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The City of Clare Receives Election Infrastructure Grants to Make 2024 Election More Reliable and Secure

The City of Clare has been approved for a nonpartisan grants from the Center for Tech and Civic Life and from the Institute for Responsive Government to help ensure a secure and reliable 2024 election.

Until Congress approves regular, ongoing federal funding to help offset the cost of running federal elections, this grant will help make the 2024 elections more reliable and secure for Clare area voters so that all voters can trust the election process and be confident their vote is counted.

Recognizing a potential threat to national security, the Department of Homeland Security designated election infrastructure as part of the nation's Government Facilities critical infrastructure sector in 2017. Unfortunately, Congress only included \$55 million in funding nationwide for Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grants in the FY24 budget. That means most local governments receive no regular funding from the federal government to administer federal elections.

The City of Clare plans to use this grant for the following:

PHYSICAL PROGRAM NEEDS

A generator switch at Clare City Hall to ensure that election processes can continue to run smoothly in the event of a power failure.

TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRAM NEEDS

A new computer in the Clerk's office to access, maintain qualified voter files, and employ current technology to keep elections safe and secure.

2-way radios for fast & efficient communication among staff.

Additional secrecy sleeves to enable voters to keep their vote secret

Voting booths to allow more voters to cast their ballots in an expedient manner/

HUMAN PROGRAM NEEDS

To cover the expense of employing additional Election Inspectors for assisting voters and processing absent voter ballots.

The City of Clare has aligned our reporting of this program with categories used by the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA).

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