for the VVSG going forward

  - Determine what will be allowed in terms of continued certification under older standards

  - Configuration management for handling system certifications as we transition between standards
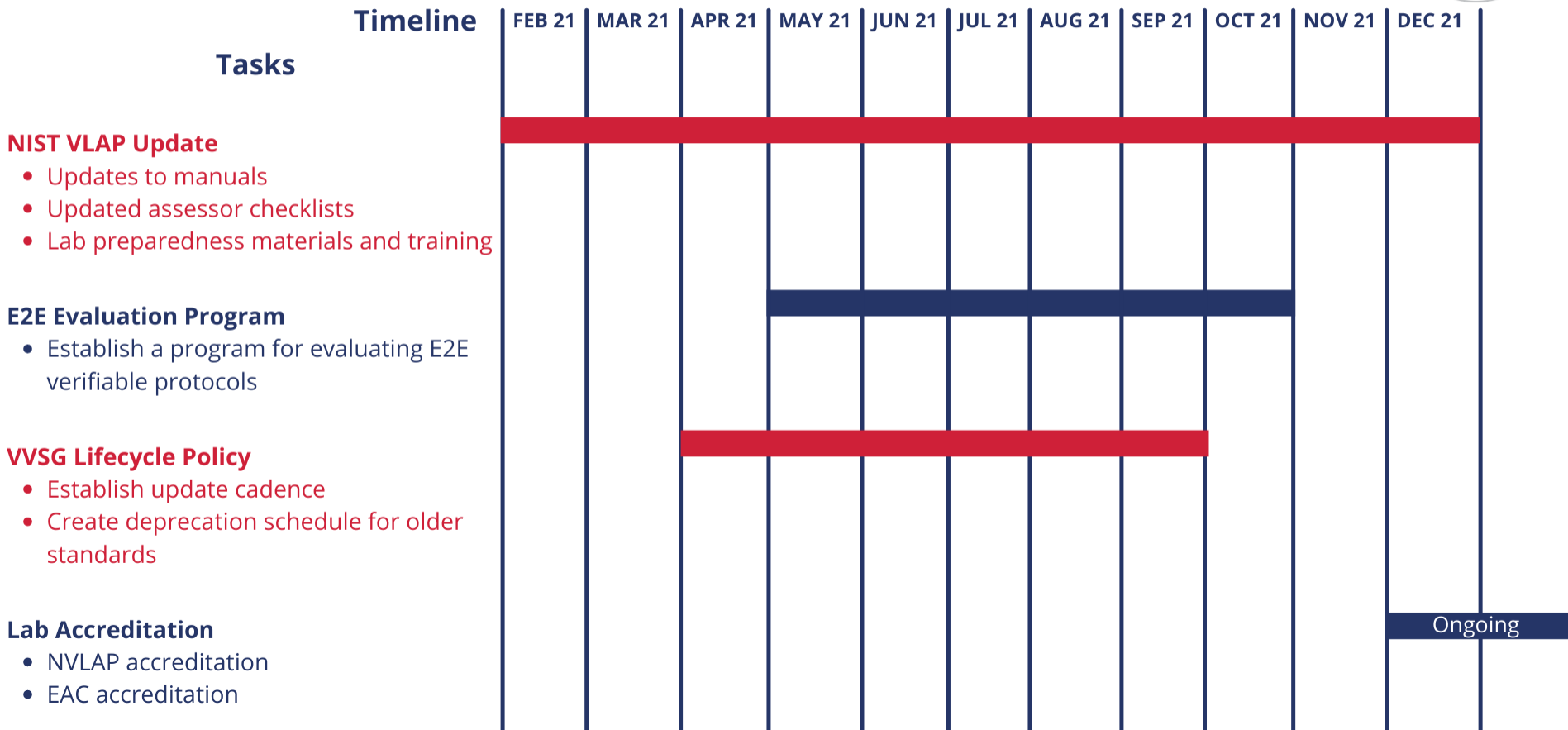
VSTL Accreditation

- Follows update of NVLAP for VVSG 2.0

- Will be an interim accreditation

- EAC will help ensure readiness of labs

VVSG 2.0 Implementation Tasks and Timelines

Timeline / Tasks	FEB 21	MAR 21	APR 21	MAY 21	JUN 21	JUL 21	AUG 21	SEP 21	OCT 21	NOV 21	DEC 21

NIST VLAP Update
- Updates to manuals
- Updated assessor checklists
- Lab preparedness materials and training

E2E Evaluation Program
- Establish a program for evaluating E2E verifiable protocols

VVSG Lifecycle Policy
- Establish update cadence
- Create deprecation schedule for older standards

Lab Accreditation
- NVLAP accreditation
- EAC accreditation

Ongoing

Election Security Grants

In 2018 and 2020, for the first time since 2010, EAC received grant funds under the authority of Section 101 to provide grants to states with an emphasis on *election security*.
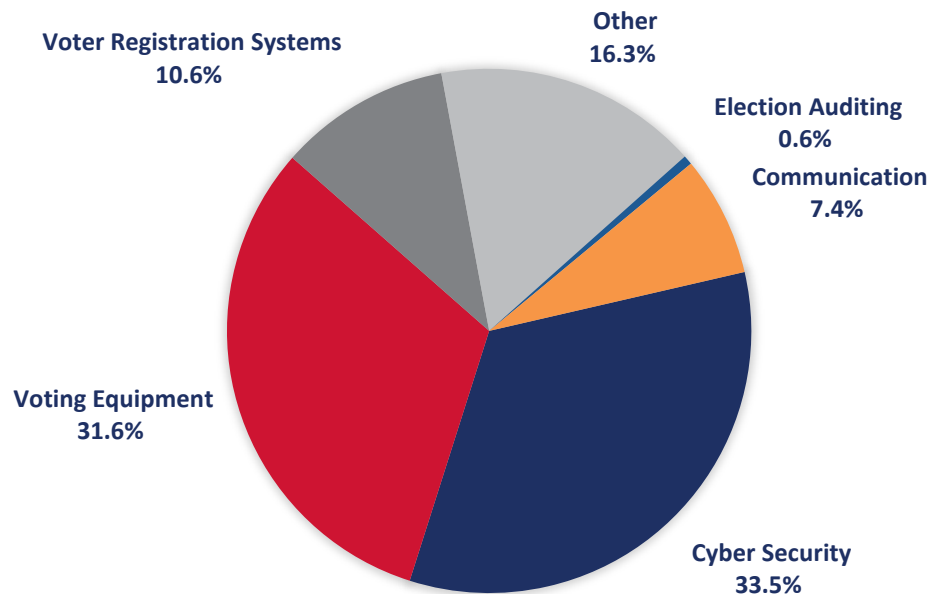
2018: $380,000,000 (FL - : $19,187,003)

2020: $425,000,000 (FL - $21,506,406)

As of March 31, 2021, states have expended 51% of the roughly $805 million awarded.

Election Security Expenditures by Category

SPENDING BY CATEGORY AS OF MARCH 31, 2021
PERCENT OF TOTAL SPENT

Voter Registration Systems
10.6%

Other
16.3%

Election Auditing
0.6%

Communication
7.4%

Voting Equipment
31.6%

Cyber Security
33.5%

Mid-year Election Security reports are currently under review, and percentages are subject to change due to corrections made during the review process.

CARES Grant

Congress provided the $400 million to address the pandemic.
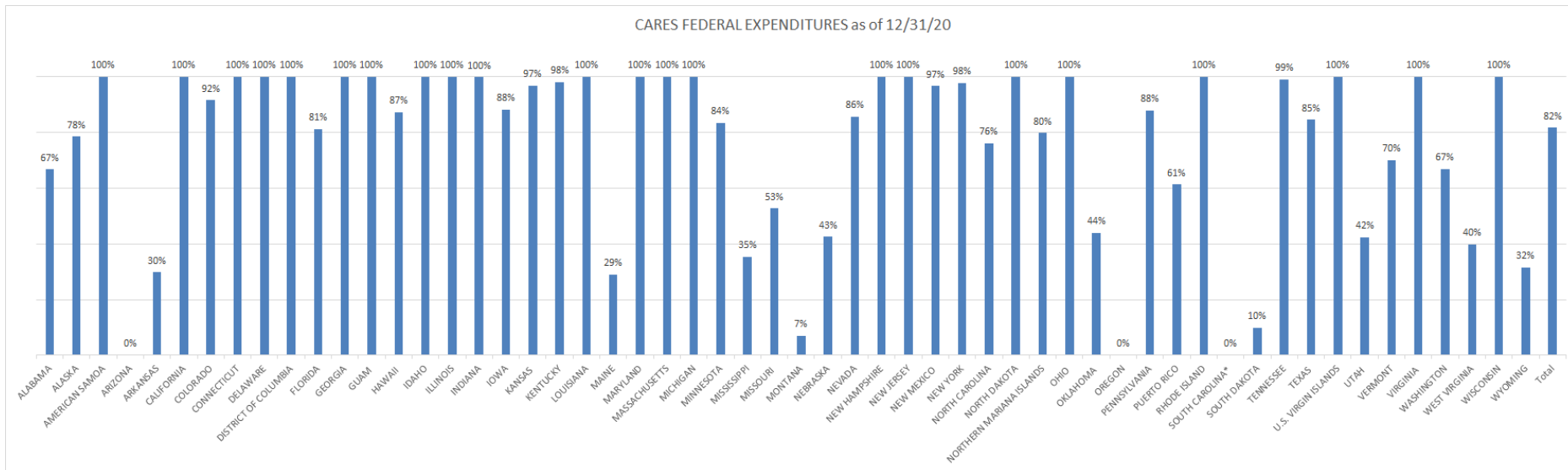* Florida Share: $20,253,853

