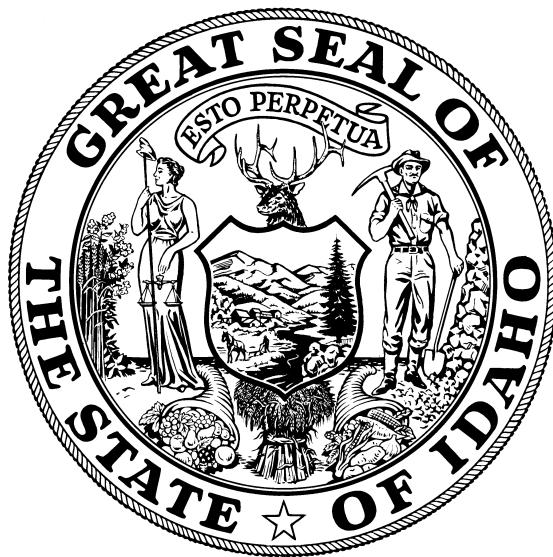


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The voting system grant program was developed to provide funds to counties to upgrade and replace voting systems to meet the requirements of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

### **Current Possible Voting System Configurations**

The following are the combinations of voting systems that may be funded through Idaho's grant program.

#### **1. Precinct Count Optical Scan System**

Voters mark a paper ballot using a pencil or marker and insert the ballot into the optical scan tabulation device. The ballot is read and tallied at the precinct level. An accessible electronic voting device will be provided at each polling place giving those persons with disabilities the ability to vote privately and independently.

#### **2. Central County Optical Scan System**

When using a central count optical scan system, voters mark their ballots using a pencil or marker and insert the ballot into the ballot box to be transported to the counting center after the polls have closed. The ballots are inserted into a high speed central scanner to be read and tabulated. An accessible electronic voting device will be provided at each polling place for those persons with disabilities.

#### **3. Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) System**

A DRE is an electronic computerized voting device. With all DRE's the voter will make choices by touching the screen on the candidate's name, then after reviewing the choices made, tell the DRE to cast the ballot. The DRE then stores the vote in its memory. DRE's also include an accessibility function with audio ballots and alternative methods of voting. To minimize lines one machine per 250 voters is normally the highest recommended allowance. In other words, for a precinct with 250 voters, one DRE meets both the accessibility and equipment requirements, but in a precinct with 1000 people, at least 4 DRE's would be needed. HAVA requires DRE's to have an internal paper audit trail. Idaho law requires a voter verified paper audit trail (VVPAT).

Counties using DRE's must also provide a method of voting for those who request an absentee ballot. A separate paper based voting method and tabulation system must be used. Totals from both the DRE and paper based system will need to be combined to provide election results for each precinct and the county.

## **Minimum Requirements for Voting System Purchased Using HAVA Funds**

- All voting systems must be certified by the Idaho Secretary of State prior to being used in any jurisdiction in the state.
- Central Count Voting Systems will be eligible for funding, provided that a voter education program is in place which notifies the voter of the effect of an overvote, how to correct the ballot if a mistake is made, and how to request a replacement ballot if the original ballot is spoiled.

## **Purposes for Allocation Funds**

While this is not an exhaustive list, the following items are those for which the county voting system allocation may be used:

- Precinct count optical scan machines
- Central count optical scan machines
- DRE machines
- Accessible electronic voting devices
- Ballot preparation software and hardware<sup>1</sup>
- Voting booths
- Initial software license fees
- Training costs related to new voting system
- Hardware or software upgrades to meet Federal Voting System Standards
- Ballot transfer cases

Funds provided by the grant program are intended for the initial purchase of voting equipment and may not be used for ongoing expenses such as:

- Annual maintenance fees
- Annual software license fees
- Storage facilities for equipment

Counties with questions as to whether specific items are eligible for funding may send a letter requesting a determination. The Secretary of State's Office will respond to such requests as soon as possible. If a county is unsure if an item is reimbursable, the county should include the item on the grant application and the SOS Office will make a determination from the application. In evaluating voting systems and equipment, the long-term cost of operation is an important component that counties should consider in their voting system decisions.

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<sup>1</sup> Ballot Preparation Software should only be used, if it can be installed onto a dedicated computer that is not networked, and is not attached to the Internet. Funds may be used to purchase this dedicated system.

