

**U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC)  
Funding Distribution (Grants) Scheduled  
in 2020 to State & Local Governments  
for Election Security**

The U.S. **Election Assistance Commission (EAC)** was established by the [Help America Vote Act of 2002 \(HAVA\)](#). EAC is an independent, bipartisan commission charged with developing guidance to meet HAVA requirements, adopting [voluntary voting system guidelines](#), and serving as a [national clearinghouse](#) of information on election administration. EAC also [accredits testing laboratories and certifies voting systems](#), as well as [audits](#) the use of HAVA funds. EAC provide grants to the States in excess of **\$400 million** for Election Assistance & Security.

**Election Security Preparedness**

State	Federal Share	State Share 20%	Total
<b>Texas</b>	\$26,064,574	\$5,212,915	\$31,277,489

Guidance for the use of EAC funds are found here: [Guidance for Election Officials](#)

Every state maintains personally identifiable voter information. Election officials received guidance on best practices to protect their voter registration data to provide assurance concerning security implemented.

**Checklist for Securing Voter Registration Data** - EAC guidance in the categories below:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Access Control –</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Auditability –</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Detection –</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Data Backups –</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Data Suppression –</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Encryption –</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Firewalls –</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Remote Access Control –</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> System Interconnection –</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Documentation –</li> </ul> |
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Many jurisdictions use an Election Night Reporting (ENR) system displaying unofficial election night results to the public through a web-based application.

**Checklist for Securing Election Night Reporting Systems** - EAC guidance in the categories below:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Antivirus Software –</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Authentication –</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Backups –</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Communications Security –</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Detection –</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Firewalls –</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Incident Response Plan –</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Media Handling –</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Proof –</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Test –</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Vulnerability Scanning and Analysis –</li> </ul> |
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**Election Security Resources:** For additional technical resources, reference the following documents at [www.nist.gov](http://www.nist.gov)

- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework(CSF) (<http://www.nist.gov/cyberframework/>)
- NIST Special Publication 800-30
- NIST Special Publication 800-39
- International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 31000:2009  
<https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/#iso:std:iso:31000:ed-1:v1:en>
- ISO/IEC 27005:2011 <https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/#iso:std:iso-iec:27005:ed-2:v1:en>
- NIST Special Publication (SP)800-52r1
- NIST SP 800-63-2, Electronic Authentication Guideline
- NIST SP 800-94, Guide to Intrusion Detection and Prevention Systems
- NIST SP 800-41r1, Guidelines on Firewalls and Firewall Policy
- NIST SP 800-61r2, Computer Security Incident Handling Guide
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Best Practices for Continuity of Operations (<https://ics-cert.us-cert.gov/tips/ICS-TIP-15-022-01>) (Handling Destructive Malware) (<https://ics-cert.us-cert.gov/tips/ICS-TIP-15-022-01>)
- [Ransomware: What It Is and What to Do About It?](#)

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