Funds could only be spent:
* Up through December 31, 2020
* On costs related to the pandemic for the 2020 federal election cycle

Purpose of funding:

* Personal protective equipment
* Temporary staff to manage much higher volume of absentee/mail ballots
* Communication to inform voters of changes in processes
* Printing mail-in ballots and envelopes, postage, processing equipment and ballot drop boxes
* Expansion of polling locations

State CARES Grant Expenditures

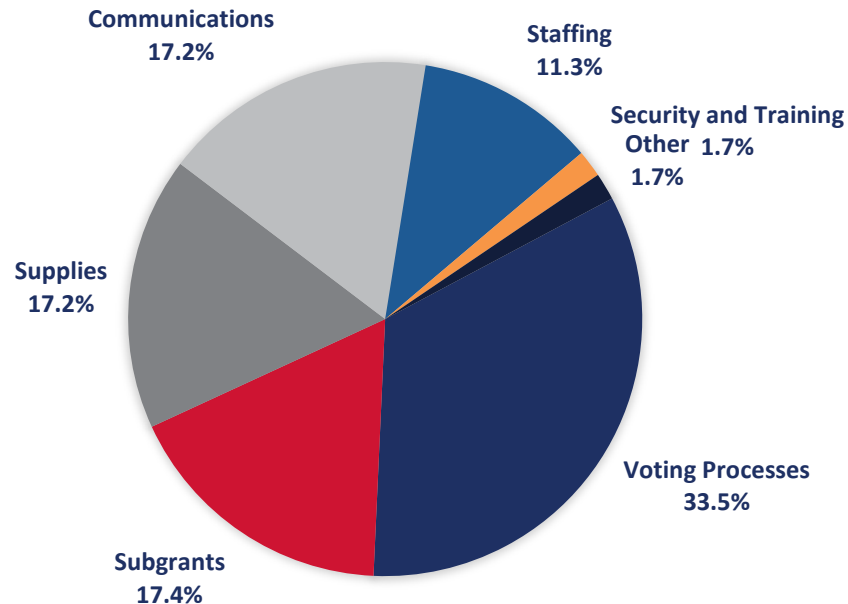CARES FEDERAL EXPENDITURES as of 12/31/20

**As of December 31, 2020, states have expended
82% of the roughly $400 million awarded.**

CARES Expenditures by Category

SPENDING BY CATEGORY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020
PERCENT OF TOTAL SPENT

Communications 17.2%
Staffing 11.3%
Security and Training 1.7%
Other 1.7%
Supplies 17.2%
Voting Processes 33.5%
Subgrants 17.4%

States are continuing to reconcile expenditures through the end of FY21.

Grant Resources

- The EAC posts reviewed reports and grant-related content on https://www.eac.gov/payments-and-grants

Find information there on:

- Election Security Grants
- CARES Act Grants
- Grants FAQs and Guidance

For questions related to EAC grants email
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Questions?

PANEL DISCUSSION

VVSG 2.0 Standards development, EAC certification, accreditation of labs, and Florida testing program

PANEL DISCUSSION

Election Systems Security Testing - electronic poll book pilot and other systems