## **Process**

A maximum allocation for each county has been determined and approved by the Secretary of State. The allocation table is attached. The amount indicated is the maximum amount reimbursable to the county for voting system purchases and upgrades.

Purchasing voting systems is the responsibility of county commissioners, after consulting with the county clerk as chief election officer for the county. (See Idaho Code section 34-2405.) Only those systems that are certified for use in Idaho and have been tested and are compliant with Idaho Code sections 34-2409 - 2410 are eligible for purchase and funding through this program.

The process for applying for and receiving grant funds is as follows:

### **1. Voting System Grant Application**

All counties shall complete a Voting System Grant Application in order to receive funds for Voting System expenditures. The Secretary of State's Office will review the application and upon approval, submit an award letter and award agreement to the County.

### **2. Contracts with Vendors and Request to Draw Down Funds**

After a contract has been negotiated with a vendor the county shall file a copy of the contract executed between the county and vendor, along with a request to draw down the allocation. The draw down request shall not exceed the total amount available to the county. The contract must include an itemized list of items to be purchased, the total cost, and the delivery date. In order for the request to be processed, the file must be complete and include: an executed Award Agreement, a copy of an executed contract with the vendor, and a Request for Draw Down.

### **3. County Submits Detailed Invoice & Final Report**

After the county receives the equipment, the county shall submit a copy of a detailed invoice and a copy of shipping or packing slips to the state, along with a proposed implementation plan and schedule.

Questions and comments concerning this grant program should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary of State, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720, telephone number: 208-334-2852.

**Democracy Fund**  
**Voting System Grant Program Allocation by County**

County	Census 2004 Population	State grant amount	County match requirement	Total for voting systems
Ada	332,523	1,506,329	376,582	1,882,911
Adams	3,451	15,633	3,908	19,541
Bannock	75,672	342,794	85,699	428,493
Bear Lake	6,323	28,643	7,161	35,804
Benewah	8,961	40,593	10,148	50,742
Bingham	43,205	195,719	48,930	244,648
Blaine	21,103	95,597	23,899	119,496
Boise	7,362	33,350	8,337	41,687
Bonner	39,872	180,620	45,155	225,775
Bonneville	89,653	406,128	101,532	507,660
Boundary	10,396	47,094	11,773	58,867
Butte	2,838	12,856	3,214	16,070
Camas	1,013	4,589	1,147	5,736
Canyon	158,038	715,912	178,978	894,890
Caribou	7,213	32,675	8,169	40,844
Cassia	21,393	96,910	24,228	121,138
Clark	906	4,104	1,026	5,130
Clearwater	8,393	38,020	9,505	47,525
Custer	4,114	18,636	4,659	23,296
Elmore	28,878	130,817	32,704	163,522
Franklin	12,199	55,261	13,815	69,077
Fremont	12,263	55,551	13,888	69,439
Gem	15,963	72,312	18,078	90,390
Gooding	14,346	64,987	16,247	81,234
Idaho	15,616	70,740	17,685	88,426
Jefferson	20,782	94,142	23,536	117,678
Jerome	19,279	87,334	21,833	109,167
Kootenai	122,350	554,246	138,561	692,807
Latah	35,169	159,316	39,829	199,144
Lemhi	7,820	35,425	8,856	44,281
Lewis	3,753	17,001	4,250	21,251
Lincoln	4,326	19,597	4,899	24,496
Madison	30,782	139,442	34,861	174,303
Minidoka	19,229	87,107	21,777	108,884
Nez Perce	37,823	171,338	42,835	214,173
Oneida	4,143	18,768	4,692	23,460
Owyhee	10,998	49,821	12,455	62,276
Payette	21,587	97,789	24,447	122,236
Power	7,483	33,898	8,474	42,372
Shoshone	12,827	58,106	14,527	72,633
Teton	7,253	32,856	8,214	41,070
Twin Falls	67,935	307,746	76,936	384,682
Valley	7,970	36,104	9,026	45,130
Washington	10,059	45,567	11,392	56,959
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,393,262</b>	<b>6,311,477</b>	<b>1,577,869</b>	<b>7,889,346</b>

Amount based on \$4.53 per person according to 2004 estimated census.