



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 9/1/2020

New Business

Department:

Budget

Presenter(s):

Jennifer Barnette, Budget

Contact(s):

Corinne Duncan, Elections
Jennifer Barnette, Budget

Subject:

CARES & HAVA Grants

Brief Summary:

Two acts passed by Congress and administered by the State Board of Elections provides funding to Buncombe County Elections that total approximately \$355,592. The General Assembly split a portion of the CARES Act directly to the State Board of Elections to assist in conducting this year's election. The funds are subject to the same guidelines as our Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) dollars. The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) provides additional availability of funds for administration of the election, including enhancements to technology and security. While the CARES dollars are made available in the specified amount (\$183,483), counties can request HAVA funds up to \$250,000 on a first-come, first-served basis with only a guarantee of \$10,000. This budget amendment appropriates the total of the two grant awards. Expenditures will be in compliance with the allowable uses and monitored for HAVA availability.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented