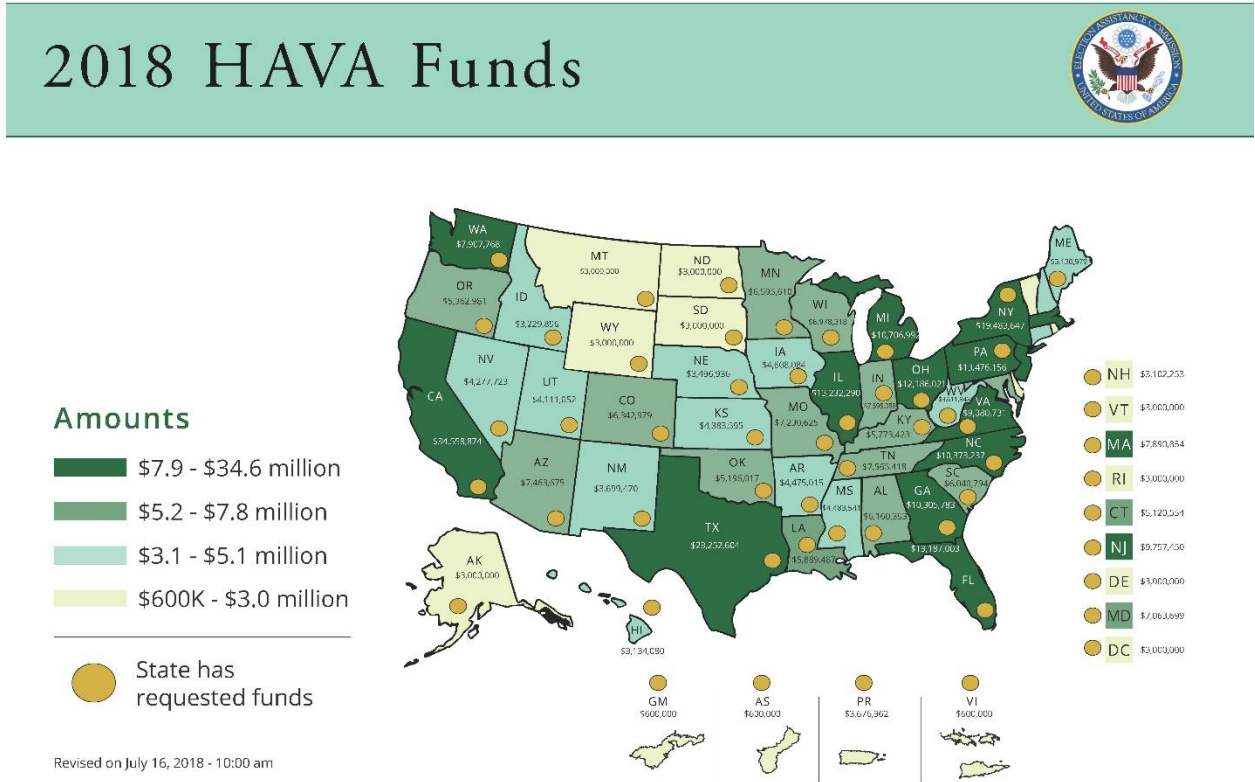


How much money was available and how was Minnesota’s award determined?

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 provided \$380 million to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), as authorized under Title I Section 101 of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 (P.L. 107-252), to make grant payments to states. Each state received at minimum \$3 million, with additional funds awarded using the voting age population formula described in Sections 101 and 103 of HAVA. Minnesota was awarded \$6,595,610 in April 2018.



What is the state match requirement?

States are required to match 5 percent of the funds awarded within two years of receiving federal funds – states can spend HAVA funds prior to completing the match requirement. Minnesota’s match requirement is \$329,781, but Minnesota has already been credited for \$167,000 in funds spent by the OSS on qualified programing. The current outstanding state match is \$162,781.

How can states use the funds?

Consistent with the requirements of HAVA, states may use this funding to:

1. Replace voting equipment that only records a voter’s intent electronically with equipment that utilizes a voter verified paper record;
2. Implement a post-election audit system that provides a high level of confidence in the accuracy of the final vote tally;
3. Upgrade election related computer systems to address cyber vulnerabilities identified through Department of Homeland Security, or similar scans or assessments of, existing election systems;
4. Facilitate cybersecurity training for the state chief election official's office and local election officials;
5. Implement established cybersecurity best practices for election systems; and
6. Fund other activities that will improve the security of elections for Federal office.

What are the reporting requirements for states receiving funds?

States must provide an annual report and program narrative to the EAC by December 30 of each year.

See <https://www.eac.gov/2018-hava-election-security-funds/> for more details
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