



1 ministration of the Federal Election Commission (here-  
2 after in this Act referred to as the “Office”) shall make  
3 grants to eligible States during the first 5 fiscal years  
4 which begin after the date of the enactment of this Act  
5 for carrying out any of the activities described in sub-  
6 section (b).

7 (b) ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT WITH GRANT  
8 FUNDS.—The activities described in this subsection are  
9 as follows:

10 (1) Improving election technologies, systems,  
11 and designs.

12 (2) Facilitating voter registration and improv-  
13 ing the verification and maintenance of the rolls of  
14 eligible and registered voters.

15 (3) Improving the accuracy and security of elec-  
16 tion procedures and vote counts.

17 (4) Promoting greater understanding among  
18 the public of the system of government and election  
19 procedures.

20 (5) Providing greater access to voter registra-  
21 tion sites and polling places for individuals with dis-  
22 abilities, individuals residing in rural areas, and oth-  
23 ers.

24 (6) Providing training and related education for  
25 poll workers and other election personnel.

1 (c) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection to paragraph (2)  
3 and subsection (e)(1), the amount of a grant made  
4 to a State under the program under this Act for a  
5 fiscal year shall be equal to the product of—

6 (A) the total amount of funds appropriated  
7 for grants under the program for the fiscal  
8 year; and

9 (B) the allotment percentage for the State  
10 (as defined in paragraph (2)) or  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1 per-  
11 cent, whichever is greater.

12 (2) ALLOTMENT PERCENTAGE DEFINED.—In  
13 paragraph (1)(B), the “allotment percentage” for a  
14 State is an amount (expressed as a percentage)  
15 equal to the quotient of—

16 (A) the population of the State, and

17 (B) the total population of all States re-  
18 ceiving grants under the program under this  
19 Act for the year.

20 (d) ELIGIBILITY OF STATES.—A State is eligible to  
21 receive a grant under the program under this Act for a  
22 fiscal year if it submits to the Office (at such time prior  
23 to the beginning of the fiscal year as the Office may re-  
24 quire) an application containing such information and as-  
25 surances as the Office may require, including assurances

1 that the State will give priority in distributing funds under  
2 the grant to those jurisdictions with the greatest need to  
3 improve voting systems and procedures.

4 (e) OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR STATES RECEIVING  
5 GRANTS.—

6 (1) MATCHING.—The amount of a grant pro-  
7 vided to a State under the program under this Act  
8 may not exceed 75 percent of the total cost of car-  
9 rying out the activities funded with the grant.

10 (2) REPORTS.—Not later than 6 months after  
11 the end of any fiscal year for which a State received  
12 a grant under the program under this Act, the State  
13 shall submit a report to the Office describing the ac-  
14 tivities carried out during the year with the funds  
15 provided under the grant, and shall make such re-  
16 port available to any person who requests it.

17 (3) AUDIT.—Each State receiving a grant  
18 under the program under this Act for a fiscal year  
19 shall arrange for an independent auditor to conduct  
20 an audit of the activities carried out with the funds  
21 provided under the grant.

22 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
23 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act  
24 \$500,000,000 for each of the first 5 fiscal years which  
25 begin after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 (g) TERMINATION OF PROGRAM.—No grants may be  
2 made under the program under this Act after the expira-  
3 tion of the 5th fiscal year which begins after the date of  
4 the enactment of this Act.

5 **SEC. 3. STATE DEFINED.**

6 In this Act, the term “State” means each of the sev-  
7 eral States and the District of Columbia.

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