



ELECTIONS BULLETIN

To: Town and City Clerks
From: Kathy DeWolfe
Re: Grant Opportunity
Date: April 8, 2009

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Municipal Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities (MV AID)

We are pleased to announce the 2009 Request for Proposals (RFP) under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) to improve voting opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

Municipal Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities (MV AID), is intended to help ensure that individuals with disabilities have access to polling places.

Funding will be available only to municipalities. If the polling place is in a school, the school district is a municipality and may apply for funding. Municipalities may apply to receive funds to ensure that their polling facility is accessible to individuals with a full range of disabilities. This may include activities such as paving parking areas, building ramps inside/outside buildings, building curb cuts, improving lighting and replacing door knobs with lever handles.

The maximum award per grant is \$5,000. Larger towns and cities may submit a request to Kathy DeWolfe to exceed the \$5,000. This request should be made by e-mail to Kathy at kdewolfe@sec.state.vt.us. You must receive approval from Kathy prior to submitting a proposal which exceeds \$5,000 and include that approval with your proposal. This program is entirely financed with federal funds.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) will be issued on April 8, 2009. You can download the application and all required forms from: <http://vermont-elections.org/elections1/HAVARFPMunicipalities2009> .

Upon request to Linda Hall (802-828-0586 or lhall@sec.state.vt.us), a paper copy will be sent. **Applications are due May 15, 2009 by 3:30 p.m.** The grant period runs from June 19, 2009 to December 31, 2009.

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